



N.S.W POLO
ASSOCIATION

The Countess of Dudley Cup Tournament
26th – 30th March 2014

NOMINATION FORM & RULES - OPEN GRADE ONLY

Team Name: _____ Team Captain: _____

Team Details

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

Team Nomination Fee: \$2250 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 BSB 032249 Account 149990.
- Credit card over the phone: 02 9388 9593.

Tournament Rules: please read the rules on the following pages. The tournament will be limited to 8 teams and entry will be granted to the first 8 entered and paid up.

All Enquiries & Nominations to: Suzie Ruse, NSW Polo Association,
nsw@australianpolo.com.au, 02 9388 9593.

Closing Date for Nominations & Fees: Strictly Monday 3rd March 2014, 9.00pm.

COUNTESS OF DUDLEY CUP RULES

(for 2014 Dudley Cup)

Purpose of Tournament: New South Wales Polo Association Club Championships

Team Goal Limit

In 2014 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 marquee 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 \$2250 per team to NSWPA by Monday 3rd March 2014.

Spectator Entry

To be \$15 per person (children under 16 free). No charge for cars. Bus passengers pay \$10 per person. Free entry for NSWPA Life, Kyeemagh & Annual members carrying 2014 membership shields.

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.