**The Countess of Dudley Cup Tournament**

**Wednesday 30 March – Sunday 3 April 2016 \***

**NOMINATION FORM – 8 goal & Open Grade**

**& RULES for OPEN GRADE ONLY**

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_     Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Team Details

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| **Player’s Name** | **Handicap** |
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| **TOTAL** |  |

**Nomination Fee**:

Open: $2250.00 per team

8 goal: $1800 per team

Nomination only valid on receipt of payment.

**Payment options** to NSW Polo Association:

* Cheques post to PO Box 957, Bondi Junction NSW 1355
* EFT to NSW Polo Association BSB 032249 Account 149990
* Credit card over the phone: 0409 764 607.

**Tournament Rules**: please read the rules for the Open Grade on the following pages.

**Please note for 8 GOAL: The tournament will be limited to 8 teams and entry will be granted to the first 8 entered and paid up.**

**\* DAYS OF PLAY: Tournaments will be played between Wednesday 30 March - Sunday 3 April. Days and Times to be decided by the Tournament Committee.**

**All Enquiries & Nominations to**: Sam Hopkinson, [samuelhop@hotmail.com](mailto:samuelhop@hotmail.com).

**Closing Date for Nominations & Fees: Strictly Friday 25 March, 9.00pm**

**COUNTESS OF DUDLEY CUP RULES**

(for 2016 Dudley Cup – Open Grade Only)

**Purpose of Tournament**: New South Wales Polo Association Club Championships

**Team Goal Limit**

In 2016 the Dudley Cup will be played as an open tournament on handicap.

**Structure**

To be played over 3 days.

If more than eight teams nominated tournament committee will determine elimination procedure.

**Player Goal Limit**

Nil

**Team & Player Eligibility**

1)            Club teams from registered Australian Polo Federation Polo Clubs:

1a)          A player must have played for the Club at least ***TWO*** tournaments during the previous twelve months

1b)         Clubs may nominate one marque player who may be registered interstate or overseas and a minimum of 5 goals handicap. This player must be registered with the Club on at least a 4 weekend membership and must have played at least one tournament with that club in the previous 12 months.

2)            Registered Club teams from other Australian States must qualify under their base State’s registration and handicapping rules and must also be approved by the NSWPA.

3)            All players must be registered members of the Australian Polo Federation, and showing online as financial.

**Exemptions**

Exemptions will only be given to a genuine club member who has not played enough games due to;

i)             injury

ii)            not having played polo in Australia (ie a genuine club member who has been overseas or who is having a short season).

iii)           being a new player to the game of polo

**Qualifying tournaments**

i)             A tournament must be listed on a State Polo Calendar or must be a tournament sanctioned by the NSWPA.

ii)            Each of the two tournaments must be played at different clubs, ie two weekends at one club only equals one tournament

iii)           NSWPA tournaments and tournaments held by Clubs, other than their annual

tournaments will count provided the team play as a genuine club team with the other three players being registered members of the Club.

iv)           If a team is entered in a tournament and that tournament is cancelled, it will count as a tournament.

**Draw**

Results from the Morton Cup will be considered in the draw seedings for The Countess of Dudley Cup. Any other decisions will be at the discretion of the NSWPA Tournaments Committee. All other rules will be in accordance with the Australian Rules of Polo.

**Ponies**

No restrictions on the number or ownership. Ponies played by a competing team will not be allowed to play for any other team during the tournament except with the permission of the Tournament Committee.

**Nomination**

Each team to pay $30 per chukka per player to NSWPA by Monday 28 March 2016.

**Spectator Entry**

Free entry for NSWPA Life, Kyeemagh & Annual members carrying current membership cards.

**Sponsorship**

Annual decision by the NSWPA

**Trophies**

*Countess of Dudley Cup Teams*

**Countess of Dudley Cup** Winners of Tournament

**L.T. Watson Memorial Trophy** Played between Losers of Semi-Finals

**Sir J.J. Garvan Cup** Played between first day losers

*Ponies*

**Lady de Chair Trophy** Champion Pony

**R.W. Farrell Trophy** Champion Novice Pony

(A novice pony is a pony playing its first season of tournament polo, excluding inter-club

tournaments. The season being 1st October to 30th September)

**Vychan Trophy**: Team of three ponies owned and played by a player rated two or less.

**Curtis Skene Trophy**: Most improved player (no limit on handicap of player) based on

performance during the period Dudley Cup to Dudley Cup. Player must play at current Dudley Cup Tournament.

**NOTE**

The definition of an Australian Player is that the player holds an Australian Passport or Australia has been their home for the last three years or more.

**Tournament Committee:** The committee reserve the right to amend the rules as necessary.