

# 2015 MEN'S NSW COUNTRY 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 stroke play over 36- holes at Wollongong Golf Club over two days. Day 1 – 18 holes shotgun start p.m., Day 2 – 18 holes shotgun start a.m. (seeded draw). Players are required to play both days.
- 1.2 The winner will be the NSW Country Champion and will receive the Championship Medal, and have his name engraved on the Championship Trophy.
- 1.3 The 2015 Men's NSW Country Inter-District Championship Teams Event will be played concurrently with the 2015 Men's NSW Country Championship. Teams consisting of six male amateur players may be nominated and may be seniors or juniors. All players participating in the Teams Championship must be eligible to participate in the 2015 Men's NSW Country Championship. For each round of the Championship, the BEST FOUR scratch scores from each team member shall count towards the team score. The team with the lowest score from both rounds of the Championship will be the Teams Champions.
- 1.4 TIES: In the event of a tie for the Country Championship, a sudden death play-off will determine the winner, unless the Championship Committee determine there is insufficient time available . All other ties will be determined using the Golf Australia countback system.
- 1.5 Scratch and nett trophies will be awarded, with a limit of one trophy per person (awarded in order of value).

## 2. Championship Play Committee

- 2.1 The Championship Play Committee will comprise the Chair of the Golf NSW Match & Rules Committee, Golf NSW General Manager - Golf, and Golf NSW Director of Rules, 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 male amateurs who:
  - (a) hold a current Australian, or overseas equivalent handicap that does not exceed the GA handicap limit of 9.4 at the time of entry; and
  - (b) are Members of a Country Golf Club affiliated with Golf NSW; and
  - (c) are a bona fide ACT or NSW resident outside the Sydney Metropolitan Area (defined as the County of Cumberland) (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 provided he is also a member of a District Team competing in the Inter-District Teams competition.
- 4.2 **Age:** there are no age restrictions in this event.
- 4.3 **Entry Fee:** the entry fee applicable for this event is \$100 (including GST), which includes a two course dinner
- 4.4 **Ballot:** In the event of entry applications exceeding the number of places available in the Championship (120), applications from those higher handicap competitors not exempt from a handicap ballot as detailed in Condition 4.6 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 **Membership/Handicap Suspension:** Any player who has her golf playing membership or handicap at the date of the Contest suspended by Golf Australia, Golf NSW, any Club who is a member of Golf NSW / Golf Australia, or a District Golf Association, is not eligible to participate
- 4.6 **Exemptions:** Players who are entered in a District Team are exempt from a handicap ballot, if required.

## 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.

**Wollongong Golf Club:** Practice rounds can be arranged with Wollongong GC - 4222 3111.

## 7. Registration

Competitors are encouraged to register 30 mins before their starting time on each day of play.

## 8. Pace of Play

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

## 9. Prizes

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

- (i) NSW Country Championship (scratch) – 1<sup>st</sup> place
- (ii) NSW Country Championship (scratch) – 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- (iii) NSW Country Championship (scratch) – 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- (iv) 36 Holes Nett Winner
- (v) 36 Holes Nett Runner Up
- (vi) 1<sup>st</sup> 18 Holes – Scratch Winner
- (vii) 2<sup>nd</sup> 18 Holes – Scratch Winner

## 10. Golf NSW Hard Card

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