



CROQUET AUSTRALIA
(AUSTRALIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION INC)

**AUSTRALIAN
RICOCHET
CHAMPIONSHIPS
2023**

**Mackey Park,
Sydney,
New South Wales
14 - 20 April 2023**

PROGRAM

For the
1st Ricochet Doubles Championship of Australia
1st Ricochet Singles Championship of Australia



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All the participating referees, ground staff and all the kitchen staff.
Thanks to our supporters.

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Croquet is a harassment free sport.

Croquet Australia's Member Protection Policy applies to all competitors and officials in the Championships. A copy of this policy is available on Croquet Australia's website.



AUSTRALIAN RICHOCHET CHAMPIONSHIPS Sydney, New South Wales 2023

Australian Ricochet Doubles Championship = Friday 14 – Sunday 16 April.
Australian Ricochet Singles Championship = Monday 17 – Thurs 20 April.

Registration

Registration for the Doubles is 2-4 pm Thursday 13 April at Mackey Park (Event HQ).
Registration for the Singles is 4-5 pm Sunday 16 April at Mackey Park (Event HQ).
You can also register at each event before play on the day the events start.

Practice Sessions

Thurs 13 April – courts available for practice 2-4pm.
Sun 16 April - courts available for practice 3-5pm, subject to the Double Finals
& ground keeping.

Player Briefing

Briefing on the Tournament Conditions & Refereeing will be provided at 0745 on:
Doubles - Friday 14 April
Singles - Monday 17 April

Presentations

On completion of the Finals for each event.

Tournament Dinner

Sunday 16 April, 6:30 pm at the Concordia Club.

Catering

Tea & coffee free & available all days. Meals & drinks available for purchase at the Concordia Club Friday-Sunday, but bring your own food & drink on other days.

Results

Results will be available on the Croquet Scores website progressively during each day

<https://croquetscores.com/2023/rc/australia-ricochet-open-doubles>

<https://croquetscores.com/2023/rc/australia-ricochet-open-singles>

AUSTRALIAN RICOCHET CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sydney, New South Wales

OPEN SINGLES DOUBLES

14 – 20 APRIL 2023

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR ACA RICOCHET EVENTS

1. All events will be played under the 2019 Rules of Ricochet, adopted by Croquet Australia, and the Australian Tournament Regulations (see the ACA website).
2. The Australian Handicapping System is in force for this Tournament, and entrants are to have a current Ricochet handicap. The Tournament Handicapper may assign a handicap, if necessary. Players are to give their ACA Ricochet Handicap Card to the Tournament Manager before each event commences. Handicap cards should be completed after each **singles** game, but are **not required** after **doubles** games. If players reach a trigger point their handicap changes immediately after that game.
3. All competitors who have not already provided a telephone number or email address at which messages can reach them during the events should provide this information during registration.
4. Courts will be available for practice each day until 15 minutes before start times. Practice may also be available after completion of play for the day, subject to requirements for dressing courts and maintenance. The Venue Manager's approval should be sought for practice, and players' assistance in preparing and clearing lawns will ensure that this practice can continue.
5. Quadway Hoops will be used, set as near as possible to 3+11/16 for all games. To allow for inaccuracies in gauges, balls, hoops and setting techniques, a tolerance of +/- 1/32 inch is allowed.
6. Hoops may be checked at any time on the request of the player in play. Any hoop out of specification will be reset. If a player suspects that a ball touching both uprights of a hoop simultaneously affected the outcome of a stroke he has just played, he is entitled to have the equipment checked and, if necessary, adjusted or replaced. If it is found that the ball does touch both uprights of that hoop on some axis, he may elect to replay the stroke or leave the ball where it ended, unless his turn has ended for another reason.
7. Dawson International balls will be used.
8. Players will wear footwear which will not mark the court and provides adequate protection for themselves both on and off the court; and neat, clean attire which the Tournament or Venue Manager judges will not cause significant offence to others. A player in unsuitable clothing or footwear will be given the opportunity to dress appropriately or will not be permitted to participate in the event.
9. The Venue Manager may change Court allocations and games may be double banked.
10. Where there are not sufficient referees present to be in charge of each game, referees will be supervisory.
11. Players' attention is drawn to ACA Tournament Regulations 12-14 concerning the responsibilities of players.
12. Players may jointly hit-up for 5 minutes before their first game in a match.

13. Players will be expected to play up to three games each day.
14. Players are allowed a break of up to 15 minutes between matches and a lunch break of up to 30 minutes, but such breaks can be waived by mutual agreement of the players. No break is allowed between games in multiple game matches - games should be 'seamless' and players are expected to commence play in the second and third games within 5 minutes after completing the previous game. The Venue Manager will ensure games go on expeditiously to complete the scheduled program.
15. Players must inform the Venue Manager if they wish to leave the Tournament Venue for any reason.
16. The Venue Manager, in conjunction with the Tournament Manager, decides whether play in any match should continue if the weather is deteriorating.
17. The Tournament Manager in consultation with Croquet Australia may alter the program, draw and other arrangements as are necessary in order to complete the tournament in the time available. If available, lights may be used at the Tournament or Venue Manager's discretion.
18. An appeals committee under ACA comprising the Tournament Manager, the Tournament Referee and a member of the ACA Board (or nominated representative) shall determine any matters that are in dispute during the course of the tournament.
19. Should an overseas player win an event, the perpetual trophy shall remain in Australia in the custody of ACA. All winners of trophies are requested to obtain a quote for the cost of appropriate engraving and obtain approval re that quote from the Administrative Officer of ACA before proceeding.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF PLAY IN 2023

Tournament Headquarters is Mackey Park at Tempe.

Please check the individual events for your courts each day.

Matches will commence at **0800 sharp** for all events, unless otherwise indicated. Players are asked to be at their designated court before the scheduled starting time.

All games will be timed – 2.5 hours for single games; and 2.5, 2.5 & 2 hours for the games in best of three matches. However, since we're asking the Doubles Pairs to play 7 rounds in 2 days, their block games (only) will be 2 hours. Play will stop on the bell, and only continues if the game scores are level - the side scoring the next hoop is the winner. The player on court when the bell rang, will continue their turn if play continues.

Clocks will be provided for all games and players are responsible to monitor their own time. Clocks should only be stopped for a rule dispute, a health break, or if play is suspended due to inclement weather.

This Program will be available on the ACA website, and a soft copy will be emailed to each player. Hard copies will not be provided, so print you own if required.

AUSTRALIAN RICOCHET DOUBLES

Friday 14 – Sunday 16 April 2023

1. The ACA Events Committee conducted the Draw, using the ACA Draw procedures. Players are seeded by their known handicaps, so are approximate.
2. Play will be a single block of seven pairs, playing a single 26 point game in a round robin against each pair in the block on Friday & Saturday (Days 1 & 2).

Block
1 Rob Elliott & Don Wright (Cooks River, NSW)
2 Ray Chapman & David Scott (Ballina Cherry St, NSW)
3 Ron Johnstone & Ros Johnstone (Sutherland, NSW)
4 Peter Freer & Janelle Wilson (Canberra, NSW)
5 Bruce McAlister & Sidney Bates (Ipswich, QLD)
6 Mary Hughes & Steve Catt (Ballina/Marrickville, NSW)
7 Fran Wright & Karen Boswell (West Toowoomba, QLD)

<https://croquetscores.com/2023/rc/australia-ricochet-open-doubles/block>

3. The seeded draw is:

Round 1	4 v 5	3 v 6	2 v 7	1 = bye
Round 2	4 v 6	1 v 7	3 v 5	2 = bye
Round 3	2 v 5	3 v 7	1 v 6	4 = bye
Round 4	2 v 6	1 v 5	4 v 7	3 = bye
Round 5	1 v 4	6 v 7	2 v 3	5 = bye
Round 6	5 v 7	1 v 3	2 v 4	6 = bye
Round 7	1 v 2	5 v 6	3 v 4	7 = bye

4. Places will be decided by ACA Tournament Regulation 20.1.5 (ie block games won, then net hoops, then which pair beat whom). Players tied on equal wins, whose selection for the Knockout is in jeopardy, will not play-off to decide block placings.
5. Pairs finishing 1 & 2 in the block will play-off for the Championship, playing a best of three game match on Sunday Day 3.
6. Pairs finishing 3 & 4 in the block will play-off for Third/Fourth Place, playing a best of three game match on Sunday Day 3.
7. Pairs finishing 5, 6 & 7 in the block will play-off for the Plate, playing a round robin of single games on Sunday Day 3.

Prizes

Winning Pair	Trophies, ACA gold medallions & \$100 each
Runner Up Pair	ACA silver medallions & \$50 each
Third & Fourth Pairs	\$25 each player
Plate	Certificate

AUSTRALIAN RICOCHET SINGLES

Monday 17 – Thursday 20 April 2023

1. The ACA Events Committee conducted the Draw, using the ACA Draw procedures. Players are seeded by their known handicaps, so are approximate.
2. Play will be two blocks of five players, playing a single 26 point game in a **cross-block** round robin **against each player in the other block** on Mon & Tues (Days 1 & 2).

Blue Block		Yellow Block	
A1	Peter Freer (Canberra, NSW)	B1	David Scott (Ballina Cherry St, NSW)
A2	Mary Hughes (Ballina, NSW)	B2	Ray Chapman (Ballina Cherry St, NSW)
A3	Ted Woodley (Chatswood, NSW)	B3	Margaret Sawers (Nowra, NSW)
A4	Bruce McAlister (Ipswich, QLD)	B4	Ros Johnstone (Sutherland, NSW)
A5	Sidney Bates (Ipswich, QLD)	B5	Steve Catt (Marrickville, NSW)

<https://croquetscores.com/2023/rc/australia-ricochet-open-singles>

3. The seeded draw is:

Round 1	A1 v B5	A2 v B1	A3 v B2	A4 v B3	A5 v B4
Round 2	A1 v B4	A2 v B5	A3 v B1	A4 v B2	A5 v B3
Round 3	A1 v B3	A2 v B4	A3 v B5	A4 v B1	A5 v B2
Round 4	A1 v B2	A2 v B3	A3 v B4	A4 v B5	A5 v B1
Round 5	A1 v B1	A2 v B2	A3 v B3	A4 v B4	A5 v B5

The Knockout

4. Players finishing 1 & 2 in each block qualify for the Knockout. Places will be decided by ACA Tournament Regulation 20.1.5 (ie games won, then net hoops, then coin toss). Players tied on equal wins, whose selection for the Knockout is in jeopardy, will not play-off to decide block placings, since time is limited and we don't have a short tie-break.
5. Knockout matches will all be best of three games; and may be double-banked.
6. Semi-Finals will be on Wednesday (Day 3) & the Final on Thursday (Day 4).
7. The 2 losers from the Semi-Finals play-off for Third/Fourth on Thursday (Day 4).

The Plate Event

8. The remaining 6 players proceed to the Plate Event.
9. This will be a round robin of single games against each other player, starting on Wednesday (Day 3) and finishing on Thursday (Day 4).
10. The Manager may vary this before the Plate starts, depending on final numbers playing.

Prizes

Winner	Trophy, ACA gold medallion & \$200
Runner Up Pair	ACA silver medallion & \$100
Third & Fourth	\$50 each player
Plate	Certificate