

PORT MACQUARIE CROQUET CLUB

GUIDELINES FOR GOLF CROQUET CARNIVALS

RATIONALE

- to showcase Port Macquarie Croquet Club to visiting players
- to raise funds for the club
- to provide the opportunity for players from other clubs to take part in competition with players of similar ability
- to allow Port Macquarie members to participate in this competition where a suitable vacancy occurs.

ORGANISATION

- A tournament manager
- A tournament secretary
- The club committee will appoint a tournament committee to oversee the organisation of the tournament and the selection of the Port Macquarie players to take part in the tournament. This committee should consist of the Golf Captain, the Golf Vice-Captain and 2 other committee members with extensive tournament experience. The tournament manager and tournament secretary may be co-opted to join the committee at any meeting, if they are not already committee members. The tournament committee will report back to the club committee any recommendations or decisions.

PLAYERS

Players from other clubs will nominate for participation.

The first 32 players to nominate will be accepted, with the proviso that initially a maximum of 4 members per club will be placed in that 32. The other 4 players will be from the Port Macquarie club.

Other players who nominate later will be placed on a reserve list to fill vacancies where a player of similar handicap has withdrawn.

Where a withdrawal takes place so late that it is impracticable for a reserve to substitute, a Port Macquarie member of similar handicap may be chosen to do so.

SELECTION PROCESS

The carnival committee should select Port Macquarie players to take part in the tournament with the following criteria in mind:

- a suitable handicap for a place in the draw
- significant contribution to the club during the previous 12 months
- participation in MNCCC teams during the previous 12 months
- participation in club championships during the previous 12 months
- non-participation in the previous year's tournament.
- Where the above criteria are not enough for selection, preference should be given to players who have not played in a tournament before. Our tournament would provide an opportunity for a new player to gain his/her first tournament experience in familiar surroundings.

- all players who have applied to participate should be placed on a priority list, regardless of handicap.
- selections to take the place of late withdrawals will be taken from this list, in order of priority and in accordance with criterion 1.

EVENTS

The carnival is essentially a singles tournament, with a doubles series added on. A player may nominate for the singles and opt out of the doubles; a player cannot take part only in the doubles.

Any late vacancies in the doubles will be filled by local players.

All players will be listed in order of their handicap index.

If there are 32 visiting players, they will be divided into 4 doubles divisions. The top 8 players of handicap index will play in division 1, the next 8 in division 2 etc. A round robin series of 3 games will determine the winner of each division.

For the singles event, the players will be divided into 6 divisions. The top 6 on handicap will play in division 1, the next 6 in division 2 etc. A round robin series of 5 games will determine the winner and runner-up in each division.

If there are 36 visiting players, the first 32 will be placed in the singles and doubles draw; the other 4 will be placed in the singles draw only. A vacancy in the 32 will be filled by player 33 and the first reserve will become player 36.

The above guidelines were accepted by the committee in December 2012.