



**AUSTRALIAN  
RICOCHET  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
2024**

**HERVEY BAY CROQUET &  
MALLETS SPORTS CLUB Inc**

**Torquay, Queensland**

**15 - 21 July 2024**

**PROGRAM**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Ricochet Doubles Championship of Australia**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Ricochet Singles Championship of Australia**



## CROQUET AUSTRALIA EVENTS/TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

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### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We acknowledge the Butchulla people, the Aboriginal/Torres Islander owners of the land where we gather today and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

All participating referees, grounds people and catering volunteers.  
Thanks to our supporters.

**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.**

*Croquet Australia acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and  
their connections to land, sea and community.*





## **AUSTRALIAN RICHOCHET CHAMPIONSHIPS Hervey Bay, Queensland 2024**

**Australian Ricochet Doubles Championship** = Monday 15 – Wednesday 17 July.

**Australian Ricochet Singles Championship** = Thursday 18 – Sunday 21 July.

### **Registration**

Registration for the Doubles is 2-4 pm Sunday 14 July at Hervey Bay (Event HQ).

Registration for the Singles is 3-5 pm Wednesday 17 July at Hervey Bay (Event HQ).

You can also register at each event before play on the day the events start.

### **Practice Sessions**

Sunday 14 July – courts available for practice 2-4pm.

Wednesday 17 July - courts available for practice 3-5pm, subject to the Double Finals & ground keeping.

### **Player Briefing**

Briefing on the Tournament Conditions & Refereeing at 0745 on:

Doubles - Monday 15 July

Singles - Thursday 18 July

### **Presentations**

On completion of the Finals for each event.

### **Welcome Tournament Dinner**

Wednesday 17 July, 6 for 6:30 pm at the Hervey Bay Croquet & Mallet Sports Club.

Italian theme - \$25/person, BYOG. Please book when registering.

### **Catering**

Tea & coffee free & available all day. Morning and afternoon tea \$10/person/day.

Light lunch \$15/person/day, or bring your own.

### **Results**

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

<https://croquetscores.com/2024/rc/aust-open-doubles>

<https://croquetscores.com/2024/rc/aust-open-singles>

# AUSTRALIAN RICOCHET CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hervey Bay, Queensland 2024

## OPEN SINGLES DOUBLES

15 – 17 JULY 2024

### STANDARD CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR ACA RICOCHET EVENTS

1. All events will be played under the 2023 Rules of Ricochet (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition), adopted by Croquet Australia, and the Australian Tournament Regulations (see the CA 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 CA 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 Mark 2 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 2024

Tournament Headquarters is the Hervey Bay Croquet & Mallet Sports Club, [17 Totness Street, Torquay, Qld, 4655](#).

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 hours/game. Play will stop on the bell after all balls come to rest, 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 CA website, and a soft copy will be emailed to each player. Hard copies will not be provided..

# AUSTRALIAN RICOCHET DOUBLES

Monday 15 – Wednesday 17 July 2024

1. The CA Events Committee conducted the Draw, using the CA Draw procedures. Players are seeded by their known handicaps, so are approximate.
2. Play will be two blocks each of seven pairs, playing a single 26 point game in a round robin against each other pair in the block on Monday, Tuesday & Wed (Days 1-3).

Green Block	Pink Block
1 Ray Chapman & David Scott (Ballina Cherry St, NSW)	1 Peter Freer & Kate McLoughlin (Canberra, NSW)
2 Geoff Hull & Bruce McAlister (Wynnum/Ipswich, QLD)	2 Denis Bull & Dorothy Bull (York, WA)
3 Wayne Lusk & Kay Robertson (Point Lookout, QLD)	3 Peter Goodsir & Terry Godfrey (Point Lookout, QLD)
4 Karen Boswell & Fran Wright (West Toowoomba/Laurel Bank, QLD)	4 Darryl Bell & Rae Bell (Sunnyside, QLD)
5 Jenny Campbell & Kaye Bain (Hervey Bay, QLD)	5 Gwen Connolly & Joan Gleeson (Bribie Island, QLD)
6 Joy Wright & Marion Stower (Laurel Bank, QLD)	6 Beverley Baker & Julie Kiessling (Hervey Bay, QLD)
7 Karen Andronis & Sue Bradshaw (Coolum, QLD/Elwood, VIC)	7 Barbara Laidlaw & Margaret Graham (Elwood, VIC)

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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 each block will go into the Knockout Finals, playing single 26 point game matches on Wednesday Day 3.
6. The other Pairs will play-off for the Plate, playing a flexible swiss of single games on Wednesday Day 3. These will be 14 point games, with a one hour time limit, and you must play at least 4 games to win. The winner is the player with the best percentage (games won/games played).
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## Prizes

Winning Pair	Trophies & CA gold medallions
Runner Up Pair	CA silver medallions
Third, Fourth & Plate	Certificates

# AUSTRALIAN RICOCHET SINGLES

Thursday 18 – Sunday 21 July 2024

1. The CA Events Committee conducted the Draw, using the CA Draw procedures. Players are seeded by their known handicaps, so are approximate.
2. Play will be three blocks, playing a single 26 point game in a round robin against each player in their block on Thurs, Friday & Sat AM (Days 1-3).

Blue Block		Red Block		Yellow Block	
1	Dave Luxmoore (0)	1	Peter Freer (1.5)	1	Brian Williams (2)
2	Ray Chapman (3)	2	Denis Bull (3)	2	David Scott (3)
3	Dorothy Bull (5)	3	Geoff Hull (5)	3	Jenny Campbell (6)
4	Wendy Collins (7)	4	Addison Matthews (6)	4	Bruce McAlister (6)
5	Joy Wright (8)	5	Karen Boswell (8)	5	Fran Wright (9)
6	Barbara Laidlaw (14)	6	Julie Kiessling (12)	6	Janet Pool (9)
		7	Margaret Grahon (14)		

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3. The seeded draw: blocks of six players                      block of seven players:
 

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

## The Knockout

4. Players finishing first in each block, plus the best second place across all three blocks, qualify for the Knockout. Places will be decided by ACA Tournament Regulation 20.1.5 (ie games won, then net hoops, then who beat whom). 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. The best second will be decided on **percentage wins**, then percentage net hoops, since the blocks have different number of players in them.
5. Knockout matches will all be best of three games; and will be double-banked.
6. Semi-Finals will be on Saturday (Day 3) & the Final on Sunday (Day 4).
7. The 2 losers from the Semi-Finals play-off for Third/Fourth on Sunday (Day 4).

## The Plate Event

8. The remaining 15 players proceed to the Plate Event.
9. This will be a flexible Swiss of single games, starting on Saturday (Day 3) and finishing on Sunday (Day 4). You must play at least five games to win.
10. The Manager may vary this before the Plate starts, depending on final numbers playing.

## Prizes

Winner	Trophy & CA gold medallion
Runner Up Pair	CA silver medallion
Third & Fourth	Certificate
Plate	Trophy