

**NSW POLO ASSOCIATION  
NOMINATION FORM & RULES**

**For**

**The Countess of Dudley Cup Tournament – 12 goal  
Alex Macleod Trophy Tournament – 8 goal  
Wednesday 5 – Sunday 9 April 2017**

***RULES only apply to The Dudley Cup 12 goal Grade***

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

**Team Details**

<u>Player's Name</u>	<u>Handicap</u>
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	

**Nomination Fee:**

Dudley Cup 12 goal: \$3360 per team (based on 4 games in a knock out format)

Alex Macleod 8 goal: \$2100 per team (based on 3 games)

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 Dudley Cup 12 goal Grade on the following pages.

**DAYS OF PLAY:** Tournaments will be played between Wednesday 5 - Sunday 9 April. Days and Times to be decided by the Tournament Committee.

**All Nominations to:** Suzie Ruse, [nsw@australianpolo.com.au](mailto:nsw@australianpolo.com.au)

**Closing Date for Nominations & Fees: Strictly Tuesday 21 March**

# COUNTESS OF DUDLEY CUP RULES

(for 2017 Dudley Cup – 12 Goal Grade Only)

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

## Team Goal Limit

In 2017 the Dudley Cup will be played as a 12 goal tournament on handicap.

## Structure

To be played over 3 days.

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

## Team & Player Eligibility

1. Teams must play as a currently registered APF club.
2. Teams must have qualified to play by 3 members of the team having played 2 APF carded tournaments for that club in the last 12 months (since the last Dudley Cup).
3. Each team is allowed 1 "Marquee" player of any handicap who does not have to have played the qualifying tournaments and can be a member of any club.
4. **Players must be rated 0 goals and above** to play in the Dudley Cup. Any players wanting to enter the Dudley who are on -1 or -2 must play of 0 goals.
5. Teams must enter under club name and play in registered club colours.
6. Team entries will only be accepted upon payment of entry fee to NSWPA and entries will close Tuesday 21 March.

## 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).

## 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

The draw 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.

**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.

**Alex Macleod Trophy:** For winner of the 8 goal grade.

**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.