



Golf Queensland

Conditions of Competition

2017 QUEENSLAND WOMEN'S COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

The Championship is open to all female amateur golfers with a Golf Australia Handicap who are members of a Club affiliated with a Queensland Country District and Golf Queensland. Members of clubs affiliated with the B&DLGA are not eligible.

15 – 17 MAY, 2017



Incorporating

Foursome Championship
Country Championship Round 1 & 2
Country Championship Function

Entries Close

*Wednesday 26 April 2017 at 5:00pm OR once entries have reached the tournament capacity of 352 players, **whichever comes first.***

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

15 – 17 MAY 2017

MONDAY 15TH MAY 2017

EVENT 1 - COUNTRY FOURSOMES – 18 HOLES

THE FIELD WILL BE DIVIDED EQUALLY INTO 2 DIVISIONS BASED ON GA HANDICAPS AS AT 9AM MONDAY 8TH MAY

Division 1 – Rockhampton GC

Division 2 – Yeppoon GC

TUESDAY 16TH MAY 2017

EVENT 2 - COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP (ROUND 1)

THE FIELD WILL BE DIVIDED EQUALLY INTO 4 DIVISIONS BASED ON GA HANDICAPS AS AT 9AM MONDAY 8TH MAY

Stroke	Division 1	Yeppoon GC
Stroke	Division 2	Yeppoon GC
Stableford	Division 3	Rockhampton GC
Stableford	Division 4	Rockhampton GC

WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY 2017

EVENT 2 - COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP (ROUND 2)

Stroke	Division 1	Rockhampton GC
Stroke	Division 2	Rockhampton GC
Stableford	Division 3	Yeppoon GC
Stableford	Division 4	Yeppoon GC

EVENT 3 - COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTATION NIGHT – ROCKHAMPTON LEAGUES CLUB

The Country Championship Presentation Night will be held on Wednesday evening beginning at 7pm at the Rockhampton Leagues Club. Official formalities & presentation of trophies will begin from 8pm. Please indicate on the entry form your attendance at the Presentation Night and the number of guests (if any) accompanying you. Cost covers dinner (2 Courses) and entertainment and must be paid at time of nomination.

NOTE TO PLAYERS

- 1) **MOTORISED CART HIRE** – All motorised cart hire will be administered by Golf Queensland. No bookings will be taken by the host clubs. **Players with medical certificates will need to scan or fax their certificate to Golf Queensland. Those with medical certificates will be given priority.** If you require a motorised cart please complete the motorised cart section of the entry. Please contact each golf club should you be a visitor whom wishes to bring your personal motorised cart onto the course.
- 2) **PULL CART HIRE** – Local players are encouraged to bring their own pull carts. For **pull cart** bookings please ring Rockhampton Pro Shop on (07) 4922 4098 and/or Yeppoon Pro Shop on (07) 4939 3664.
- 3) **DRAW** – The draw will be available on the Golf Queensland website from May 10, 2017. It is the player's responsibility to check the website for the draw. Draws are no longer mailed to players.
- 4) **HANDICAPS** – Players will play on their Golf Australia handicap as of Monday 15th May 2017 for the entirety of the championship. Golf Queensland will take note of each player's handicap through Golfink on 8th May 2017 at 9am to determine playing divisions for draw purposes. Please note that whilst players' GA Handicaps may change between the 8th and 15th May, each player will remain in the division they were placed on the 8th May. Players' Daily Handicaps may fall outside the divisional parameters and will be used to determine Nett prizes.
- 5) **TRAVEL** – If you are travelling with others please notify in the text box provided in the online entry and Golf Queensland will endeavour to accommodate the requests of all players.
- 6) **CHAMPIONSHIP SHIRT** – This year competitors have the option of purchasing a 2017 Official Women's Country Championship Commemorative Shirt. Please make your selection by using the drop down box in the registration area. The shirt is again supplied by Fayde with sizing and styles available via their website - <https://faydegolf.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/sizing.jpg>

**2017 QUEENSLAND WOMEN'S COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP
CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION**

1. **THE CHAMPIONSHIP:** The Country Foursome Championship will be played over 18 holes stroke play on Monday 15 May. The Queensland Women's Country Championship (Divisions 1 & 2 will be 36 holes strokeplay, Divisions 3 & 4 36 holes stableford) - 18 holes each Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th May played on alternate courses at Rockhampton Golf Club and Yeppoon Golf Club.
2. **CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE:** A Championship Committee, appointed by Golf Queensland, shall have sole management and control of the event. The Championship Committee reserves the right to: (a) fix and/or alter starting times, (b) in the event of bad weather, or for any other reason, either shorten the contest or fix another date/venue, (c) 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.
3. **ENTRIES:**
 - 3.1 The Championship is open to all female amateur golfers with a Golf Australia Handicap who are members of a Club affiliated with a Queensland Country District and Golf Queensland. Members of clubs affiliated with the B&DLGA are not eligible.
 - 3.2 Entries close on Wednesday 26th April 2017 at 5:00pm OR once entries have reached capacity – Whichever comes first. The tournament capacity is 360 players for the Foursomes Championship and 352 for the Country Championship. Players can check the Golf Queensland website for a list of entries received.
 - 3.3 Entry is by online registration only.
 - 3.4 The entry fee must be paid at time of nomination. One entry is required per team for the Foursomes. Telephone entries will not be accepted.
 - 3.5 Do not send cash in the mail – Golf Queensland will not accept responsibility for cash sent that is not received.
 - 3.6 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, Golf Queensland reserves the right to deem any competitor ineligible – at any time prior to or during the Championship.
 - 3.7 Once the draw is published there will be no refund of entry fees to players who withdraw from the event. Players who withdraw prior to the draw being published will be refunded their entry fee, less an administration fee of \$11.00.
4. **PUBLICITY:** Golf Queensland 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).
5. **PRIVACY:** Golf Queensland 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 Golf Queensland (or other parties) can be forwarded as deemed appropriate by Golf Queensland. This information will not be available to any other organisation. Any person may have their details removed from this database by phoning Golf Queensland on 3252 8155
6. **DRESS REGULATIONS:** It is a requirement of this tournament that all players must comply with the dress regulations of the host club.
7. **PRACTICE:** The provision of practice rounds will be by arrangement with the host club, under whatever terms and conditions they determine. A practice round can be arranged at either course for a reduced rate.
8. **HANDICAP:** Players will use their Golf Australia handicap as of Monday 15th May 2017 for the entirety of the championship. Golf Queensland will take note of each player's Golf Australia handicap through Golfink on 8th May 2017 at 9am to determine playing divisions for draw purposes.
9. **RULES:** The Rules of Golf as adopted by the R&A Rules Limited will apply together with such Local Rules as are approved by the Championship Committee.
10. **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.
11. **DRAWS AND STARTING TIMES:** A draw for each day's play will be published. Players shall start at the time and in the order arranged by the Championship 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 her starting point, ready to play, within five minutes of her starting time, the penalty for failing to start on time is two strokes at the first hole, instead of disqualification.
12. **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.

13. **USE OF MOTORISED VEHICLES:** Please read **Motorised Cart Hire Information on Page 2**. Motorised transport is permitted although the number of motorised buggies is strictly limited. Please note which days you will require a motorised cart in the text box. **Those players with a medical certificate must note such in the same text box, and supply the certificate prior to close of entries.** Bookings and allocations will be administered by Golf Queensland.
14. **MOBILE PHONES:** The use of mobile phones by players and/or caddies during the play of any competition round is prohibited. Serious breaches of etiquette may result in disqualification.
15. **DRUG TESTING:** All competitors are subject to drug testing by the Australian Sports Drug Agency for banned substances as laid down in Golf Australia's Doping Policy - endorsed by Golf Queensland. Any competitor infringing this condition, or refusing to take a test may be disqualified.
16. **TIES:** In the event of a tie or ties for the Division 1 Country Championship and the Queensland Gross Foursomes Championship (Division 1), unless the Championship Committee otherwise determines, play shall continue over such holes as the Championship Committee shall decide, players being eliminated hole by hole as they fail to maintain equality with other or others until the winner is determined. All other trophies will be decided by the Australian Countback System.
17. **PROTESTS:** Protests must be lodged in writing with the Championship Committee no later than 5 minutes after the conclusion of the player's round on each day.
18. **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.golf.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.
19. **TROPHIES:** Trophies will be awarded for the following events:- Foursomes (2 Divisions) – 18 hole Gross and Gross Runners Up, 18 hole Nett and Nett Runners Up in 2 Divisions. Country Championships (In divisions) – Gross/Nett Winners and Runners Up and those other categories that the committee may determine. **NOTE:** Each competitor will be eligible to win ONE trophy only in each event.

For all Championship information, draws and results visit

www.golfqueensland.org.au