

2017 MENS SENIOR CLUB TEAMS CHALLENGE

ENTRY FORM



Golf Queensland

APRIL - AUGUST

Team Match Play format

Teams of 8 players

Scratch Single matches / Handicap Fourball Matches

All players must be 55 Years and over

(2 must be 60 Years and Over)

Home and Away matches

****All Queensland Golf Clubs are invited to enter****

Entries Close on Friday 17th March, 2017 at 5pm.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

1. THE EVENT:

- 1.1 The event will be a round robin event between teams nominated by each of the participating golf clubs. Format of play will be 18 hole match-play home and away for 'group' matches.
- 1.2 Teams will be made up of eight (8) players 55 years of age, or older on the day of competition, who hold an Australian Men's handicap. Additionally a minimum of two members must be over 60 years of age.
- 1.3 The event will be played mid-week, unless otherwise approved by Championship Committee, by teams representing golf facilities with 9 holes or more within the State of Queensland.
- 1.4 Each team will play one home and one away contest against each other team. Flights will be introduced and determined by the GQ Match Committee.
- 1.5 Four (4) of the matches will be individual scratch match-play, two (2) matches will be handicap fourball match-play. Each match will be held over 18 holes.
- 1.6 A GA handicap maximum of 18 will apply and all handicap matches will be played using $\frac{3}{4}$ of the difference.
- 1.7 The Captain/Manager of each team shall prepare a list of the players in numerical playing order. This list is to be submitted to the host club's match committee, no later than ten (10) minutes before the scheduled starting time. (Players 1-4 will be the scratch participants, players 5-8 the handicap fourball participants.)
- 1.8 For flight rounds, points will be allocated based on the aggregate of matches on one day (2 – win, 1-draw, 0-loss).
- 1.9 The winning team will be the one with the highest aggregate points at the conclusion of the home and away series.
- 1.10 For players to be eligible for the finals, they must have competed in a **minimum of 2** of the round robin fixtures
- 1.11 All fixtures shall be played on the dates and at the times allocated with the draw, unless altered with the approval of the GQ Match Committee.
- 1.12 In the event of a match being cancelled, it may be rescheduled to a date and time agreed to by both clubs, preferably in the same week, but must be prior to the last day of the normal "home and away" season. This date must be confirmed with Golf Queensland. In the event the match cannot be rescheduled, a draw will be awarded.

1.13 **Finals**

The winning team from each group will then compete in home and away knockout matches until two teams play-off in the State Final. In the case where there is an odd number of groups, the team that wins the most number of matches will automatically qualify for the next round. In the case that there is a tie the count-back as listed in 1.15 will be used to determine the winner of each division and the same count-back system will be used to establish the order of the teams from 1 to 3.

Additionally (using the 1.15 count-back system) the team with the next best record in all divisions will qualify for the finals in the #4 position and will play the # 1 team as determined in 1.13 in one semi-final and the #2 & #3 teams will play in the other semi-final.

- 1.14 Clubs with two courses may nominate two teams.
- 1.15 Where a count-back is necessary to determine a winner, the criteria will be:
 1. Total individual games for - against percentage
 2. Removing any squared matches, then for - against percentage
 3. Aggregate holes won and lost with a forfeit equivalent to a 3 hole loss.

Please note- Point(s) 1.13 and 1.15 will be confirmed once entries have closed and the total number of clubs/teams for the 2017 event has been confirmed.

2. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE:

- 2.1 A Championship Committee appointed by Golf Queensland shall have sole management and control of the event. The Championship Committee reserves the right to (a) vary any condition should they deem it advisable, (d) reject any entry without assigning any reason therefore. The decisions of the Championship Committee will be final in all matters and in the absence of a full committee, such members as may be present at the time may give a decision, and any such decision shall be deemed to be a decision of the full Championship Committee.
- 2.2 GQ will nominate the Match Committee for the day, which will be the Host Club Match Committee plus a representative from the visiting club.
- 2.3 All players, caddies and club officials must agree to abide by the Conditions of Play for this event, the Code of Conduct documents of Golf Queensland and all decisions of the GQ Match Committee
- 2.4 For matters of dispute the GQ Match Committee decision shall be final.

3. ENTRIES:

- 3.1 The 2017 Queensland Senior Club Team Challenge is open to all affiliated Queensland Golf Clubs.
- 3.2 Entries must be received by Golf Queensland, GPO Box 1518, BRISBANE QLD 4001 by 5pm on the Friday 17th March. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Committee. Inquiries can be made through the GQ office on (07) 3252 8155.
- 3.3 The prescribed Nomination Fee of \$55.00 per team (incl. GST) **must** accompany the nomination form at the time of nomination. Faxed entries will only be accepted if payment is made by credit card - telephone entries will not be accepted.
- 3.4 Do not send cash in the mail - GQ will not accept responsibility for cash sent that is not received.
- 3.5 Nominations are accepted at face value, on the basis that information contained therein is correct, and up to date. Should this subsequently be proven not to be the case, GQ reserves the right to deem any competitor ineligible – at any time prior to or during the Championship.
- 3.6 Once the draw is completed there will be no refund of entry fees for teams who withdraw from the event.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Teams will be made up of eight (8) male amateur players 55 years of age or older on the day of competition, who hold an Australian Men's handicap. Additionally a minimum of two members must be over 60 years of age.
 - 4.2 Players competing must be a member of the club they represent. Individual clubs determine which membership categories are eligible for selection in this event.
 - 4.3 Players, who are country, interstate or absentee members are not eligible.
 - 4.4 Players may represent **only one** GQ affiliated club in any one calendar year when competing in the competition.
5. **PUBLICITY:** GQ arranges publicity before, during and/or after this Championship. It is a condition of entry that all players assent to references to them, and pictures of them in practice and play being published via any medium (including the internet).
 6. **PRIVACY:** GQ may retain the personal details (i.e. name, address, handicap) of entrants in this Championship on its records. The purpose of doing so is such that information on other future events conducted by GQ (or other parties) can be forwarded as deemed appropriate by GQ. This information will not be available to any other organisation. Any person may have their details removed from this database by phoning GQ on 3252 8155.
 7. **DRESS REGULATIONS:** Players and Caddies must comply with the dress regulations of the host golf club.
 8. **PRACTICE:** Practice will be on the terms and conditions as determined by each host club.
 9. **RULES:** The Rules of Golf as adopted by the R&A Rules Limited will apply together with such Local Rules at each host club.
 10. **ADVICE:** The team captain is permitted to give advice during play of each match.
 11. **COURSE MARKERS:** During practice or during the Championship a player shall not place on the course, or cause to be placed on the course, any artificial marker or other device designed to indicate course measurements. A player in breach of this condition shall be disqualified.
 12. **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** In all rounds of this competition, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (eg. Gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.
 13. **DRAW:** Following the close of entries a "draft" draw will be issued by GQ to each club. Each host club will then be asked to provide a day and time for the match within the week allocated for the match. Upon receipt of these dates and time the GQ will publish the final draw on its website www.golfqueensland.org.au as well as email each of the nominated club contacts. A draw for each round of the season will be published by early April. It is anticipated that the first round matches will be held in the last week of April.
 14. **STARTING TIMES:** Players shall start at the time and in the order arranged by the Committee. Rule 6-3a provides "The player shall start at the time laid down by the Committee." The penalty for breach of Rule 6-3a is disqualification. However it is a condition of this Championship that, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, if the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes of his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of hole, instead of disqualification.
 15. **CADDIES:** Caddies are permitted during this event.
 16. **BALL:** It will be obligatory for all competitors in the Championship to play with a ball which is named in the current R&A and/or USGA Approved Lists. Copies of these lists are available from www.randa.org. Penalty: Disqualification.
 17. **USE OF MOTORISED VEHICLES:** The use of motorised carts is permitted in this event and may be deemed compulsory by the host club.
 18. **MOBILE PHONES:** The use of mobile phones by players and/or caddies during the play for other than medical emergencies is prohibited. Serious breaches of etiquette may result in disqualification.
 19. **RESULTS:** On the completion the match, the host club is to communicate the agreed result to the GQ office by fax 3257 1520.
 20. **CODE OF CONDUCT:** All entrants are bound by Golf Australia's Code of Conduct ("the Code"). A copy of the Code is available at www.golfaustralia.org.au. Any breach of the Code may be recorded on the Central Register of the Code ("the Register"). The Register may be accessed (and published from time to time) by any State Association or Golf Australia for the purposes of administering Competitions or state championships, events, competitions, practice sessions or major activities conducted or sanctioned by a State Association, or any State Association or Golf Australia codes of conduct and/or other related matters.
 21. **PROTESTS:** Protests must be lodged in writing with the Match Committee no later than 5 minutes after the conclusion of the player's round on each day. For matters of dispute the GQ Match Committee decision shall be final.
 22. **TROPHIES:** A trophy will be awarded to the winning club in the State.

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COMMENCING APRIL 2017

NOMINATION FORM

(NOMINATION FEE OF \$55.00 (INCL. GST) MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM)

Club Name: _____

(BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE)

Address: _____ Post Code: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Club's Email: _____

Name of Club Official: _____ Signature of Club Official: _____

Club Contact/ Team Captain: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Mobile number: _____

Contact Email: _____

Please note: Every effort will be made to meet the specific request of each club, however clubs may have to be grouped to create a balanced draw.

- NOTE:-**
- (a) Nominations close with Golf Queensland on **Friday 17th March, 2017.**
 - (b) Nominations must be accompanied by the entry fee of **\$55.00.**
 - (c) Club Teams consist of 8 players (with no restriction on the number of players who may participate during the season) over 55 years with a minimum of 2 players over 60 years of age.

By entering this event the Club agrees to the following obligations:

- To have available for play 18 holes of golf. (course set-up: the course to be used should be from the member competition tees of the day.)
- To make available tee times for four groups at no charge (ie 16 players), cards, copies of local rules and a copy of the club match-play index. (NB. other items i.e. carts, practice rounds, drinks, meals, etc. are the responsibility of the individual player)
- To provide match committee point of reference for the day.
- On the completion of the match, communicate the agreed result to the GQ.

Send completed nomination forms for the 2017 Queensland Senior Club Teams Challenge to Golf Queensland, GPO Box 1518 BRISBANE QLD 4001.