



## **The Gold Coast Talent Series**

Through the passion and commitment of David Thomas, local PGA Professional and Head of Junior Tournaments for the Gold Coast District Golf Association a series of tournaments is envisaged to support the junior golfing talent across SE Qld and the Northern Rivers of NSW. Commencing in January 2026, this year-long series seeks to recognise and reward individual excellence. It also provides for those participants to create teams of four to challenge for the team title in the Race to the Pines.

The Talent Series is made up of two key components being:

### **1. Race to the Pines**

The individual talent series "Race to the Pines" will be contested over multiple golf courses across SE Qld and the Northern Rivers of NSW in 6 different categories, being:

- Boys 19 to 23 years.
- Girls 19 to 23 years.
- Boys 15 to 18 years.
- Girls 15 to 18 years.
- Boys <14 years
- Girls < 14 years

As each tournament is played there will be both daily prizes and an allocation of "Drummond Points" (like the PGA FEDEX Cup). These points will be allocated based on the individual players position in the field for each tournament played based on their "nett scores".

#### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Must be a financial member of a golf club.
- Must hold a GA handicap of:
  - a. Category Boys & Girls 19 to 23 years GA maximum handicap of 12.0. Players must be aged 22 years or under post the commencement of the series. In other words, a player can turn 23 years in the series year but not 24 years of age.

- b. Category Boys & Girls 18 years and under GA maximum handicap of 18.0.
- c. Category Boys & Girls 14 years and under GA maximum handicap of 18.0.
- Stroke play format:
- All boys: tees to be determined on the day of play and may alternate based on course set-up for the day of play.
- All girls: Red tees.

This will be known as the GCDGA Drummond Cup.

## **2. Drummond Team Cup – 2027 Season**

This is a team-based series of tournaments across SE QLD and the Northern Rivers of NSW where players form their own team of 4 players. These 4 players will remain a team for that calendar year, with each individuals Drummonds Cup points going towards their team score.

Teams are encouraged to create their team's name and or logo which can be printed onto their team shirt / hat. These can be purchased through Drummonds Biggera Waters / Burleigh store.

(Note: all team names and logo's must be first accepted by the GCDGA)

The leading team based on points accumulated over the individual series prior to the Race to The Pines final will be the winners of the Drummond Team Cup.

- How to enter?
  - Golfers book and pay for each event through the GCDGA website. For golf courses who are hosting an event in that calendar year their eligible members can book 6 weeks prior to each event. All other eligible players can book 4 weeks prior to each event.

Each event includes:

- Drummonds Cup points for each age/gender group based on net scores.
- Daily prizes for gross winners and runners-up, nett winners and runners-up for both categories' boys and girls.
- Nearest-to-the-pin prizes.

### **Final Event at the Pines Sanctuary Cove**

The top 4 players from each category boys and girls (24 in total) based on Drummonds Cup points will qualify for the final at Sanctuary Cove Golf and Country Club - The Pines golf course. The green fees for the final will be paid for by the

GCDGA. The final 24 players will be contesting for great prizes and the title of Drummond Cup champion for their age category.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you and hope we can work together to support the next generation of golfers.

Teams must be in place by end of December 2025.