



2015 NSW WOMEN'S, MEN'S and KENO MIXED FOURBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

RULES AND CONDITIONS

The 2015 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 affiliated 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 play off their full daily handicap, current on the day of play. All stages will be conducted as a Fourball Par. All competitors' must enter prior to competing by paying a \$5 entry fee and providing contact details.
3. Each pair will consist of two female players (women's), two male players (men's) or one female and one male player (mixed), 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, in a category of membership that enables them to participate in the Club Championship of that Club. 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 host venue clubs shall apply.
5. The competition will be conducted in three (3) stages;
 - Stage 1: Country 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 plus teams entered – three pairs eligible for Stage 2;
 - Metropolitan Club Qualifying** - the winning pair(s) to progress to Stage 2
1 to 40 teams entered – one pair eligible for Stage 2;
41 plus teams entered – two 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 will be used by all competitors.
7. Any player who was part of the team who won the previous years' State Final is not eligible to compete at any stage of the competition for a three (3) year period. Any player who played in the previous years' State Final (not in the winning team) is not eligible to compete at any stage of the competition for the following year only.
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 any stage of 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 the dates listed below:-

Mixed: 31 May, 2015

Men's: 30 June, 2015

Women's: 31 July, 2015

Clubs should arrange where possible, for their qualifying event to be conducted in conjunction with an already scheduled Fourball Par event.

Country Club & Metropolitan Club Qualifying Results

Advise Golf NSW of your qualifying pair(s) and reserves by no later than the dates noted above. This must be done via our website at www.golfnsw.org. Golf NSW will email qualifiers from Stage 1 with details of their District/Metro play-off venue and date.

STAGE 2 – COUNTRY DISTRICT and METROPOLITAN PLAYOFFS

Country Districts (within the Women's DGA boundaries for the Women's event and within the Men's DGA Boundaries for the Men's and Mixed Events)

Each of the Country Districts will conduct a play-off (venue and date to be determined by the District). District play-offs will be managed by the District, and must be held by the following dates:

Mixed: 31 July, 2015

Men's: 31 August, 2015

Women's: 24 October, 2015

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.

Where a qualifying pair withdraws from a District play-off, the withdrawing pair must notify the DGA Secretary & also Golf NSW of their withdrawal. 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.

The District play-off draws will need to be released to participants two weeks prior to each play-off.

Note for Women's Event: The six (6) Districts with the largest number of players in Stage 1 will have two (2) qualifying pairs, making a total of twenty (20) pairs from Country DGA's.

Districts are responsible for advising Golf NSW of their State Final qualifying pair (and reserves) – this must be done via our website at www.golfnsw.org. Golf NSW will email the District qualifying pair to the State Final with documentation for the State Final.

Metropolitan

Metropolitan Zone play-offs will be conducted at Glenmore Heritage Valley GC as follows:

Mixed: 3 July, 2015

Men's: 7 August, 2015

Women's: 9 October, 2015

Mixed, Men's & Women's: Twenty (20) pairs in total will qualify from the Metropolitan play offs.

Golf NSW is responsible for managing the Metropolitan play-offs. The draw will be released two weeks prior to the play-off date. Results will be available on www.golfnsw.org.

STAGE 3 – STATE FINAL

1. The State Finals will be held at Bonville Golf Resort, NSW as follows:
Mixed: 8-11 September, 2015 Men's: 6-9 October, 2015 Women's: 24-27 November, 2015
2. Qualifiers will be required to arrive and register on the day prior to the event commencing.
3. The Final will be conducted over two (2) rounds of 18-holes Fourball Par 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 Championship taking precedence.
4. 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.
5. The cost of accommodation for the 3 nights as well as the cost of the welcome barbecue on the first night and the presentation dinner on the final night and breakfasts on all three mornings will be covered by Golf NSW.

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