

2014 WOMEN'S NSW 72-HOLE STROKE PLAY & AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS

These are to be read in conjunction with the Golf NSW Standard Conditions for Events Run By Golf NSW, the Golf NSW Code of Conduct and the Golf NSW Hard Card. Should a conflict occur between conditions, then the conditions outlined on the entry form take precedence.

1. Championship Procedure

1.1 The Championship will be played in separate stages:

(a) NSW 72-hole Stroke Play Championship – stroke play over four rounds of 18-holes, one of the first two rounds will be played at Castle Hill CC and the other at Pennant Hills GC. The final 36 holes will be played at Castle Hill Country Club. The field shall be evenly divided between Castle Hill and Pennant Hills Golf Clubs on each of the first two days with players changing venues for the second round. The NSW Champion of Champions is played in conjunction and is subject to the additional conditions outlined below.

At the conclusion of the second round of stroke play, the leading 60 players, plus ties shall qualify for the final 36 holes of the 72-hole Stroke Play Championship to be played at Castle Hill Country Club.

The leading player(s) at the end of this stroke play stage shall be the 2014 NSW 72-hole Stroke Play Champion. Ties for first place in the 72-hole Stroke Play Championship will be determined by sudden death play-off, should time permit, otherwise joint winners will be declared. All other ties shall be determined using the Golf Australia Countback System for the purpose of deciding prize winners. See 1.1 (b) regarding ties for determining positions in the match play draw.

Other Perpetual Trophies played in conjunction:

Leo Wray Bowl – 72 holes nett, played in conjunction with 72 Holes Stroke Play.

Country Championship Cup – played in conjunction with first 36 holes of 72 Holes Stroke Play, best 36 hole scratch score recorded by a player who is a bona fide ACT or NSW resident outside the Sydney Metropolitan Area (defined as the County of Cumberland) and are members of a club in Zone E (see exception).

Exception: An entrant who resides within 50kms of a NSW state border who meets the other membership criteria in the Conditions may be eligible subject to the approval of the Championship Committee.

Metropolitan Championship – played in conjunction with first 36 holes of 72 Holes Stroke Play, best 36 hole scratch score recorded by a player whose Home Club is in Metropolitan NSW.

Silver Basket – played in conjunction with 72 Holes Stroke Play, best scratch score.

Marjorie McWilliam Bowl – played in conjunction with 72 Holes Stroke Play, best 72 hole scratch score from a player whose handicap is 4 - 14.

(b) NSW Amateur Championship – The leading 16 players from the NSW 72-hole Stroke Play Championship, who have nominated to participate in the NSW Amateur, will be eligible to compete in the NSW Amateur Match Play. Ties for 16th position will be determined by sudden death playoff. If insufficient time is available, such ties will be determined by using the GA count back system. Other ties for positions will be determined by lot. The NSW Amateur will be match play over 18-holes, with the Final being played over 36-holes. The match play draw will be a seeded draw. In the event that any match is halved at the completion of 18 holes, players shall continue to play until a player wins a hole, when the match is then considered won. The winner of the match play stage of the Championship will be the 2014 Women's NSW Amateur Champion.

The **NSWLGU Salver** shall be played for by players with the next best 8 scratch scores (from players on handicaps 6-14) with all matches consisting of 18 holes, or as many holes are required to achieve a result. Ties for 8th position will be determined by using the GA count back system. Other ties for positions will be determined by lot.

(c) NSW Champion of Champions – held in conjunction with first 36-holes of NSW 72-hole Stroke Play Championship. To be eligible to enter a player must be the 2013 Club Champion of a Club which is affiliated with the Golf NSW or the 2013 Amateur Champion of Fiji. Players who enter the Champion of Champions must indicate this and enter their details in the appropriate section of the entry form, otherwise they will not be included in the Champion of Champions event. In the event of a tie, joint winners will be declared. In the event that all entrants are unable to complete 36-holes on the first two days due to suspension of play, the Champion of Champions will be decided on the completed scores for one round.

2. Championship Play Committee

- 2.1 The Championship Play Committee will comprise the Chair of the Golf NSW Women's Match Committee, Golf NSW General Manager - Golf, and Golf NSW Chair Rules Committee, or their appointees.
- 2.2 In the absence of a full Championship Play Committee, such members that may be present at the time may give a decision, and any decision so given will be deemed to be a decision of the full Championship Play Committee.

3. Rules of Play

The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, will apply, together with Golf NSW Hard Card (see condition 15), and any additional Local Rules as drawn up by the Championship Play Committee.

4. Entries

- 4.1 Handicap: Eligible players are female amateurs whose GA Handicap (or overseas equivalent) does not exceed 14.4 strokes at the time of entry
- 4.2 Age: there are no age restrictions in this event.
- 4.3 Entry Fee: the entry fee applicable for this event is \$150 (including GST) or \$80 (including GST) depending upon which events are entered.
- 4.4 In the event of entry applications exceeding the number of places available in the Championship, applications from those higher handicap competitors not exempt from a handicap ballot will be decided by a handicap ballot. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if withdrawals subsequently occur. Monies received from balloted entrants, who do not subsequently compete, will be refunded in entirety.
- 4.5 The decision of the Championship Committee as to acceptance or refusal of any entry will be final.
- 4.6 Note: upon withdrawal, as detailed in the Standard Conditions, a \$10 administration fee is deducted (the \$10 admin charge for entries not made online is also non-refundable).

5. Motorised Transport

See Golf NSW Standard Conditions. Participants must walk at all times during a stipulated round unless permission has been granted by the Committee. Applications for permission MUST be made at the time of entry. Golf NSW takes no responsibility for the availability of golf carts.

6. Practice

Practice rounds prior to the Championship are at the discretion of the host club. Permission must be sought from the host club's Professional Shop for play.

Concord Golf Club – for qualifiers in the NSW Amateur Match Play only. Practice rounds will be available free of charge on Saturday 1 February from 3.15pm. Bookings are to be made with Golf NSW on Friday 31 January following completion of the NSW Medal. Players to tee off as directed by the pro shop.

Castle Hill Country Club – Practice rounds will be available on Monday 27 January from midday. Rounds may be available on Tuesday 28 January, depending on availability.

All practice rounds are available free of charge. Bookings should be made through the Pro Shop on (02) 9634 2499.

Pennant Hills Golf Club – Practice rounds for competitors only will be allowed after 3pm on Saturday 25, Sunday 26 and Monday 27 January 2014. You may also play the week prior at a time confirmed by the Proshop. The cost will be \$20 per round. Bookings should be made through the Pro Shop on (02) 8860 5860.

7. Pace of Play

Rule 6-7 will be strictly enforced. See the Golf NSW Hard Card for Pace of Play conditions.

8. Prizes

Competitors may win only one prize. Prizes will be awarded in the following order based on value:

NSW Champion of Champions (36 holes Stroke Play) - Scratch Winner; Nett Winner

NSW 72 holes Stroke Play - Winner; Runner Up; Nett Winner; Nett Runner Up; Daily scratch and nett prizes

NSWLGU Salver – Winner; Runner Up

Marjorie McWilliam Bowl - Winner

NSW Amateur Championship (Match Play) - Winner; Runner Up.

9. Golf NSW Hard Card

The Golf NSW Hard Card will be in effect throughout this event.

Note i: Distance Measuring Devices are permitted.