

2007

NATIONAL CLUB



CHAMPIONSHIPS

GENERAL INFORMATION

DATE:	Friday, 6 - Sunday, 8 April, 2007
VENUE:	Redlands Softball Association, Hilliard's Park, Ormiston, Queensland
TEAMS:	12 women's and 12 men's club teams will be accepted to compete One women's and one men's club team from NZ will be accepted Team Entries are due by Friday, 1st December, 2006
COST:	\$1000 in total \$600 team entry and \$400 good behaviour bond (to be returned at end of championship)
PRIZE MONEY:	\$6000 in total - \$3000 for women and \$3000 for men \$2000 to winning team, \$1000 to runner-up
AWARDS:	MVP, Best Batter, Best Pitcher, All-Star team selection.

COMPETITION FORMAT

In the women's and men's competition the 12 teams will be split into two pools of 6. Each team will play all other teams in their pool (5 matches) over the first two days of competition. At the end of the pool matches, the top two teams in each pool will qualify for Division 1, teams 3 and 4 in each pool will qualify for Division 2. A page system finals will be played on the final day of competition for each division, with prize money being awarded to the two teams that play in the Division 1 Grand Final.

COMPETITION RULES

MATCH LENGTH:	Matches will be played for the full 7 innings. International tiebreaker will commence in the 8th innings.
RULES:	As per the 2006-2009 Rule Book, with the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pitchers must remain within the pitching circle once they have received the ball - an illegal pitch will be called if the pitcher steps outside of the circle.
REGISTERED PLAYERS:	All players wishing to compete for a club team must be registered to that club.
PICK-UP PLAYERS:	Each club team will be eligible to pick-up three players that are not registered with their club. The pick-up players must be registered softball players, unless they are based with an overseas team. Overseas players will need to pay an additional fee to cover insurance. Teams that wish to apply for more than three pick-up players may make a written request to the NCC Advisory Committee. The NCC Advisory Committee will have the power to accept or decline pick-up player applications.
TEAM ROSTER:	Each team will be allowed a maximum of 14 players on their team roster (including pick-up players). When team entries are initially submitted, a squad of up to 20 players may be listed (with a maximum of 3 pick-up players), with the final 14 players to be advised by a certain date. Teams that wish to add players on their team roster after the final date, must go through their state association, who will approve/decline the request and then notify Softball Australia.
TEAM ENTRIES:	Where more than 12 women's or 12 men's club teams submit entries to compete at the championship, club teams will be selected to play by the NCC Advisory Committee on the basis of their ability to pay the entry fee and the strength of their team.
WITHDRAWAL OF A TEAM:	If a team withdraws its entry after the team entry deadline, that team will lose its team entry fee and bond (\$1000).
UMPIRES:	Each team must supply two umpires. One umpire must be minimum level four and one umpire must be minimum level two.
STATISTICIANS:	Teams are welcome to bring their own scorer/statistician. All scorers/statisticians will be pooled to form a statistician's team for the championship. Where possible team statisticians will be allocated their own team's matches.

TEAM ENTRY FORMS, WITH PAYMENT, ARE DUE BY 1st DECEMBER, 2006

Team Entry forms can be sent to Softball Australia, Suite 4, 38 - 40 Prospect St, Box Hill, Vic 3128
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