

CROQUET NSW

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Date	Revision History
23 July 2015	Copied from existing documents and reformatted
20 June 2017	GC Handicap ranges modified to new system

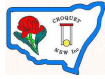
Review Dates
1 July 2018
1 July 2020



CNSW Tournament Regulations

Table of Contents

1.	ASSOCIATION CROQUET	1
1.1.	INDIVIDUAL AND DOUBLES EVENTS	1
1.1.1.	Laws.....	1
1.1.2.	Conditions of Entry	1
1.1.3.	Tournament Conditions	2
1.1.4.	Draw, Scheduling and Withdrawal.....	2
1.1.5.	Conditions of Play:	3
1.1.6.	Winners and Places.....	4
1.1.7.	N.S.W. State Championships.....	5
1.1.8.	Open Singles Championship.....	6
1.1.9.	Open Doubles, Men's Open and Women's Open	6
1.1.10.	Beryl Chambers Memorial Event	6
1.1.11.	Australian Bronze Medal Event.....	7
1.1.12.	Selectors 10.....	7
1.1.13.	Other Events	7
1.2.	PENNANTS.....	9
1.2.1.	Laws.....	9
1.2.2.	Conditions of Entry	9
1.2.3.	Handicap Ranges	10
1.2.4.	Competition Conditions	10
1.2.5.	Draw and Scheduling	10
1.2.6.	Conditions of Play	11
1.2.7.	Determination of Winners	12
1.2.8.	Premium Pennants.....	12
2.	GOLF CROQUET.....	13
2.1.	INDIVIDUAL AND DOUBLES EVENTS	13
2.1.1.	Rules.....	13
2.1.2.	Conditions of Entry:	13
2.1.3.	Tournament Conditions	14
2.1.4.	Draw, Scheduling and Withdrawals	14
2.1.5.	Conditions of Play:	15
2.1.6.	Winners and Places.....	16
2.1.7.	N.S.W. State Championships.....	17
2.1.8.	Open Singles, Open Doubles, Mens Open and Womens Open	17
2.1.9.	ACA Bronze Medal Event	18
2.1.10.	Champion of Champions Event.....	18
2.1.11.	Additional Events	18
2.2.	PENNANTS.....	18
2.2.1.	Rules.....	18
2.2.2.	CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:.....	18
2.2.3.	Handicap Ranges.....	19
2.2.4.	Tournament Conditions	19



CNSW Tournament Regulations

2.2.5.	DRAW AND SCHEDULING	20
2.2.6.	CONDITIONS OF PLAY:	20
2.2.7.	DETERMINATION OF WINNERS.....	21
3.	AWARDS AND TROPHIES.....	22
3.1.	GENERAL	22
3.2.	PRESIDENT'S AWARD	22
3.3.	ELSIE WALL MEMORIAL TROPHY	22



CNSW Tournament Regulations

1. ASSOCIATION CROQUET

1.1. INDIVIDUAL AND DOUBLES EVENTS

1.1.1. Laws

All games will be played under The Laws of Association Croquet (LAC) current at the time of the event together with any official rulings made by the WCF laws committee.

1.1.2. Conditions of Entry

- a) Entry to 'Open' CNSW events is limited to players who are affiliated to the ACA or other international bodies affiliated to the WCF. Entry to 'Closed' CNSW events is limited to players who are affiliated to CNSW.
- b) Entry forms (or acceptances for invitation events) and entry fees for all competitions must reach CNSW by the due date. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
- c) In all events players must be eligible to enter as at the advertised closing date for entries. For events restricted to a handicap range, if a player's handicap changes after entries close and prior to the event starting such that it is outside of the range for the event, eligibility will be treated as follows:
 - i) if the handicap of the player is lower by one step than the lower limit the player will still be eligible to play, but if the event is a handicap event the player must play off the new handicap.
 - ii) if the handicap of the player is lower by two steps than the lower limit the player will have to withdraw and must notify the tournament committee as soon as this becomes known.
 - iii) if the handicap of the player is higher than the upper limit the player will still be eligible to play, but if the event is a handicap event the maximum handicap allowable will be the upper limit for the event.
- d) In doubles events players may enter with a partner or singly and the tournament committee will pair up such entries if possible.
- e) Normally players will be expected to play at any time during the advertised dates and times for the event. A competitor may request special consideration at time of entry but this will normally only be granted for an important reason such as a medical appointment and where it will not extend the tournament.
- f) The minimum number of entries is normally 6 subject to the following proviso. If there are 4 or 5 entries vacancies may be filled from a higher handicap range or, subject to the players' agreement, the competition may be held as normal or in a varied format such as a double round robin. Fees received will be refunded if an event does not proceed.
- g) Entry fees will not be refunded if a player withdraws after completion of the draw unless the withdrawal is a result of a change in handicap.
- h) All players must hold an Australian Handicap System Handicap Card (Association Croquet) (AHS) and abide by the latest regulations of the Croquet Australia Handicapping Regulations (Association Croquet). All singles games are to be recorded on players' cards.



CNSW Tournament Regulations

1.1.3. Tournament Conditions

- a) The conditions in clause 1.1 are intended to be used as a guide to the running of the tournaments. If appropriate the Tournament Committee may vary these regulations to facilitate the best conduct of the event.
- b) Players must play at the specified times or withdraw from the event. In special circumstances, the Tournament Manager may waive this clause.
- c) If a competitor forfeits a game after commencing it, the result shall be a win of the maximum points for the game (usually 26) for his opponent against the competitor's score at the time of withdrawal.
- d) In a round robin event, if any competitor withdraws, all scores for and against that player are deleted from the results. A player is deemed to have withdrawn from the competition if he forfeits a game before commencing it.
- e) In a two life event, if a player withdraws from one life he shall be considered to have withdrawn from the whole event.
- f) In a singles event, there will be no substitution of players after the draw has been made and before the first game has commenced except at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. This condition does not apply to the Senior Citizens' Tournament. In a doubles event, a partner may be changed before the pair's first game of that event.
- g) Players must be prepared to play two games per day, or more if noted in the advertised conditions. Usually Open, Platinum and invitation events will have three games per day. The final series of the Beryl Chambers Memorial Event may have three games per day.
- h) Players are to wear neat and appropriate sporting attire and flat-soled shoes ie shoes, the soles of which do not mark the court. Players choosing to wear sandals shall, as all players should, be conscious of surrounding play in order to ensure their own safety. A player presenting at the venue in unsuitable attire will be made aware of this requirement and warned that if he or she appears on any subsequent days in unsuitable attire, then he or she will be excluded from further participation. Where there is doubt about whether attire is 'suitable' or 'unsuitable', a liberal rather than a narrow interpretation of 'neat and appropriate sporting attire' should be applied.
- i) Balls approved by Council shall be used for all events. Dawson International balls are the approved balls in September 2011.
- j) Hoops for all events shall be set at $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches except for the following events which shall be set at $3\frac{11}{16}$ inches; Open Singles, Open Doubles, Men's Open, Women's Open, Platinum Singles, Platinum Doubles, Premier Pennants, ACA Bronze Medal, Eva Short, Selectors 10, Champion of Club Champions, 3 and under Singles, and 5 & under doubles. Tolerances as per LAC apply in both cases.
- k) Unless otherwise stated, all CNSW events will be played under a time limit of two and a half hours in accordance with Croquet Australia Regulations for Tournaments 15(c), (d) and (f).

1.1.4. Draw, Scheduling and Withdrawal

- a) Where there are more than 10 entries in a round robin event, the event will be played in blocks of equal or approximately equal numbers of players. The least number of blocks is preferred, provided the number in each block does not exceed ten.
- b) Once the draw has been made it will not be changed, except at the discretion of the Tournament Committee or the Tournament Manager as described below:
 - i) Any redraw or changes to the draw prior to the competition commencing are to be made by the Tournament Committee.



CNSW Tournament Regulations

- ii) From the first day of the event the Tournament Manager has the authority to rearrange the schedule if circumstances make this necessary or appropriate (see clauses 1.1.5 i) and 1.1.5 j)).
- c) In round robin events, competitors will be notified by the tournament committee of the times and places of all games at least 10 days before the start of the event.
- d) In knock out events, competitors will be notified by the tournament committee of the time and place of the first game at least 10 days before the start of the event.
- e) Seeding in round robin events should be done as follows;
 - i) Where there is only one block 2 players may be seeded to play in the last round of games.
 - ii) Where there are 2 or more blocks 2 players should be seeded into each block.
 - iii) The Eva Short and Selectors 10 invitation events should be fully seeded.
 - iv) The Fransted Handicap Trophy and the Beryl Chambers Memorial Trophy final series have a special condition which is a variation of seeding.
- f) The Australian Bronze Medal event conducted for Croquet Australia is fully seeded under its conditions of play.
- g) In making the draw other than for seeded players, the tournament committee should ensure that the blocks are approximately equal in standard.
- h) Seeding will be done by the Tournament Committee based on latest Australian rankings or, where these do not apply, the current handicaps based on the Australian Handicap system. The Tournament Committee may request advice from the Selection Committee if appropriate.
- i) Seeded players will be identified by an asterisk in the draw.
- j) In round robin events players who are close relatives or from the same club should not be drawn in the same block if possible.

1.1.5. Conditions of Play:

- a) Players should telephone the Venue Manager if the weather is doubtful.
- b) Players must arrive in time for their first game (15 minutes grace).
- c) Players must report to the Venue Manager on arrival and before leaving.
- d) Players in the first game each day must arrive in time to set out the lawns as stated in the draw. Players should also clear each lawn after the last game each day has been played on it.
- e) All events may include double banking of games. In time limited games there is no extra time added for double banking but clocks may be stopped for significant interference from the other game. Triple banking is not permitted in any event.
- f) In handicap events a player must play off his AHS handicap at the commencement of each game. The correct AHS handicap will be as per the player's handicap card or, if this is the player's first use of a handicap card, his handicap will be the initial handicap as set by his club handicapper or tournament handicapper.
- g) After the toss, a player (or pair in the case of doubles), is entitled to a 5 minute practice on the court before every match. The player or pair may only play with the two balls they will be using in the ensuing game.
- h) Subject to the Tournament Manager's agreement, players may also practice, including games, at the following times:
 - i) before the start of play on lawns to be used, but only after all lawns have been set out. This practice period will cease not later than 10 minutes before play is due to start.
 - ii) on vacant lawns during play.



CNSW Tournament Regulations

iii) after play has finished for the day on a particular lawn (note that the Manager would be expected to leave the site about 30 minutes after play has finished).

During these practice periods, the lawns are to be shared and no player or players are entitled to sole use of a lawn. Practice is not permitted on the lawn surrounds where matches are being played.

- i) If the courts are seriously affected by rain or hail and are impossible to play on, the game or games can be suspended, postponed or cancelled at the discretion of the Tournament Manager in consultation with the players. In the event of lightning in the vicinity play must be suspended immediately.
- j) If the temperature reaches 30 degrees and a player is affected to such a degree that they are unable to continue playing the Tournament Manager is required to peg the game down and re-schedule or cancel the game altogether (see also the CNSW Policy on Sun Protection).
- k) Any disputed game will be pegged down immediately and not concluded until a decision is made by the Tournament Referee.
- l) A plan of a pegged down game is to be filled in by the Venue Manager, or Referee and signed by both players.
- m) All pegged down and postponed games will be re scheduled by the Tournament Manager (clause 1.1.4.b)iv)).
- n) During a game, the opponent(s) should not address the person in play except in terms of LAC Law 23.
- o) Players are entitled to a lunch break of 15 minutes. This may be increased where stated in the draw.
- p) Except for the lunch break, players are entitled to a 5 minute break between games.

1.1.6. Winners and Places

- a) In single block round robin events the result is determined as follows:
 - i) The winner is the player who has won the most games.
 - ii) If there is a tie on games, the winner is the player who has the largest net points total. The net points total for each player is the number of points scored minus the number of points conceded.
 - iii) If there is a tie on games and net points:
 - between two players, the winner is the winner of the game between them.
 - between more than two players, the winner is the winner of the most games of the games between the players in the tie.
 - if there is still a tie, Croquet Australia Regulation 19(a)(5)(iii)(c) may be applied.
- b) The method of calculation described in clause 1.1.6.a) shall also be used to determine the places of all other players.
- c) When a round robin is played in two or more blocks clause 1.1.6.a) will be used to determine the places of all players in each block.
- d) The composition of the final series (normally a knockout) will be determined by the Tournament Committee and published in the draw. The final series should involve as many players as time permits. Options include:
 - i) for 2 blocks:
 - the winner of block A plays the runner up in block B and vice versa in the semi finals. The winners of these two games then play a final to determine the winner and runner up of the tournament.
 - the first 4 place getters in each block play quarterfinals with the winners playing semifinals and the semi final winners playing the final.



CNSW Tournament Regulations

- ii) for 3 blocks:
 - each block winner and the best runner up play semi finals followed by the winners playing a final.
 - each block winner and runner up, and the best two third place getters play quarterfinals, with the winners playing semi finals and the semi final winners playing a final.
 - the 3 block winners play a round robin. The winner and runner up would be decided as per clause 1.1.6.a).
- iii) for 4 blocks:
 - the 4 block winners play semi finals and the winners play a final.
 - each block winner and runner up play quarterfinals, with the winners playing semi finals and the semi final winners playing the final.
- e) For the NSW Open singles the options involving quarterfinals are the preferred ones
- f) If a block winner withdraws before the final series commences the runner-up takes his place and third becomes runner-up etc and similarly if there are other withdrawals.
- g) Where a 'best' place getter has to be determined the following method is used;
 - i) if the blocks are of equal size then most games won followed by net points as per clauses clause 1.1.6.a)i) and 1.1.6.a)ii). If still equal then use 1.1.6.g)ii) below.
 - ii) if the blocks are not of equal size the following formula is used with highest quotient(s) taking precedence: Points for, divided by the sum of points for and points against.
- h) Where quarterfinals and semifinals involve players other than block winners the quarterfinal draw should be that the block winners play the players finishing lowest in the blocks; eg for option 1.1.6.d)ii) above: winner block A plays a qualifying 3rd place getter, winner block B plays other qualifying third place getter, winner Block C plays runner up block A, runner up Block B plays runner up Block C. Players must not play another player from the same block in the quarter finals.
- i) In the case of a two life event, the winner of the Draw shall play an extra match against the winner of the Process to decide the event winner. If the same player wins both lives of the event, the runners up of the Draw and the Process play off for second place.

1.1.7. N.S.W. State Championships

- a) All ACA affiliated players may enter open events. Other events are restricted to the relevant handicap range.
- b) All these events are to include round robin blocks in the initial stages. Knockout rounds may be played after the round robin block play.
- c) The Open Singles, Open Doubles, Men's Open, Women's Open, Platinum Singles and Platinum Doubles will have 3 games per day. Other events will normally have two games per day but this could be varied by the tournament committee in special circumstances.
- d) The bronze events are played as modified 18 point games. (See LAC Law 44 (b) (2))
- e) The Handicap Singles (Beryl Chambers Memorial Event) is played as handicap singles play. (LAC Part 3 Section B)
- f) The Gold, Silver & Bronze handicap events are played as handicap singles play (LAC Part 3 Section B) as modified by LAC Appendix 3 for full bisque play. The base handicaps are shown for each event.
- g) All other events are played as advanced singles (see LAC Part 3 section A) or advanced doubles events (see LAC Part 3 Section C).
- h) The State Championship Events are shown below:
 - Open Singles
 - Open Doubles



CNSW Tournament Regulations

Women's Open Singles
Men's Open Singles
Handicap Singles (see Beryl Chambers Memorial Event)
Platinum Singles (1 to 4.5)
Platinum Doubles (1 to 4.5) (not current as at September 2011)
Gold Singles (5 to 8)
Gold Doubles (5 to 8)
Silver Singles (9 to 12)
Silver Doubles (9 to 12)
Bronze Singles (14 to 24)
Bronze Doubles (14 to 24) (not current as at September 2011)
Gold Handicap Singles (5 to 8) base handicap is 3
Silver Handicap Singles (9 to 12) base handicap is 6
Bronze Handicap Singles (14 to 24) base handicap is 10

1.1.8. Open Singles Championship

This competition contains three separate events; X or main event, Y event and Plate event and the event will be held over up to 5 days

X Event

- a) Up to the first two and a half days are for the block rounds of the X event. Blocks should not exceed 8 players. Two days is preferred for the block rounds with blocks of 6.
- b) Eight players will proceed into the X quarterfinals (refer to clause 1.1.6.d)).
- c) The quarterfinals, semi finals and final will be played as best of three games on the remaining days with possibly three best of three game matches being scheduled for two and a half days. Special time limits, such as the 4 - 3 - 2 format may be decided by the tournament committee and will be advised in the draw.

Y Event

- a) The Four players beaten in the quarterfinals of the X event are redrawn into the Y event
- b) This event contains two semi finals and a final to be played on days 4 and 5
- c) All matches are the best of three games

Plate Event

- a) Players from the block rounds of the X event who do not qualify for the X quarterfinals play in the plate event. This event is optional and players may choose not to participate but must advise this on their entry form.
- b) The format will depend on the number of players but would normally be round robin blocks followed by knockout games more than one block.
- c) All players are seeded into the Plate blocks based on their finishing positions in the X blocks.

1.1.9. Open Doubles, Men's Open and Women's Open

In these events the final (and other knockout matches) will be a best of three games if time permits.

1.1.10. Beryl Chambers Memorial Event

This is the State Handicap Championship.



CNSW Tournament Regulations

- a) The event will be played in blocks throughout the state and the entries should be divided up to provide between 10 and 16 finalists.
- b) The initial blocks should contain players from neighboring clubs as far as possible, but if distance prevents this being done players may be from the same club.
- c) Where a club or region has more than one block each block should have as wide a range of handicaps as possible
- d) Block winners may be required to play off against other block winners to determine the finalists.

1.1.11. Australian Bronze Medal Event

- a) Type of event: Round robin, advanced singles, 3 games per day.
- b) Participation is by invitation from the Secretary of CNSW. The Chairman of the Selection Committee may issue the invitations on behalf of the Secretary.
- c) Acceptance of the invitation requires an undertaking that the winner will compete in the Australian Gold and Silver Medal Competition at the ensuing Australian National Championships.
- d) The event is conducted on behalf of Croquet Australia and the Croquet Australia tournament regulations apply. The following sub clauses are for information and any matter not covered below should be determined by reference to the ACA Handbook clause 56.
 - i) The number of players selected shall be from 6 to 9. Another player will be the winner of the Selectors 10 event (see clause 1.1.12 below).
 - ii) Selectors must comply with the ACA regulations in choosing the 9 players.
 - iii) There is no time limit.
 - iv) The draw is fully seeded (ACA Handbook clause 56.2).
 - v) The entrance fee will be determined annually by the ACA. Half is retained by the state and half goes to the ACA.

1.1.12. Selectors 10

- a) Type of event: Round robin, advanced singles, 3 games per day.
- b) Participation is by invitation from the Secretary of CNSW. The Chairman of the Selection Committee may issue the invitations on behalf of the Secretary.
- c) The Selectors may choose up to 10 players. Players in the ACA Bronze Medal are not eligible for
- d) selection but players in the Eva Short Memorial Women's Invitation are eligible.
- e) The players for this event may be chosen for reasons other than ranking or results, as factors such as potential may be taken into account.
- f) Acceptance of the invitation requires an undertaking that the winner will play in the ACA Bronze Medal event.

1.1.13. Other Events

Eva Short Memorial Women's Trophy

- a) Type of event: Round robin, advanced singles, 3 games per day.
- b) Participation is by invitation from the Secretary of CNSW. The Chairman of the Selection Committee may issue the invitations on behalf of the Secretary
- c) Players must be women with a handicap of 8 or less.
- d) The number selected to play shall be from 6 to 10.

Champion of Champions Event

- a) Type of event: Round robin, advanced singles, 3 games per day.



CNSW Tournament Regulations

- b) Eligibility: This event is open to the player from any affiliated club who, at the commencement of the event, is the current association croquet club champion (levels play).
- c) Where a player is the champion of more than one club he may represent only one club in the event. The player does not necessarily have to represent the club he is affiliated through.
- d) Clubs are responsible for forwarding entries, fees and the name of the club champion to the Secretary of CNSW by the due date. Entries will be accepted from Clubs with the players name to be advised later.
- e) If played in blocks, the final and other knockout games will be played as best of three games if time permits.

Franstead Handicap Trophy

- a) Type of event: Round robin handicap singles.
- b) Eligibility: The event is open to all affiliated members.
- c) If played in blocks each block should contain as wide a range of handicaps as possible

3 and Under Competition

- a) Type of Event - Round robin, advanced singles, 3 games per day.
- b) Open to players with handicaps 3 and under.
- c) This event will be played over a maximum of 3 days, including a weekend.
- d) The format will be decided by the tournament committee depending on the number of entries and could be a modified round robin or a Swiss format.

5 and Under Doubles Competition

- a) Type of Event - Round robin, advanced doubles, 3 games per day.
- b) Open to players with handicaps 5 and under.
- c) This event will be played over a maximum of 3 days, including a weekend.
- d) The format will be decided by the tournament committee depending on the number of entries and could be a modified round robin or a Swiss format.

NSW Gold Brooch

- a) Type of event: Round robin, advanced singles.
- b) Eligibility: The event is open to players on a handicap of 3 to 6

NSW Silver Brooch

- a) Type of event: Round robin, advanced singles.
- b) Eligibility: The event is open to players on a handicap of 7 to 10

NSW Bronze Brooch

- a) Type of event: Round robin, ordinary singles, 26 point game.
- b) This may be played as advanced singles at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
- c) Eligibility: The event is open to players on a handicap of 11 to 16.

Additional Events

The Tournament Committee may conduct additional events to meet perceived needs and explore their viability. When firmly established, this handbook should be amended to include full details of



CNSW Tournament Regulations

the event.

1.2. PENNANTS

1.2.1. Laws

All games will be played under The Laws of Association Croquet (LAC) current at the time of the event together with any official rulings made by the WCF laws committee.

1.2.2. Conditions of Entry

- a) Any affiliated club may enter one or more teams in each division (see Clause 1.2.3).
- b) Notification of entries and entry fees must reach the CNSW Secretary by the due date. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
- c) Only players affiliated to Croquet NSW are eligible to play.
- d) Teams shall consist of four players with relevant handicaps at the advertised closing date for entries. Players are eligible to play in a pennants division if their handicap is equal to or higher than the lower limit of the handicap range in clause 1.2.3 for that division.
- e) A player with a handicap higher than a particular division may play in that division. Example: a player on a handicap of 16 may play in any division; a player on 10 may play in the Silver or Gold divisions but not in the Bronze division. If a bronze or silver player plays in a higher division, they are still eligible to play in their own division during that Pennant season.
- f) If a player's handicap changes after entries close and prior to the event finishing such that it is outside of the range for the event, eligibility will be treated as follows:
 - i) if the handicap of the player is lower by one step than the lower limit the player will still be eligible to play.
 - ii) if the handicap of the player is lower by two steps than the lower limit the player will not be able to play any further games.
- g) The penalty for playing an ineligible player is that any games played whilst ineligible, whether won or lost, shall be deemed to be wins to the opponent of 26 to nil (18 to nil in bronze).
- h) When a club enters more than one team in one division the teams will be designated A and B (or some other names selected by the club). The names of the four players in each team must be sent to the Tournament Committee two weeks prior to the start of the competition. Reserves may be added to teams when required but no player or reserve can play for more than one team in the one division.
- i) A player may play Pennants for any club of which he is a member (or is co-opted as per clause 1.2.2.j), but not for more than one club in the same competition. Each division is considered a separate competition.
- j) A club may co opt up to two players from other clubs to complete a team subject to clause 1.2.2.i). If a team contains two co-opted players for any match these two players must play in the doubles game. A club may not co opt players
- k) if there are other players in the club in that division who are willing and able to play. A club may not co -opt more than 4 players in the whole competition (including finals).
- l) All players must hold an Australian Handicap System Handicap Card (Association Croquet) (AHS) and abide by the latest regulations of the Croquet Australia Handicapping Regulations (Association Croquet). All single s games in pennants competitions are to be recorded on players' cards.



CNSW Tournament Regulations

1.2.3. Handicap Ranges

Pennants are played in four handicap ranges (referred to as divisions in the clauses that precede and follow):

- a) Premier Pennants - handicaps up to 4.5
- b) Gold Pennants - handicaps 5 to 8
- c) Silver Pennants - handicaps 9 to 12
- d) Bronze Pennants - handicaps 14 to 24

1.2.4. Competition Conditions

The conditions set out below apply to Gold, Silver and Bronze Pennants. Conditions as per clause 1.2.8 apply to Premier Pennants. If appropriate the Tournament Committee may vary these regulations to facilitate the best conduct of the event.

- a) Pennant matches will consist of three games, one doubles and two singles. Players may not play both singles and doubles in the one match.
- b) Pennants will be played in zones throughout the State.
- c) A zone shall contain not more than 8 teams in a particular division. If a zone has only one entry, that team is deemed to have won that zone.
- d) The extent and boundaries of the zones will be determined by the Tournament Committee and take into account the location of the entries. Zones for a particular division will not overlap and need not be the same for each division. The six regions in NSW shall be a guide for creating zones.
- e) Within each zone, if there are 5, 6, 7, or 8 teams, the event will be played as a single round robin. If there are 3 or 4 teams, two rounds of the round robin will be played on a home and away basis. If there are only 2 teams, the best of 3 matches will be played on a home and away basis.
- f) If there are 4 or fewer zones participating, the zone winners will advance to the finals and will play-off to determine the winner of the event (see clause 1.2.7).
- g) If there are 5 or more zones, the Tournament Committee may determine that all zone winners advance to the finals to play in a format to be determined or that some zone winners may have to play off for the right to advance to the finals.
- h) Players engaged in CNSW events should be neatly and tidily dressed in approved sporting clothing appropriate to the game of croquet and the prevailing conditions. Flat soled enclosed footwear should be worn. Approved sports attire may include trackpants, tops, collared sports shirts, shorts of various lengths or trousers in club, state or national colours.
- i) Balls approved by Council shall be used for all events. Dawson International balls are the approved balls in September 2011.
- j) Hoops for all pennants shall be set at $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches except for the premier division which shall be set at $3\frac{11}{16}$ inches. Tolerances as per LAC apply in both cases.
- k) Unless otherwise stated, all CNSW events will be played under a time limit of two and a half hours in accordance with Croquet Australia Regulations for Tournaments 15(c), (d) and (f).

1.2.5. Draw and Scheduling

- a) Generally the draw will provide for one match each week for each club with Gold playing on Wednesdays, Silver on Tuesdays and Bronze on Thursdays. This may be varied by the clubs to suit particular circumstances with the approval of the tournament committee.
- b) As far as possible, each team will be drawn to play an equal number of home and away matches.
- c) Games will be played at the club which is mentioned first in the schedule of matches.



CNSW Tournament Regulations

- d) Where the host club has two lawns, the two singles games should play doubled banked on one lawn and the doubles on the other lawn.
- e) Where the host club has only one lawn, it will be responsible for deciding the order of play and the attendance time of players in the later game(s). This decision is to be advised to the visiting club no later than seven days before the date of play.
- f) Where a club has no suitable lawn (eg not full size) it shall arrange to play its home matches at another suitable club. No lawn hire fee is payable by CNSW for this use.
- g) If, due to the inability of one team to play, a game or games cannot be played or completed as scheduled, every effort should be made to play at a later time or date. If that is not possible the game(s) shall be awarded to the opposing team with a score of 26 to nil (or 18 to nil in bronze) for each game.
- h) If any team withdraws, all scores for and against that team are deleted from the results.

1.2.6. Conditions of Play

- a) For games in Gold events, a qualified referee or other suitable person shall act as referee. In the absence of any referee, players will act as joint referees in accordance with LAC law 48.
- b) For games in Silver and Bronze events, a referee shall act as supervising referee for each game. If a qualified referee is not available, an umpire or suitable person shall act as referee.
- c) On the day of play, each team captain will hand to the manager, or if there is no manager, to the referee, a sealed envelope containing the names of the number one and two singles players and the doubles pair. The manager or referee will announce the order of play.
- d) In Gold and Silver Pennants, games will be Advanced Singles play (LAC law 36) and Advanced Doubles play (LAC law 42). In Bronze Pennants the games will be Ordinary Singles play (LAC Part 2) and Ordinary Doubles play (LAC law 41) and will be the modified 18 point game. See LAC law 44 (b) (2).
- e) The winners of games are to note the results and have the result sheet signed by the losers. A record is to be kept by the host club and the result sheet sent to the Pennants Tournament Manager the same day.
- f) At the end of each week, the Pennants Manager shall email or telephone AAP the results of pennants matches played that week.
- g) Players must arrive on time (15 minutes grace).
- h) After the toss, a player (or pair in the case of doubles), is entitled to a 5 minute practice on the court before every match. The player or pair may only play with the two balls they will be using in the ensuing game.
- i) If the courts are seriously affected by rain or hail and are impossible to play on, the game or games can be suspended, postponed or cancelled at the discretion of the team captains in consultation with the players. In the event of lightning in the vicinity play must be suspended immediately.
- j) If the temperature reaches 30 degrees and a player is affected to such a degree that they are unable to continue playing the Team captains are required to peg the game down and re-schedule or cancel the game altogether (see also CNSW Policy on Sun Protection).
- k) Any disputed game will be pegged down immediately and not concluded until a decision is made by the Tournament Referee.
- l) A plan of a pegged down game is to be filled in by and signed by both team captains.
- m) During a game, the opponent(s) should not address the person in play except in terms of LAC Law 23.
- n) If the weather is doubtful a representative of the visiting team should phone the captain of the host team to determine if play will happen.



CNSW Tournament Regulations

- o) Postponed games shall be played on a mutually acceptable date preferably before the last round has been completed.

1.2.7. Determination of Winners

- a) The winner of each zone is determined as follows:
 - i) The team which has won the most matches.
 - ii) If matches are even, the team which has won the most games.
 - iii) If the games are also equal the winner is;
 - between two clubs, the winner of the match between the clubs.
 - between more than two clubs.
 - the winner of the most matches between the clubs in the tie.
 - If still unresolved, the club with the highest net points in all matches throughout the competition.
- b) The overall final series winner and runner up is determined as follows:
 - i) If two teams they will play off for winner & runner up.
 - ii) If three teams they will each play each other with the winner and runner up determined as in 1.2.7.a).
 - iii) If four teams they will play semi finals followed by a final between the winners.

1.2.8. Premium Pennants

- a) Teams shall consist of 4 players for each match
- b) Teams may represent clubs but may also be selected from a combination of clubs or composite teams of individual players. Teams will be responsible for the entry fee.
- c) Any fees payable to clubs for the use of its lawns is the responsibility of the teams.
- d) Each match between teams will be played in one day and consist of 10 matches; 2 doubles matches, 4 singles matches and 4 reverse singles matches.
- e) Singles players must play in Australian ranking order; Doubles teams and order are determined by the teams
- f) The order of the singles matches is that the players ranked 1 in each team play the players ranked 2 in the other team and similarly with players 3 and 4. The reverse singles are player 1 v 1, 2 v 2 etc.
- g) This competition will be held over one or more weekends, including if necessary, Fridays or Mondays.
- h) For each match the team captains should hand to the manager, or if there is no manager to each other, a sealed envelope containing the 4 singles players listed in ranking order, and the two doubles teams in order of play.
- i) The winner is determined as in clause 1.2.7.a).

With reference to a particular event, the Tournament Committee shall: -

- a) Receive all entries
- b) Check that each entry is valid. If prior to commencement of a competition, a handicap change will make a player ineligible, the player must be informed and given the option to transfer to another event (but refer to specific event conditions).
- c) Appoint a Tournament Manager and if necessary an Assistant Tournament Manager and if clubs are involved, request clubs to appoint Venue Managers and Assistant Venue Managers.
- d) In the case of a knockout event, carry out the draw in accordance with the Bagnall Wild method and draw up a schedule of all games



CNSW Tournament Regulations

- e) In the case of a round robin event, decide whether the event is to be played in one or more blocks, pursuant to clause 1.1.4.a), and draw up a schedule of games including any redraw in terms of clause 1.1.4.b)i).
- f) List any conditions which are not covered by these Regulations.
- g) If appropriate, prepare a program of the event for publication. Forward a copy of the draw to the tournament manager(s), venue manager(s) and the tournament referee.
- h) After the draw has been carried out, ensure that the entry forms are given to the Tournament Manager.
- i) Distribute results and reports of tournaments as appropriate to the Records Officer, Newsletter Editor, Web Site Administrator, State Handicappers and World Rankings Controller.

2. GOLF CROQUET

2.1. INDIVIDUAL AND DOUBLES EVENTS

2.1.1. Rules

All games will be played under The Rules of Golf Croquet (RGC) current at the time of the event together with any official rulings made by the WCF laws committee.

2.1.2. Conditions of Entry:

- a) Entry to 'Open' CNSW events is limited to players who are affiliated to the ACA or other international bodies affiliated to the WCF. Entry to 'Closed' CNSW events is limited to players who are affiliated to CNSW.
- b) Entry forms (or acceptances for invitation events) and entry fees for all competitions must reach the CNSW Secretary by the due date. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
- c) In all events players must be eligible to enter as at the advertised closing date for entries. For events restricted to a handicap range, if a player's handicap changes after entries close and prior to the event starting such that it is outside of the range for the event, eligibility will be treated as follows:
 - i) if the handicap of the player is lower by one step than the lower limit the player will still be eligible to play, but if the event is a handicap event the player must play off the new handicap.
 - ii) if the handicap of the player is lower by two steps than the lower limit the player will have to withdraw and must notify the tournament committee as soon as this becomes known.
 - iii) if the handicap of the player is higher than the upper limit the player will still be eligible to play, but if the event is a handicap event the maximum handicap allowable will be the upper limit for the event.
- d) In doubles events players may enter with a partner or singly and the tournament committee will pair up such entries if possible.
- e) Normally players will be expected to play at any time during the advertised dates and times for the event. A competitor may request special consideration at time of entry but this will normally only be granted for an important reason such as a medical appointment and where it will not extend the tournament.
- f) The minimum number of entries is normally 6 subject to the following proviso. If there are 4 or 5 entries vacancies may be filled from a higher handicap range or, subject to the players' agreement, the competition may be held as normal or in a varied format such as a double round robin. Fees received will be refunded if an event does not proceed.



CNSW Tournament Regulations

- g) Entry fees will not be refunded if a player withdraws after completion of the draw unless the withdrawal occurs as a result of a change in handicap.
- h) All players must hold an Australian Handicap System Handicap Card (Golf Croquet) (AHS) and abide by the latest regulations of the Croquet Australia Handicapping Regulations (Golf Croquet). All singles games are to be recorded on players' cards.

2.1.3. Tournament Conditions

- a) The conditions in clause 1.1 are intended to be used as a guide to the running of the tournaments. If appropriate the Tournament Committee may vary these regulations to facilitate the best conduct of the event.
- b) Players must play at the specified times or withdraw from the event. In special circumstances the Tournament Manager may waive this clause.
- c) If a player forfeits a game after commencing it, the result shall be a win of the maximum points for the game (usually 7 or 10) for his opponent against the competitor's score at the time of withdrawal.
- d) In a round robin event, if any player withdraws, all scores for and against that player are deleted from the results.
- e) A player is deemed to have withdrawn from the competition if he forfeits a game before commencing it.
- f) In a singles event, there will be no substitution of players after the draw has been made and before the first game has commenced except at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. In a doubles event, a partner may be changed before the pair's first game of that event.
- g) Players must be prepared to play at least six games per day. Some events may be advertised as up to seven games per day
- h) Players engaged in CNSW events should be neatly and tidily dressed in approved sporting clothing appropriate to the game of croquet and the prevailing conditions. Flat soled enclosed footwear should be worn. Approved sports attire may include trackpants, tops, collared sports shirts, shorts of various lengths or trousers in club, state or national colours.
- i) Balls approved by Council shall be used for all events. Dawson International balls are the approved balls in September 2011.
- j) Hoops for all events shall be set at $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches except the following events which shall be set at $3\frac{11}{16}$ inches; Open Singles, Open Doubles, Men's Open, Women's Open, Division 1 Singles and Doubles, AC A Bronze Medal, Champion of Club Champions. Tolerances as per LAC apply in both cases.
- k) Unless otherwise stated, all CNSW events will be played without a time limit.
- l) All games shall be played as 13 or 19 point games as determined by the tournament committee.

2.1.4. Draw, Scheduling and Withdrawals

- a) In a round robin event the minimum number of blocks is preferred, based on the number of entries and the duration of the event. Normally blocks of between 8 and 12 would be played.
- b) Once the draw has been made it will not be changed, except at the discretion of the Tournament Committee or the Tournament Manager as described below.
- c) Any redraw or changes to the draw prior to the competition commencing are to be made by the Tournament Committee.
- d) From the first day of the event the Tournament Manager has the authority to rearrange the schedule if circumstances make this necessary or appropriate (see clauses 1.2.2.i) and 1.2.2.j)).
- e) In round robin events, competitors will be notified by the tournament committee of the times and places of all games at least 10 days before the start of the event.
- f) Seeding in round robin events should be done as follows;



CNSW Tournament Regulations

- i) Where there is only one block 2 players may be seeded to play in the last round of games.
 - ii) Where there are 2 or more blocks 2 players should be seeded into each block.
 - iii) The Australian Bronze Medal event conducted for Croquet Australia is fully seeded under its conditions of play
 - iv) In making the draw other than for seeded players, the tournament committee should ensure that the blocks are approximately equal in standard.
- g) Seeding will be done by the Tournament Committee based on latest Australian rankings or, where these do not apply, the current handicaps based on the Australian Handicap system. The Tournament Committee may request advice from the Selection Committee if appropriate.
- h) Seeded players will be identified by an asterisk in the draw.
- i) In round robin events players who are close relatives or from the same club should not be drawn in the same block if possible.

2.1.5. Conditions of Play:

- a) Players should telephone the Venue Manager if the weather is doubtful.
- b) Players must arrive in time for their first game (15 minutes grace).
- c) Players must report to the Venue Manager on arrival and before leaving.
- d) Players in the first game each day must arrive in time to set out the lawns as stated in the draw. Players should also clear each lawn after the last game each day has been played on it.
- e) All events may include double banking of games. If there are time limited games there is no extra time added for double banking but clocks may be stopped for significant interference from the other game. Triple banking is not permitted in any event.
- f) In handicap events a player must play off his AHS handicap at the commencement of each game. The correct AHS handicap will be as per the player's handicap card or, if this is the player's first use of a handicap card, his handicap will be the initial handicap as set by his club handicapper or tournament handicapper.
- g) After the toss, a player (or pair in the case of doubles), is entitled to a 5 minute practice on the court before every match. The player or pair may only play with the two balls they will be using in the ensuing game.
- h) Subject to the Tournament Manager's agreement, players may also practice, including games, at the following times:
 - i) before the start of play on lawns to be used, but only after all lawns have been set out. This practice period will cease not later than 10 minutes before play is due to start.
 - ii) on vacant lawns during play.
 - iii) after play has finished for the day on a particular lawn (note that the Manager would be expected to leave the site about 30 minutes after play has finished).

During these practice periods, the lawns are to be shared and no player or players are entitled to sole use of a lawn. Practice is not permitted on the lawn surrounds where matches are being played.

- i) If the courts are seriously affected by rain or hail and are impossible to play on, the game or games can be suspended, postponed or cancelled at the discretion of the Tournament Manager in consultation with the players. In the event of lightning in the vicinity play must be suspended immediately.
- j) If the temperature reaches 30 degrees and a player is affected to such a degree that they are unable to continue playing the Tournament Manager is required to peg the game down and re-schedule or cancel the game altogether (see the CNSW Policy on Sun Protection).



CNSW Tournament Regulations

- k) Any disputed game will be pegged down immediately and not concluded until a decision is made by the Tournament Referee.
- l) A plan of a pegged down game is to be filled in by the Venue Manager, or Referee and signed by both players.
- m) All pegged down and postponed games will be re scheduled by the Tournament Manager (clause 2.1.4.d).
- n) During a game, the opponent(s) should not address the person in play except in terms of RGC rule 8.
- o) Players are entitled to a lunch break of 15 minutes. This may be increased where stated in the draw.
- p) Except for the lunch break, players are entitled to a 5 minute break between games.
- q) In a best of three game match play should be continuous.

2.1.6. Winners and Places

- a) In single block round robin events the result is determined as follows:
 - i) The winner is the player who has won the most games.
 - ii) If there is a tie on games, the winner is the player who has the largest net points total. The net points total for each player is the number of points scored minus the number of points conceded.
 - iii) If there is a tie on games and net points:
 - between two players, the winner is the winner of the game between them.
 - between more than two players, the winner is the winner of the most games of the games between the players in the tie.
 - if there is still a tie, Croquet Australia Regulation 19(a)(5)(iii)(c) may be applied.
- b) The method of calculation described in clause 2.1.6.a) shall also be used to determine the places of all other players.
- c) When a round robin is played in two or more blocks clause 2.1.6.a) will be used to determine the places of all players in each block.
- d) The composition of the final series (normally a knockout) will be determined by the Tournament Committee and published in the draw. The final series should involve as many players as time permits. Options include:
 - i) for 2 blocks:
 - the winner of block A plays the runner up in block B and vice versa in the semi finals. The winners of these two games then play a final to determine the winner and runner up of the tournament.
 - the first 4 place getters in each block play quarterfinals with the winners playing semifinals and the semi final winners playing the final.
 - ii) for 3 blocks:
 - each block winner and the best runner up play semi finals followed by the winners playing a final.
 - each block winner and runner up, and the best two third place getters play quarterfinals, with the winners playing semi finals and the semi final winners playing a final.
 - the 3 block winners play a round robin. The winner and runner up would be decided as per clause 2.1.6.a).
 - iii) for 4 blocks:
 - the 4 block winners play semi finals and the winners play a final.



CNSW Tournament Regulations

- each block winner and runner up play quarterfinals, with the winners playing semi finals and the semi final winners playing the final.
- e) For the NSW Open singles the options involving quarterfinals are the preferred ones
- f) If a block winner withdraws before the final series commences the runner-up takes his place and third becomes runner-up etc and similarly if there are other withdrawals.
- g) Where a 'best' place getter has to be determined the following method is used;
 - i) if the blocks are of equal size then most games won followed by net points as per clauses clause 2.1.6.a) and 2.1.6.b). If still equal then use 2.1.6.g)ii) below.
 - ii) if the blocks are not of equal size the following formula is used with highest quotient(s) taking precedence: Points for, divided by the sum of points for and points against.
- h) Where quarterfinals and semifinals involve players other than block winners the quarterfinal draw should be that the block winners play the players finishing lowest in the blocks; eg for option 55.2.1 (b)(ii) above: winner block A plays a qualifying 3rd place getter, winner block B plays other qualifying third place getter, winner Block C plays runner up block A, runner up Block B plays runner up Block C. Players must not play another player from the same block in the quarter finals.

2.1.7. N.S.W. State Championships

- a) All ACA affiliated players may enter open events. Other events are restricted to the relevant handicap range.
- b) All these events are to include round robin blocks in the initial stages. Knockout rounds may be played after the round robin block play.
- c) The Open Singles, Open Doubles, Men's Open, Women's Open, will have up to 7 games per day. Other events will normally have up to six games per day but this could be varied by the tournament committee in special circumstances.
- d) The Open Handicap Doubles and Singles, are played under RGC rule 16.
- e) The State Championship Events are shown below.
 - Open Singles
 - Open Doubles
 - Women's Open Singles
 - Men's Open Singles
 - Open Handicap Singles
 - Open Handicap Doubles
 - Division 1 Singles (up to 4)
 - Division 1 Doubles (up to 4)
 - Division 2 Singles (5 to 8)
 - Division 2 Doubles (5 to 8)
 - Division 3 Singles (9 and over)
 - Division 3 Doubles (9 and over)

2.1.8. Open Singles, Open Doubles, Mens Open and Womens Open

- a) If there are only enough entries for a single block this should be played as best of three game matches or as best of one game followed by the top eight playing best of three game quarter finals or the top four players playing best of three game semi finals.
- b) If there are enough entries for more than one block the block rounds should be played as a single round robin followed by best of three game matches from the quarter finals.



CNSW Tournament Regulations

c) Refer to clauses 2.1.6.a), 2.1.6.b) and 2.1.6.g) for selecting players to play in the quarter finals.

2.1.9. ACA Bronze Medal Event

- a) Type of event: This will be a single round robin with matches being either best of 3 games, or 2 game matches.
- b) There may be up to 7 games per day.
- c) Participation is by invitation from the Secretary of CNSW. The Chairman of the Selection Committee may issue the invitations on behalf of the Secretary.
- d) Acceptance of the invitation requires an undertaking that the winner will compete for the Australian Gold and Silver Medals at the ensuing Australian National Championships.
- e) The event is conducted on behalf of Croquet Australia and the Croquet Australia tournament regulations apply. The following sub clauses are for information and any matter not covered below should be determined by reference to the ACA Handbook clause 56A.
- f) The number of players selected shall be from 6 to 10.
- g) Selectors must comply with the ACA regulations in choosing the 10 players
- h) There is no time limit.
- i) The draw is fully seeded (ACA Handbook 56A.2)
- j) The entrance fee will be determined annually by the ACA. Half is retained by the state and half goes to the ACA.

2.1.10. Champion of Champions Event

- a) Type of event: This may be single round robin, double round robin or best of three game matches as determined by the tournament committee depending on the number of entries.
- b) If there are more entries than a single block refer to Open Singles clause 2.1.10 above.
- c) There may be up to 7 games per day.
- d) Eligibility: This event is open to the player from any affiliated club who, at the commencement of the event, is the current club golf croquet champion (levels play).
- e) Where a player is the champion of more than one club he may represent only one club in the event. The player does not necessarily have to represent the club he is affiliated through.
- f) Clubs are responsible for forwarding entries, fees and the name of the club champion to the Secretary of CNSW by the due date. Entries will be accepted from Clubs with the players name to be advised later.

2.1.11. Additional Events

The Tournament Committee may conduct additional events to meet perceived needs and explore their viability. When firmly established, this handbook should be amended to include full details of the event.

2.2. PENNANTS

2.2.1. Rules

All games will be played under The Rules of Golf Croquet (RGC) current at the time of the event together with any official rulings made by the WCF laws committee.

2.2.2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

- a) Any affiliated club may enter one or more teams in each division (see clause 2.2.3.).
- b) Notification of entries and entry fees must reach the CNSW Secretary by the due date. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.



CNSW Tournament Regulations

- c) Only players affiliated to Croquet NSW are eligible to play.
- d) Teams shall consist of four players with relevant handicaps at the advertised closing date for entries. Players are eligible to play in a pennants division if their handicap is equal to or higher than the lower limit of the handicap range in rule 93 for that division.
- e) A player with a handicap higher than a particular division may play in that division. Example: a player on a handicap of 10 may play in any division; a player on 8 may play in the division 1 or 2 but not in the division 3. If a division 3 or 2 player plays in a higher division, they are still eligible to play in their own division during that Pennant season.
- f) If a player's handicap changes after entries close and prior to the event finishing such that it is outside of the range for the event, eligibility will be treated as follows:
 - i) if the handicap of the player is lower by one step than the lower limit the player will still be eligible to play.
 - ii) if the handicap of the player is lower by two steps than the lower limit the player will not be able to play any further games.
- g) The penalty for playing an ineligible player is that any games played whilst ineligible, whether won or lost, shall be deemed to be wins to the opponent of 7 to 0.
- h) When a club enters more than one team in one division the teams will be designated A and B (or some other names selected by the club). The names of the four players in each team must be sent to the Tournament Committee two weeks prior to the start of the competition. Reserves may be added to teams when required but no player or reserve can play for more than one team in the one division.
- i) A player may play Pennants for any club of which he is a member (or is co-opted as per clause 2.2.2.j), but not for more than one club in the same competition. Each division is considered a separate competition.
- j) A club may co opt up to two players from other clubs to complete a team subject to clause 2.2.2.i). If a team contains two co-opted players for any match these two players must play in the doubles game. A club may not co opt players if there are other players in the club in that division who are willing and able to play. A club may not co -opt more than 4 players in the whole competition (including finals).
- k) All players must hold an Australian Handicap System Handicap Card (Golf Croquet) (AHS) and abide by the latest regulations of the Croquet Australia Handicapping Regulations (Golf Croquet). All singles games are to be recorded on players' cards.

2.2.3. Handicap Ranges

- a) Pennants are played in three handicap ranges (referred to as divisions in the clauses that precede and follow):
 - i) Division 1 Pennants - handicaps up to 4
 - ii) Division 2 Pennants - handicaps 5 to 8
 - iii) Division 3 Pennants - handicaps 9 and over

2.2.4. Tournament Conditions

- a) The conditions set out below apply to all divisions. If appropriate the Tournament Committee may vary these regulations to facilitate the best conduct of the event.
- b) Pennant contests will consist of three matches; one doubles and two singles. All matches will be best of three games. Players may not play both singles and doubles in the one match.
- c) Pennants will be played in zones throughout the State.



CNSW Tournament Regulations

- d) A zone shall contain not more than 8 teams in a particular division. If a zone has only one entry, that team is deemed to have won that zone.
- e) The extent and boundaries of the zones will be determined by the Tournament Committee and take into account the location of the entries. Zones for a particular division will not overlap and need not be the same for each division. The six regions in NSW shall be a guide for creating zones.
- f) Within each zone, if there are 5, 6, 7, or 8 teams, the event will be played as a single round robin. If there are 3 or 4 teams, two rounds of the round robin will be played on a home and away basis. If there are only 2 teams, the best of 3 contests will be played on a home and away basis.
- g) If there are 4 or fewer zones participating, the zone winners will advance to the finals and play-off to determine the winner of the event (see clause 2.2.7).
- h) If there are 5 or more zones, the Tournament Committee may determine that all zone winners advance to the finals to play in a format to be determined or that some zone winners may have to play off for the right to advance to the finals.
- i) Players engaged in CNSW events should be neatly and tidily dressed in approved sporting clothing appropriate to the game of croquet and the prevailing conditions. Flat soled enclosed footwear should be worn. Approved sports attire may include trackpants, tops, collared sports shirts, shorts of various lengths or trousers in club, state or national colours.
- j) Balls approved by Council shall be used for all events. Dawson International balls are the approved balls in September 2011.
- k) Hoops for all pennants shall be set at $3\frac{3}{4}$. Tolerances as per RGC apply in both cases.
- l) There is no time limit.

2.2.5. DRAW AND SCHEDULING

- a) The tournament committee will advise each team in a division of the other teams in its zone, and the host club for each contest. Teams are to arrange playing times for its contests.
- b) As far as possible, each team will be drawn to play an equal number of home and away contests.
- c) Games will be played at the club which is mentioned first in the schedule of contests.
- d) Where the host club has two lawns, the two singles games should play doubled banked on one lawn and the doubles on the other lawn.
- e) Where the host club has only one lawn, it will be responsible for deciding the order of play and the attendance time of players in the later game(s). This decision is to be advised to the visiting club no later than seven days before the date of play.
- f) Where a club has no suitable lawn (eg not full size) it shall arrange to play its home contests at another suitable club. No lawn hire fee is payable by CNSW for this use.
- g) If, due to the inability of one team to play, a contest or a match or matches cannot be played or completed as scheduled, every effort should be made to play at a later time or date. If that is not possible each match not played shall be awarded to the opposing team with a game score of 7 - 0, 7 - 0.
- h) If any team withdraws, all scores for and against that team are deleted from the results.

2.2.6. CONDITIONS OF PLAY:

- a) For games in Division 1, a qualified referee or other suitable person should act as referee. In the absence of any referee, players will act as joint referees in accordance with RGC rule 15.
- b) For games in Divisions 2 and 3 a referee shall act as supervising referee for each game. If a qualified referee is not available, an umpire or suitable person shall act as referee.



CNSW Tournament Regulations

- c) On the day of play, each team captain will hand to the manager, or if there is no manager, to the referee, a sealed envelope containing the names of the number one and two singles players and the doubles pair. The manager or referee will announce the order of play.
- d) All games will be 13 point games.
- e) The winners of matches are to note the results and have the result sheet signed by the losers. A record is to be kept by the host club and the result sheet sent to the Pennants Tournament Manager the same day.
- f) At the end of each week, the Pennants Manager shall telephone to AAP (02 9322 8000) the results of pennants matches played that week.
- g) Players must arrive on time (15 minutes grace).
- h) After the toss, a player (or pair in the case of doubles), is entitled to a 5 minute practice on the court before every match. The player or pair may only play with the two balls they will be using in the ensuing game.
- i) If the courts are seriously affected by rain or hail and are impossible to play on, the game or games can be postponed or cancelled at the discretion of the team captains in consultation with the players. In the event of lightning in the vicinity play must be suspended immediately.
- j) If the temperature reaches 30 degrees and a player is affected to such a degree that they are unable to continue playing the Team captains are required to peg the game down and re-schedule or cancel the game altogether (see CNSW Policy on Sun Protection).
- k) Any disputed game will be pegged down immediately and not concluded until a decision is made by the Tournament Referee.
- l) A plan of a pegged down game is to be filled in by and signed by both team captains.
- m) During a game, the opponent(s) should not address the person in play.
- n) If the weather is doubtful a representative of the visiting team should phone the captain of the host team to determine if play will happen.
- o) Postponed games shall be played on a mutually acceptable date preferably before the last round has been completed.

2.2.7. DETERMINATION OF WINNERS

The winner of each zone is determined as follows:

- a) The team which has won the most contests.
 - (i) If contests are even, the team which has won the most matches.
 - (ii) If matches are even, the team with the most net games.
 - (iii) If the net games are also equal the winner is;
 - between two clubs, the winner of the match between the clubs
 - between more than two clubs, the winner of the most matches between the clubs in the tie.
 - (iv) If still unresolved, the club with the highest net points in all games throughout the competition.
- b) The overall final series winner and runner up is determined as follows:
 - (i) If two teams they will play off for winner & runner up.
 - (ii) If three teams they will each play each other with the winner and runner up determined as in clause 2.2.7.a)
 - (iii) If four teams they will play semi finals followed by a final between the winners.



CNSW Tournament Regulations

3. AWARDS AND TROPHIES

3.1. GENERAL

- a) Normally all awards and trophies are presented at the annual presentation function but exceptions may be made.
- b) In all individual and doubles events the winner and runner up receive trophies. For the three brooch events the trophy received by the winner is a gold, silver or bronze brooch.
- c) Where there is a perpetual trophy the winner is presented with it and may keep it until October 31 the following year. It is the winner's responsibility to ensure perpetual trophies are returned to the trophy officer by this date.
- d) For the two special awards in clauses 3.2 and 3.3 the winner receives the perpetual trophy and a winner's trophy. There are no runner up trophies.

3.2. PRESIDENT'S AWARD

- a) The perpetual trophy is the Captain Cook Bi-Centenary Plaque.
- b) The Award is at the discretion of the President. It is intended to recognise service in areas other than just performance such as a player who serves the association by coaching, refereeing, acting on committees etc. It should however, include significant competitive play.

3.3. ELSIE WALL MEMORIAL TROPHY

- a) This is a Perpetual Trophy donated by Lady Madgwick for players of Association Croquet.
- b) The trophy is awarded to a player on the basis of results in the following events: State Championships, Fransted Handicap, Gold, Silver and Bronze Brooches, Beryl Chambers Memorial Competition, 3 and under event, 5 & under doubles, ACA Bronze Medal, Eva Short Womens Memorial Competition and Champion of Champions.
- c) The method of scoring is as follows:
 - i) One point is given to a player for each event he enters and plays in.
 - ii) In a singles event, the winner scores three points and the runner up scores two points.
 - iii) In a doubles event, each winner scores one and a half points and each runner up scores one point.
- d) Each year the trophy is available to players in a particular handicap range as follows:
 - i) 2011, players in the range -3 to 4.5
 - ii) 2012, players in the range 5 to 8
 - iii) 2013, players in the range 9 to 12
 - iv) 2014, players in the range 14 to 24
 - v) and so on in the same sequence.
- e) Where a player changes handicap during the year and has gained points in two or more of the ranges above, only the points in the range applying to the award for that year shall be counted.

END