



2014 NSW WOMEN'S FOURBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

RULES AND CONDITIONS

The 2014 Golf NSW Standard Conditions for State Events and the Golf NSW Code of Conduct apply to this State event. A copy of the Golf NSW Standard Conditions for State Events and the Golf NSW Code of Conduct are available from the Golf NSW website at www.golfnsw.org

GENERAL

1. The competition is open to any female golfer with a current Golf Australia handicap, who is a member of a golf club affiliated with Golf NSW, who has attained the age of 18 years by the date of the State Final.
2. Competitors will use their full Golf Australia handicap, current on the day of play. All stages will be conducted as a Fourball Par with the stroke allocation in accordance with the Clubs' stroke index.
3. Each pair will consist of two females, who are members of the same golf club, being the club conducting the Stage 1 event and must remain financial members of that club for the duration of the competition. If a player is a member of more than one club, then that player may attempt to qualify at each of those Club qualifying rounds, but once the player has qualified for one District / Metropolitan Playoff they may no longer participate at Club level.
4. The Rules of Golf and the Local Rules of the venue clubs shall apply.
5. The competition will be conducted in three (3) stages;
 - Stage 1: Club Qualifying** – the winning pair(s) to progress to Stage 2
1 to 10 teams entered – one pair eligible for Stage 2;
11 to 20 teams entered – two pairs eligible for Stage 2;
21 to 30 teams entered – three pairs eligible for Stage 2.
31 and more teams entered - four pairs eligible for Stage 2.
 - Stage 2: District / Metropolitan Playoffs**
 - Stage 3: State Final**
6. Motorised Transport may be used as follows:
 - Stage 1: Club – according to the Club's Conditions in force on the day;
 - Stage 2: District / Metropolitan Playoffs - carts may be used, and are subject to availability at the host venue.
 - Stage 3: State Final - carts to be used by all competitors at Bonville.
7. Any pair who has finished in the top three places in the State Final during the previous three years is not eligible to compete as a team.

2013 Julie Johnston & Kelly Baldwin (Merewether GC)
Susan Martin & Cheryl Powell Vincentia GC
Stephanie Rapmund & Erin Wightman (Mangrove Mountain GC)
8. After the commencement of the competition no substitutes will be permitted. However, reserve pairs, in order of qualifying, must be nominated on the official results.
9. The Golf NSW Match Committee has the authority to re-handicap any player during the event.
10. In the event of a tie between teams, in the Club or District qualifying rounds, the Golf Australia count back system shall apply. In the State Final, a sudden-death play-off will be used to determine the winner, subject to sufficient time being available (at the discretion of the Event Committee).
11. The Golf NSW Event Committee shall have the right to alter or make any variations to the Conditions or Program should it deem necessary and have the right to refuse the entry of any person without being required to give a reason for such refusal.

COMPETITION

STAGE 1 – CLUB QUALIFYING

The competition will commence with club qualifying between 1 January and 31 July 2014. Clubs should arrange for their qualifying event to be conducted in conjunction with an already scheduled Fourball Par event.

Country Club Qualifying Results – Advise Golf NSW of your qualifying pair(s) and reserves by no later than 31 July 2014. This must be done via our website at www.golfnsw.org.

Metropolitan Club Qualifying Results - Advise Golf NSW of your qualifying pair(s) and reserves by no later than 31 July 2014. This must be done via our website at www.golfnsw.org.

STAGE 2 - DISTRICT and METROPOLITAN PLAYOFFS

Country Districts (within the Women's DGA boundaries)

Golf NSW will write to qualifiers with details of the District play-off venue and date for the play-off. District Play-Offs must be held by 31 October, 2014.

DGAs are responsible for conducting the District play-off and advising Golf NSW of their qualifying pair (and reserves). This must be done via our website at www.golfnsw.org. Some Districts may enforce additional restrictions on qualifying pairs and may also charge a fee for the District Final. Golf NSW authorizes the Host District to determine such additional Conditions, upon approval from Golf NSW Match Committee.

* Note: The five Districts with the largest number of players in Stage 1 will have two qualifying pairs, making a total of eighteen (18) pairs from Country DGA's.

Where a qualifying pair withdraws from a District play-off, Golf NSW will be responsible for contacting the next placed pair from the same Country DGA Club to participate in the District play-off and advise the DGA Secretary of same.

Metropolitan (Zones A, B and C)

One (1) Metropolitan Zone play-offs will be conducted at Richmond GC on 13 October, 2014, which may be the pair's home Club. Twelve (12) pairs in total will qualify from the Metropolitan play off.

STAGE 3 – STATE FINAL

1. The State Final will be held at Bonville Golf Resort, NSW on 25-28 November, 2014. Qualifiers will be required to arrive on 25 November, 2014.
2. The Final will be conducted over two (2) rounds of 18-holes and the aggregate par scores for the two (2) rounds will determine the Champions. Trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters in the event. Trophies will be awarded to the winners and runners-up of each round. However, players may win only one trophy with the Classic taking precedence.
3. The event will be under the control of the Event Committee, which will comprise of nominated members of Golf NSW. This Committee has the authority to re-handicap any player during the event.
4. The cost of accommodation for the nights of 25, 26 and 27 November, 2014 as well as the cost of the welcome barbecue 25 November, 2014, presentation dinner on 27 November, 2014 and breakfasts on the mornings of 26, 27 and 28 November, 2014 will be covered by Golf NSW.

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