

ENTRY FORM



MFS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN



POS	LEADERS	TOURN	HOLE	TODAY
1	SENDEN, John	-8	F	-7
2	OGILVY, Geoff	-7	F	-5
3	APPLEBY, Stuart	-6	F	-4
	COLES, Gavin	-6	F	-2
5	SCOTT, Adam	-5	F	-2
	GREEN, Nathan	-5	F	Even
	BOWDITCH, Steven	-4	F	-5
	RUMFORD, Brett	-4	F	Even
	BADDELEY, Aaron	-3	F	-3
10	GREEN, Richard	-2	F	Even

John Senden (Qld)
2006 MFS Australian Open Winner



"That's a pretty stellar leaderboard. That would be a strong leaderboard in the States..." Geoff Ogilvy

to be played at

The Australian Golf Club

53 Bannerman Crescent, Rosebery, New South Wales

13 to 16 December 2007

Note

Regional Qualifying competitions will be conducted as follows:

NT, Darwin - Palmerston GC - 11 November
NSW, Sydney - New Brighton GC - 12 November
NSW, Sydney - Bankstown GC - 19 November
Central QLD - Rockhampton GC - 18 November
North QLD, Townsville GC - 18 November
QLD, Brisbane - Keperra GC - 16 November

SA, Adelaide - Vines of Reynella - 16 November
TAS, Hobart - Claremont GC - 22 November
VIC, Melbourne - Medway GC - 12 November
VIC, Wodonga/Albury - Wodonga GC - 19 November
WA, Perth - The Western Australian GC - 23 November

Entries for Regional Qualifying close on 15 October 2007.

Amateur Handicap Limit - 4.4

Entries for Final Qualifying and the Championship Proper close on 15 November 2007.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE DIRECTED TO GOLF AUSTRALIA ON THE OFFICIAL FORM.

Golf Australia: Telephone +61 3 9626 5000 Facsimile +61 3 9626 5095 Email championships@golfaustralia.org.au

To: Golf Australia, Level 3, 95 Coventry Street, South Melbourne, Victoria, 3205, Australia

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NAME	Surname		Preferred Given Name	
POSTAL ADDRESS				
		Postcode		
NATIONALITY (if not Australian) or STATE/TERRITORY				
Private Phone	(0)	Business Phone	(0)	
Mobile Phone		Email		
Web Page Address of Current 2007 Playing Record				

For Professionals

 (NB Entries will not be accepted by the PGA Tour Office)

PGA, or PGA Tour, of which a Member (if applicable)	
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For Amateurs

Home Club			
Exact Handicap		GOLF LINK NUMBER or COUNTRY/SYSTEM handicap held under	

I certify that the entrant is a member of the above club; I endorse their entry into the Championship and confirm that the player is an amateur golfer in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status and that their listed Handicap is correct.

HANDICAP RECORD TO BE ENCLOSED or GOLF LINK NUMBER LISTED ABOVE (see Condition B.3)

Signature of Home Club Manager	SIGNATURE REQUIRED	Date:
Official Home Club Stamp	STAMP REQUIRED	

SECTION OF CHAMPIONSHIP

(only supply details for the section you are initially entering)

Regional Qualifying (Entrance Fee \$100.00)	City	-
Final Qualifying (Entrance Fee \$225.00)	Exemption Category	-
Championship Proper (Entrance Fee \$225.00)	Exemption Category	-

METHOD OF PAYMENT

(tick selected option and complete credit card details if applicable)

ACCEPTED CREDIT CARDS Visa MasterCard Bank Card CHEQUE MONEY ORDER CASH (Golf Australia Office Payments Only)

Amount \$ Expiry Date / Card Number
e.g. 08 / 07

Cardholder's Name Cardholder's Signature

NB: In the event that this entry is physically received after the closing time for entries and that it is accepted, the entrant will be automatically liable to Golf Australia for the sum of the "late entry fee", which is \$60.00. Where the entrant nominates to pay the entry fee by credit card, by providing their credit card details, the card holder additionally authorises Golf Australia to debit the nominated account for the sum of the late entry fee (if applicable). Where payment is made by cheque, money order or cash, the entrant will be invoiced for the amount of the late entry fee and the entry will not be accepted until the full requisite payment has been received.

I confirm that the information supplied is correct, that I am eligible to enter under the Conditions of the Championship, and that I submit myself to be bound by these Conditions. I also confirm that I have read and understood Condition B.4(b).

Signature of Competitor	
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Acknowledgement of Receipt

www.australianopengolf.com contains a current list of all entrants.

A player's entry form has not officially been received until their name appears on this list.



MFS AUSTRALIAN OPEN

CONDITIONS

A. GENERAL

1. The Championship is scheduled to be played over 72 holes stroke play; 18 holes each on Thursday 13, Friday 14, Saturday 15, and Sunday 16 December 2007.
2. 144 players will be eligible to compete comprising those exempt from all qualifying and successful competitors from Final Qualifying. The leading 60 professionals after 36 holes, plus any tying for 60th place, plus any amateur with an equivalent or better 36-hole total to the 60th placed professional, will qualify for the 3rd and 4th rounds; the remainder will be eliminated. In the event that the number of competitors qualifying for the 3rd and 4th rounds is such that the number of players in each group will not total the requisite figure, the Championship Play Committee will appoint a playing marker, or markers.
3. In the event of a tie for the Championship after 72 holes, a play-off to produce a single winner must be conducted. Players in such a tie will continue over such holes as the Championship Play Committee will decide in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off until the winner is determined.
4. In the event of play being either delayed or declared null and void for any round of the Championship or the play-off (if one is required), additional play beyond Sunday 16 December will be at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee.
5. The winner will receive the Championship Gold Medal and will hold the Stonehaven Cup for one year. The leading amateur in the Championship, unless they be the winner and given that they have completed the Championship, will receive the Championship Silver Medal. All amateurs who complete the Championship will receive a bronze medallion.
6. (a) The Championship will be under the sole management and control of the Championship Play Committee which will comprise Golf Australia's Chief Executive Officer, Executive Chairman – Australian Opens, Director – Championships, Chairman – Rules Committee, Manager – Rules & Handicapping, and the PGA Tour Australasia's Director of Tournaments. In the absence of any members of the Championship Play Committee, such members of the Championship Play Committee who may be present at any time may give a decision, and any such decision will be deemed to be a decision made by the Championship Play Committee in its entirety.
(b) The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, will apply together with such Local Rules as are approved by the Championship Play Committee.
(c) Any decision of the Championship Play Committee will be final in all matters relating to the Championship.
(d) The Championship Play Committee reserves the right to vary any condition of this event.
7. The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect as regards Conforming Golf Balls, One Ball Condition, and Time of Starting.
8. Driving Clubs: The driver the competitor carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by R&A Rules Limited. (A list is available at www.randa.org – go to the Rules (Equipment) section.) Penalty: Disqualification.
Note: Any individual driver on the List, if tested on pendulum testing apparatus approved by R&A Rules Limited, must not have a characteristic time greater than 257 microseconds.
9. It is prohibited for a player or their caddie to ride in or on a motorised vehicle unless permitted to do so by the Championship Rules Committee. Penalty: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – four strokes. Procedure when breach discovered: Use of any unauthorised form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise the player is disqualified.
10. All competitors are subject to drug testing by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Agency for banned substances as laid down in Golf Australia's Anti-Doping Policy. Any competitor infringing this policy, or refusing to take a test, shall be disqualified and subject to any sanction(s) brought down by ASADA. A list of prohibited substances will be available at registration. Clarification of any medication can be obtained via the ASADA hotline – 1800 020 506, or from www.asada.gov.au.
11. Pace of Play: Pace of play guidelines will be laid down and strictly enforced (see Note 2; Rule 6-7). Penalties will be issued to individuals in groups who by their pace contribute to such delay. Warnings may not be issued prior to the application of penalties.
12. During practice or during the Championship, a player or their caddie will not mark the course, or cause to have the course marked, to indicate, or to assist in gauging, course measurements. A player in breach of this condition may be disqualified.
13. Caddies must wear the caddie clothing provided. Competitors will at all times be liable for the actions of their caddies. A player whose caddie is in breach of this condition may be disqualified.
14. Golf Australia and Sponsors arrange publicity before and during the Championship in the Media, by live and recorded radio and television broadcasting, by filming, and in electronic form. The players assent to references to them and pictures of them in practice and play appearing and being used for commercial purposes by Golf Australia and its Sponsors. All rights for televising live, television recordings or for any visual or electronic reproduction of the Championship are reserved only to Golf Australia and may only be made under licence.

B. ENTRIES

1. The Championship is open to all professional golfers (includes trainee professionals) – NB professionals do not need to be members of a PGA or PGA Tour; and amateur golfers who either have an Australian (or other national union) Handicap of 4.4 strokes or less, or who are exempt from either Regional Qualifying or Final Qualifying. Amateurs must conform in all respects with the Rules of Amateur Status as adopted by R&A Rules Limited. NB Amateurs will be permitted to change the status of their entry from amateur to professional up until the end of the day immediately prior to Final Qualifying.
2. Entries for Regional Qualifying close on Monday 15 October 2007. Entries for Final Qualifying and the Championship Proper close on Thursday 15 November 2007. IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTRANT TO ENSURE THEIR ENTRY IS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE CLOSING TIME FOR ENTRIES THAT IS APPLICABLE TO THEM. A PLAYER'S ENTRY FORM HAS NOT OFFICIALLY BEEN RECEIVED UNTIL THEIR NAME HAS BEEN POSTED AT www.australianopengolf.com.
3. Amateur entries must be signed and stamped by the Manager (or their representative) of the entrant's Home Club. This confirms the endorsement of the player's entry by the Home Club, and that the player is an amateur golfer in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status, and that the player's exact handicap is correct. Entry forms submitted by amateurs must be accompanied either by: a copy of the entrant's current handicap record for the past six months – officially endorsed by their Home Club, or by the player's GOLF Link number.
4. (a) The Championship Play Committee reserves the right to accept late entries from players who are exempt from qualifying for the Championship Proper up to 5.00 pm on Friday 7 December 2007, under special circumstances.
(b) Under circumstances not covered by B.4(a), entries physically received after the respective closing time may still be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee. However, in such a case, the entrant will be automatically liable to Golf Australia for the sum of the "late entry fee", which is \$60.00 (includes GST). Where the entrant nominates to pay the entry fee by credit card, by providing their credit card details, the card holder additionally authorises Golf Australia to debit the nominated account for the sum of the late entry fee (if applicable). Where payment is made by cheque, money order or cash, the entrant will be invoiced for the amount of the late entry fee and the entry will not be accepted until the full requisite payment has been received.
5. The entry fee for Regional Qualifying is \$100.00 (includes GST). The entry fee for Final Qualifying and the Championship Proper is \$225.00 (includes GST). Regional Qualifiers progressing to Final Qualifying will pay the \$125.00 balance (includes GST) upon written request from Golf Australia. Final Qualifiers progressing to the Championship Proper DO NOT pay a further entry fee. Golf Australia will NOT accept responsibility for cash sent that is not received.
6. Entries must be on the attached entry form or via the Golf Australia on-line entry process. Entries will not be accepted by telephone, facsimile or in electronic form (exception – entries with credit card payments only may be sent by facsimile, email or on-line), or unless the entry form is fully completed. Fully completed forms must be sent DIRECTLY to Golf Australia.
7. Entrance fees will only be refunded in the case of a withdrawal being advised before the applicable closing time for entries. All refunds will incur an \$11.00 administration charge (includes GST).
8. All entries will be subject to the approval of the Championship Play Committee, which reserves the right to accept or refuse any entry without giving reason for its decision which will be final. The Championship Play Committee may require independent certified evidence of the playing ability of entrants.
9. Acceptable payment methods are only as follows – credit card (Visa, MasterCard or Bank Card only), cheque (personal or bank), money order, cash (please note condition B.5). Cheques or money orders are to be made payable to Golf Australia.

C. QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS

For those competitors NOT exempt directly into the Championship Proper (see Section E), the qualifying procedure will be as follows:
REGIONAL QUALIFYING (for all those NOT exempt under sections D or E):

Northern Territory – Palmerston Golf Club (Sunday 11 November)	South Australia – The Vines Golf Club of Reynella (Friday 16 November)
New South Wales (competition 1) – New Brighton Golf Club (Monday 12 November)	Tasmania – Claremont Golf Club (Thursday 22 November)
New South Wales (competition 2) – Bankstown Golf Club (Monday 19 November)	Victoria – Medway Golf Club (Monday 12 November)
Queensland (Central) – Rockhampton Golf Club (Sunday 18 November)	Victoria – Wodonga Golf Club (Monday 19 November)
Queensland (North) – Townsville Golf Club (Sunday 18 November)	Western Australia – Western Australian Golf Club (Friday 23 November)
Queensland (South) – Keperra Country Club (Friday 16 November)	

Should the number of entries for a competition exceed its capacity, entrants on the higher handicaps may be balloted out.

Entrants may nominate the competition in which they wish to compete – Sydney competitors may choose between Sydney venues subject to capacity. (NB Entrants who do not nominate the competition in which they wish to compete will have a competition bindingly-allocated to them by the Championship Play Committee.) Entrants may only compete in one Regional Qualifying competition. Under exceptional circumstances the Championship Play Committee may allow an entrant to alter their competition nomination.

The places available for qualification from Regional Qualifying into Final Qualifying will be determined on a pro rata basis by the number of entrants in each field. A minimum total of 45 places will be available. Ties for the last available places in each competition will be decided by sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off as soon as practicable after the last players have finished their rounds.

FINAL QUALIFYING (for those players exempt under Section D and qualifiers from the Regional Qualifying competitions):

Three or more separate stroke play competitions of 18 holes each will be played on Monday 10 December at Liverpool Golf Club, Long Reef Golf Club, and Monash Country Club, and other courses if required.

For these qualifying competitions, competitors will be divided as evenly as possible between the courses. The places available to make up the field of the Championship Proper, after allowing for those players exempt from all qualifying, will also be so divided.

Ties for the last available places in each competition will be decided by sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off as soon as practicable after all players have finished play. Reserve places in case of subsequent withdrawals from the Championship Proper will be decided either by sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off, or by lot, as the Committee in charge may determine.

D. EXEMPTIONS FROM REGIONAL QUALIFYING

Exemptions for 2007 will be granted to the following:

General

1. Anyone who played in the 2006 MFS Australian Open (Championship Proper).
2. Entrants exempted by Golf Australia.
3. Past Australian Open Champions aged 66 or over on 16 December 2007.
4. Past Australian Men's Amateur Champions (prior to 2005).
5. 2007 Australian Men's Amateur Championship match play qualifiers.
6. 2007 Men's State Amateur Champions.
7. 2007 Men's State open and Colts amateur team members.
8. 2007 Australian Men's Amateur Foursome Championship Winners.
9. Australian team members – 2007 Four Nations Cup and Trans Tasman Cup.
10. Non-Australian male players – 2007 APTC & 2006 WATC.
11. 2007 Golf Australia National Squad members.
12. Winners of Golf Australia Men's National Selection Trial events held since the 2006 MFS Australian Open (Championship Proper).

Professionals

13. 2007 season members of the following; PGA Tour Australasia, US PGA Tour, European Tour, Japan Golf Tour, Asian Tour, Sunshine Tour.
14. The Australian Golf Club professional, qualified assistants, and trainee professionals.
15. 2007 Australian PGA Club Professional Champion & Runner-up.
16. 5 trainee professionals as selected by PGA of Australia.

Amateurs

17. 2007 Australian Boys' Amateur Championship Runner-up.
18. 2007 Australian Men's Senior Amateur Championship Winner & Runner-up.

E. EXEMPTIONS FROM ALL QUALIFYING

Exemptions for 2007 will be granted to the following:

General

1. Past Australian Open Champions aged 65 or under on 16 December 2007.
2. Leading 15, and anyone tying for 15th position, in 2006 MFS Australian Open.
3. Leading 150 players in the official World Ranking as at 5 December 2007.
4. British Open Championship winners aged 65 or under on 16 December 2007.
5. US Open Championship winners aged 65 or under on 16 December 2007.
6. US Masters Tournament winners aged 65 or under on 16 December 2007.
7. US PGA Championship winners aged 65 or under on 16 December 2007.
8. Winners of Australasian PGA Tour Order of Merit events 2006-07.
9. Australian Men's Amateur Championship winners 2005-2007.
10. 2007 Australian Men's Amateur Stroke Play Champion.
11. Australian team members – 2007 Men's APTC.
12. Leading 3 players from the 2007 Men's APTC Individual Event.
13. Leading Amateur – 2006 MFS Australian Open.
14. 2007 Australian Men's State Open Championship winners.
15. 2007 Asia-Pacific Amateur Open Champion.
16. 2007 Aaron Baddeley World Junior Champion.
17. All qualifiers from each Region's 2007 British Open Championship IFQs.
18. Players exempted by Golf Australia (maximum 15).

Professionals

19. Leading 65 players listed on the 2007 season Australasian PGA Tour Order of Merit as at after the New Zealand Open.
20. Leading 5 players, not otherwise exempt from the Final 2006 Australasian PGA Tour Order of Merit. (NB. E20 executed prior to E21)
21. Leading 5 players within the top 10 of the final 2007 Von Nida Tour Order of Merit who have entered but who are not otherwise exempt.
22. Leading 5 players within the top 25 from the 2007 Japan Golf Tour Money List following the 2007 Japan Open.
23. Leading 5 players within the top 25 from the 2007 Asian Tour Money List following the 2007 Singapore Open.
24. Leading 3 players within the top 15 from the 2007 Korean Tour Money List as at 4 November 2007.
25. Leading trainee professional as selected by PGA of Australia.

Amateurs

26. 2007 Australian Boys' Amateur Champion.
27. Leading player on final 2007 Australian Boys' Order of Merit.
28. 2007 Australian Mid Amateur Champion.
29. Leading Amateur 2007 Japan Open.

F. REGISTRATION

All competitors in the Championship Proper must register at The Australian Golf Club either between 2.00 pm and 6.00 pm on Monday 10 December, or between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm on Tuesday 11 December. Any competitor failing to register within these times may be eliminated from the Championship. The Championship Play Committee reserves the right to waive this condition in special individual circumstances.

G. PRIZE MONEY

Prize money of minimum \$1,650,000 will be allocated to professional golfers in accordance with the distribution formula of the PGA Tour of Australasia.

H. PRO-AM & PRACTICE

The Championship Pro-Am will be held on Tuesday 11 December (by entering the MFS Australian Open, players automatically commit themselves to play in the Pro-Am as required by Golf Australia). Practice facilities will be available as follows (NB specific times will be noted on the MFS Australian Open website); Sunday 9 December, Monday 10 December, and Wednesday 12 December. Practice arrangements at Regional Qualifying & Final Qualifying venues will be noted on the player information on the MFS Australian Open Website.

QUALIFYING ROUND DRAWS

Draws and competitor information will be posted at www.australianopengolf.com at least two weeks prior to each Regional Qualifying & Final Qualifying competition (these items will not be posted to competitors).