

CONDITIONS OF NOMINATION

1. **THE FNQ GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP:** The Championship will be played over 36 holes of stroke play - 18 holes on each of Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd July 2017.
2. **CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE:** A Championship Committee, appointed by FNQ Golf Association, 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 day/venue, (c) vary any condition should they deem it advisable, (d) reject any entry without assigning any reason therefore. The decision 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 decision so given shall be deemed to be a decision of the full Championship Committee. Any matter not mentioned is at the discretion of the Championship Committee.
3. **ENTRIES:**
 - 3.1 The Open Championships are for: Male Amateur Golfers with an Australian Handicap; are a financial member of a Golf Club affiliated through their District Association with the relevant State body and Golf Australia or Bona fide amateur golfers from other countries.
 - 3.2 The FNQ Championship grades and sections are Handicap limit: "Open" Grade 0 – 10.4, "B" Grade 10.5 – 17.4, "C" Grade 17.5 – 36.4 (G.A. HANDICAP) Mid-Amateur between the age of 30 years as of the 1st July 2017 and 54 years old as of the 1st July 2017. Player's nominating for Champion of Champions must be the current Club Champion at your Club for their respective division. (The most current Club Champion since the 2016 FNQ Champion of Champions Event.)
If your last Club Championships were held after the 2016 FNQ Champion of Champions, then only A Grade, Seniors and Juniors only are able to participate in this event unless the B or C Grade winners are still within the handicap limits for that grade. (Junior player must still be under the age of 18 years old.)
If your respective Club Champion (Gross winner) in each grade is unavailable no substitutions are allowed.
The scoring for this event will be Gross Stroke Play.
 - 3.3 The field may be limited.
 - 3.4 The field capacity is 172 players. Entries close at 3 pm on Thursday 29th June 2017 OR once entries have reached capacity – Whichever comes first.
 - 3.5 Entries will be processed via online registration only with the prescribed nomination fee (\$60) to be paid at the same time as registration. There is no hard copy entry form. Telephone entries will not be accepted.
 - 3.6 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Committee. All entries will be displayed on our website <http://www.fnggolf.com.au> as they are received.
 - 3.7 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, FNQ Golf Association reserves the right to deem any competitor ineligible – at any time prior to or during the Championship.
 - 3.8 There will be no refund of entry fees for players who withdraw from the event after the 23rd June 2017. Players who withdraw prior to this date will be refunded their entry fee, less an administration fee of \$11.00.
 - 3.9 The FNQ Club Team Challenge will comprise of 3 players from the same Club whose combined scores over the two days (Nett) will count towards the FNQ Clubs Team Challenge Winners for 2017. There is no limit the number of teams that players from each Club may form. A player may nominate in no more than one team per Club and must be a full member of that Club. Teams must be nominated prior to the commencement of play.
4. **PUBLICITY:** FNQ Golf Association and 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, play and presentations being published via any medium (including the internet).
5. **PRIVACY:** FNQ Golf Association and 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 FNQ Golf Association and/or Golf Queensland (or other parties) can be forwarded as deemed appropriate by FNQ Golf Association and/or Golf Queensland. This information will not be available to any other organisation. Any person may have their details removed from this database by emailing FNQ Golf Association at info@fnggolf.com.au or Golf Queensland info@golfqueensland.org.au
6. **DRESS REGULATIONS:** It is a requirement of this tournament that all players must comply with the dress standards of the club hosting the event. Players not conforming to the dress requirements of the course on which they are playing will not be permitted to take their place in the field.
7. **PRACTICE:** Practice rounds will be at the discretion of the Mossman Golf Club, under whatever terms and conditions they determine.
8. **RULES:** The Rules of Golf as adopted by the R&A Rules Limited will apply together with the Local Rules as are approved by the Championship Committee.
9. **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.
10. **DRAW 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 his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes of his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole in stroke play instead of disqualification. All players must notify the starter of their presence at the course at least (30) thirty minutes before their scheduled tee times.
11. **BALL:** It will be obligatory for all competitors in the Championship to play with a ball which is named in the current R&A Approved List. Copies of these lists are available from www.randa.org Penalty: Disqualification.
12. **USE OF MOTORISED VEHICLES:** All players in the Championship are able to ride in carts (subject to availability).

13. **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. (Officials excluded)
14. **PACE OF PLAY:** Rule 6-7 will be strictly enforced.
15. All bare patches/wheel tracks on the course are "play as the ball lies" UNLESS clearly marked as GUR. GUR areas are marked in white lines and blue stakes; all other areas on the course are to be played as it lies. If in doubt, play the ball in play, also a provisional ball and seek a ruling prior to submitting your card at the completion of your round.
16. **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** In this competition, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.
17. **Major Trophies** will be restricted at the discretion of the Championship Committee.
18. **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 the FNQ Golf Association. Any competitor infringing this condition, or refusing to take a test, may be disqualified.
19. **TIES:** In the event of a tie for gross events, play shall continue hole by hole, until one player gains at least a one stroke advantage. The sudden death play-off will be decided over such holes as determined by the Championship Committee. Should this not be possible, the Match Committee will advise the outcome. The breaking of ties for all other events/trophies will be determined by use of the Australian Count-back System.
20. **CODE OF CONDUCT:** All entrants are bound by the FNQGA Code of Conduct ("the Code"). A copy of the Code is available at www.fnggolf.com.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 District or 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 District or State Association, or any District or State Association or Golf Australia codes of conduct and/or other related matters
21. **PROTESTS:** Protests must be lodged in writing with the Championship Committee no later than 15 minutes after the conclusion of a players round on the day the protest relates to.
22. **PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES:** Trophies will be presented at the conclusion of the Championship, and will be awarded at the determination of the Championship Committee.
23. These **CONDITIONS OF NOMINATION** are to be read in conjunction with the Local Rules that will be issued on the first day of the Championships.
24. **E and O E.**
25. **Isuzu Queensland Open Exemption:** The winner of the Far North Queensland Men's Open (Gross) will receive an exemption into the main field of the 2017 Isuzu Queensland Open. The winner will be required to enter into the 2017 Isuzu Queensland Open and must meet the requirements of the Isuzu Queensland Open Amateur Entry Form (i.e. Handicap limit etc.). The winner will be responsible for all cost associated with playing in the Isuzu Queensland Open including the entry fee. If the winner does not wish to play in the Isuzu Queensland Open the exemption cannot be transferred to another player. If the winner already has or earns another type of exemption into the Isuzu Queensland Open this exemption cannot be transferred to another player.

FNQ Golf Championships (A, B and C Grade) Grade will be subject to Handicap as of 6.00 am 1st July 2017)
FNQ Golf Championships – Seniors Division (Must be 55 years of age as of the 1st July 2017)
FNQ Golf Championships – Junior Division (Must be 17 years of age or under as of the 1st July 2017)
FNQ Golf Championships – Mid- Amateur Division (Must be between the ages of 35 and 54 as of the 1st July 2017)
FNQ Golf Champion of Champions Entrant (Will be confirmed with Home Club)

Requests for Saturday and Sunday Tee Times (subject to availability at the time nomination is received)

Please indicate early or later tee allocation (Specific times are not guaranteed)

EARLY field can be from 7.00 am to 10.30 am. **LATER field** can be from 10.31 am to 12.24 pm. (Single Tee)

Saturday EARLY Saturday LATER Sunday EARLY Sunday LATER

Top 4 players plus ties in each Grade (A, B & C only) **will be** seeded in the **LATER field** on Sunday only.

Championship Entry Fee includes: 2 rounds of golf, and entry to various divisions and grades subject to conditions (see above).

Draw will be published on the FNQ Golf website www.fnggolf.com.au and Facebook.