



N.S.W POLO
ASSOCIATION

COUNTESS OF DUDLEY CUP RULES (A Grade)

(for 2015 Dudley Cup)

Purpose of Tournament: New South Wales Polo Association Club Championships

Team Goal Limit

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 \$TBA per team to NSWPA by DATE TBA.

Spectator Entry

TBA

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.

COUNTESS OF DUDLEY CUP (B Grade)
MORTON CUP (B Grade)
HECTOR KING CUP

RULES

(for 2015)

- Level of 8 goals
- The combination of the two highest rated players cannot exceed the 8 goal limit.
- No qualification games necessary to enter a team.

Trophy - *Countess of Dudley Cup B Grade*
Alex Macleod Trophy Winners of B Grade

Hector King Trophies

Hector King Cup for the winner of 10 or more recently 8 Goal Championship.

King Family Trophy for the winner of the Subsidiary Final in the Hector King Cup or, in years of many teams entered, is used for a second division.

Curtis Skene Pony Prize for the best 2 ponies played by a player rated 3 goals or less.