



2016 NSW WOMEN'S, MEN'S and KENO MIXED FOURBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

RULES AND CONDITIONS

The 2016 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 relevant 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 pay a \$5 entry fee on registration at their Club qualifying event. Failure to do so will mean they are not eligible to go through to the District or Metropolitan Final.
3. Each pair will consist of two female players (Women's Fourball), two male players (Men's Fourball) or one female and one male player (Keno Mixed Fourball), 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 Final they may no longer participate at Club level.
4. During the Competition, 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**
Each nominating Club is entitled to have two (2) pairs progress to Stage 2.
However, Clubs' who have more than 21 pairs pay to play are entitled to have three (3) pairs progress to Stage 2.
 - Metropolitan Club Qualifying**
Each nominating Club is entitled to have one (1) pair progress to Stage 2.
However, Clubs' who have more than 21 pairs pay to play are entitled to have two (2) pairs progress to Stage 2.
 - Stage 2: District Final / Metropolitan Final**
 - 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 Finals / Metropolitan Final - 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. At the District, Metropolitan & State Finals, each player will play off their 'cap point handicap'; ie. The lowest handicap for the previous 12 months. 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

Country Club & Metropolitan Club Nominations

The competition will commence when a Club wishing to participate provides a nomination date via our website at www.golfnsw.org. The nominated qualifying event is to be played after 1 January and at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of each District or Metropolitan Final noted in the Key Dates document, which will also be posted on the Golf NSW website at www.golfnsw.org.

Club nominations are a part of the competition process and **must** be provided in order for the Club to be eligible to participate in the next qualifying stage.

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

Clubs' must advise Golf NSW of their qualifying pair(s) and reserves immediately after the event and prior to the District or Metropolitan Final dates noted in the Key Dates document. Payment of entry fees must also be made at this time. To not do so will jeopardise the qualifiers' participation in the Country District or Metropolitan Final. This must be done via our website at www.golfnsw.org.

Golf NSW will email qualifiers from Stage 1 with details of their District / Metropolitan Final venue and date.

STAGE 2 – COUNTRY DISTRICT and METROPOLITAN FINALS

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 District Final (venue and date to be determined by the District).

District Finals will be managed by the District, and must be held at least two (2) weeks prior to the following dates:

Mixed: 31 July, 2016

Men's: 29 August, 2016

Women's: 21 October, 2016

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

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.

The District Final draws will need to be released to participants two weeks prior to each Final.

Where a qualifying pair withdraws from a District Final, the withdrawing pair must notify their DGA Secretary & also Golf NSW. Golf NSW will be responsible for contacting the next placed pair from the same Country DGA Club to participate in the District Final and advise the DGA Secretary of same.

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 Finals will be conducted at Glenmore Heritage Valley GC as follows:

Mixed: 1 July, 2016

Men's: 5 August, 2016

Women's: 7 October, 2016

Mixed, Men's & Women's: Ten (10) pairs in total will qualify from the relevant Metropolitan Final.

Golf NSW is responsible for managing the Metropolitan Finals. The draw will be released to Clubs' and qualifying pairs two weeks prior to the playoff date. Results will be available on www.golfnsw.org.

Where a qualifying pair withdraws from a Metropolitan Final, the withdrawing pair must notify Golf NSW. Golf NSW will be responsible for contacting the next placed pair from the same Metropolitan Club to participate in the Metropolitan Final.

STAGE 3 – STATE FINAL

1. The State Finals will be held at Bonville Golf Resort as follows:
Mixed: 6-9 September, 2016 **Men's:** 4-7 October, 2016 **Women's:** 22-25 November, 2016
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 and 2nd place getters in the event. Trophies will also be awarded to the 18 hole winners 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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