



## CHANGES TO CONDITIONS OF GOLF NSW EVENTS FOR 2015

There have been a few changes to Golf NSW events for 2015, many of which follow as a direct consequence of the new handicapping system. Other changes have been made to events in an attempt to increase participation and also clarity of Conditions.

### Women's Events

Women's NSW Medals: Clubs have determined what grades are suitable for their golfers and have tended to break up their fields into divisions, with the aim of achieving similar numbers in each division. The handicap distributions at clubs are quite varied and Golf NSW Medal Divisions do not provide an even break up of players at some clubs. It has been determined that:

- Clubs may determine their own Divisions, for the purpose of determining Medal winners at Club level;
- The Club Medal winners will then represent their Club at a District or Metropolitan Zone Final, at which the following Divisions will be used:  
(Div 1 (to 20.0), Div 2 (20.1 – 29.0), Div 3 (29.1 +)
- A Club may have more than one representative in a particular division at the District or Metropolitan Final
- Div 1,2 and 3 will all play their finals on the same day
- The winners of each Division of each Country Final and the first 3 placegetters at each of the three Metropolitan Finals will be eligible to compete in the State Final at the year end.

Women's Fourball: A \$5 per player entry fee will be reintroduced, with those entering and providing their contact details going into the draw to win a new Mazda vehicle.

Women's Club Champion of Champions: This event will be run in conjunction with the Manly Champion of Champions event, however, it will be moved to March 2016, for the 2015 Club Champions.

### Men's Events

Interclub Competitions: Eric Apperly Shield will become the elite player competition, however, the age criteria will be amended such that it be only for those under 21 years of age. Junior Pennant had trialled being an event that was part scratch and part handicap, but this has not been successful. This is now to be a completely handicapped event, for under 18 year old boys and girls. Players may play in both events, as the timing for Apperly remains mid-year and Junior Pennant will revert back to its past timeslot of October / November.

The handicap divisions for Warren & Gibson Trophy events will be amended as follows: Warren Trophy (GA 10.0 +), Gibson Trophy (GA 16.0 +). Pace of Play has become a real issue with these events and will be monitored closely in 2015.

Men's and Mixed Fourball: A \$5 per player entry fee will be introduced, with those entering and providing their contact details going into the draw to win a new Mazda vehicle. The event will be a Fourball Par, rather than stableford, in an effort to reduce the impact of some higher handicapped players who have dominated the event in recent years.