



Golf NSW Vardon Trophy - Club Guidelines 2016

The following are the conditions for the hosting of a Golf NSW Vardon Trophy event. If there are any issues then please call Graeme Phillipson at Golf NSW. Full details can be found on www.golfnsw.org

Entry Form

The Entry Form should be available at least 6 weeks prior to the event. It is also recommended to be included on the Golf NSW website. If you email Golf NSW an electronic copy of this entry form we will also email to all players on the Vardon list and to all Clubs.

It is essential that the following Condition be added to the entry form:

Database of Entrant's Details

The personal data contained in an entry is permanently retained by Golf NSW. This data may be utilised by Golf NSW or its sponsors for the distribution of correspondence, in both electronic and hard copy means.

From time to time players may be sent Entry Forms, event literature, the Golf NSW e-newsletter, or marketing material by the sponsor(s) of Golf NSW events, or information about events conducted by Golf NSW-approved bodies. Upon receipt by Golf NSW of a written request, a player may either have access to their details, or have their details deleted from the database.

The Draw should be published (on your Clubs web site) at least 5 days prior to the event and preferably emailed to each player. Also indicate if late entries are accepted.

Entry Fee and Prize Rundown

The Entry Fee (for the golf component) should be between \$20 and \$35 depending on the Course. An additional fee is appropriate if lunch etc is provided.

Prizes are at the discretion of your Club, however the following minimum prizes are recommended

- Scratch Winner
- Scratch Runner up
- Scratch Third
- Net Winner

It is recommended that a Player only receives only one prize.

As Players come from all over the Metropolitan area and State it is recommended that prize vouchers be for retail stores (e.g. Myer) rather than the local Pro Shop.

Course set up requirements

Your course should be in the best condition possible. The following guidelines should be followed;

- Play from 'medal' tees.
- Pins to be in 'reasonable' positions.
- Green speed no more than 11.5

NOTE – Should the greens and pin positions be set up in such a way as to make scoring unreasonable then Vardon status may be withdrawn.

The R&A guideline for hole set up can be found on their web site:-

http://www.golf.org.au/site/_content/document/00014129-source.pdf

Publicising the Event

It is important to publicise your event to ensure good participation. The following are suggested;

- Include in the Golf NSW 'Schedule of Events' on golfnsw.org
- Put details and entry form on your Clubs web site.
- Provide your entry form to Golf NSW for inclusion on golfnsw.org
- Your event will be included in the regular Golf NSW email update to registered Players.

Entry Conditions

For an event to be accepted by the Golf NSW as a NSW Vardon event;

- **If a Vardon event does not attract 40 (20 in Country areas) or more players (Registered and Unregistered) on 4 or less, of which 16 are off 2 or less (8 in Country) it may not be awarded Vardon status the following year.**
- Should a ballot be required, registered Vardon Players should be included first according to handicap. In the event that the field contains only registered players and the field size is still exceeded then a ballot according to handicap would take place.
- Teeing up or preferred lies (on all holes) would prohibit the event being included in the Vardon averages.
- Play must be from the Championship or Medal tees.

Locomotion

Carts/Locomotion are permitted in events unless there are overriding conditions which prevent their use. A condition to prevent their use may be instigated by the host club or Golf NSW.

It is at all times the players' responsibility to check availability of locomotion at host venues.

Distance Measuring Devices

Will be allowed if the Host Club's Local rule allows.

Slow Play

To ensure speed of play is reasonable players need to be advised the following;

- a) Time to complete the round – this will depend on the course and the degree of difficulty. Eg 4hrs 10 minutes
- b) Penalty statement

If possible there should be an 'official' to monitor.

Result Sheets

Following each event, Golf NSW will update the Vardon scoring averages from the results returned via GolfLink.

A list of players entered must be returned to the GolfNSW in the Excel format required which details the **total field of players** with following details;

- a) Christian Name
- b) Surname
- c) Home Club
- d) Golf Link number

- e) Date of Birth
- f) Email Address
- g) Mobile phone Number

The player contact detail sheets (correctly completed) must be returned to Golf NSW, PO Box 195 ARNCLIFFE NSW 2205 or by fax (02) 9505 9199, or email to tom.james@golfnsw.org, **within 4 working days** from the conclusion of the event.

Player queries which differ from the submitted Results will be directed to the Club.

Handicapping (via Golf Link) is to be completed by the Club on the day of play.

Newspaper Results

The Vardon Event results must be advised to AAP with minimum details as follows

- Scratch (with score)
- Runner up (with score)
- Third place (with score)
- Net (with score)

These should be listed independently of any other event run at same time.