



Australian Government
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2008 AUSTRALIAN GIRLS' AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

conducted by
GOLF AUSTRALIA

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to be played at



Nudgee Golf Club (North Course)

1207 Nudgee Road, NUDGEE, QUEENSLAND

(Entrants must be under 18 as at 9/1/2008)

Wednesday 9 January to Friday 11 January, 2008

Format: 54 holes stroke play

Closing Date for Entries: Wednesday 12 December 2007

HANDICAP LIMIT 15.4

CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW

The draw & an associated memorandum to competitors will be posted on www.golfaustralia.org.au at 5.00 pm on Friday 21 December.

www.golfaustralia.org.au

To: Golf Australia, Level 3, 95 Coventry Street, South Melbourne, Victoria, 3205, Australia (Fax 03 9626 5095)

2008 Australian Girls' Amateur Championship – ENTRY FORM

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

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

Amount \$ Expiry Date / / Card Number

Cardholder's Name

Cardholder's Signature

Please enter me in the 2008 Australian Girls' Amateur Championship. I am an amateur golfer in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited, and am eligible under the Conditions of the Championship.

THE ENTRANCE FEE (\$75.00) MUST BE ATTACHED

NAME	Surname		Preferred Given Name	
	ADDRESS		Postcode	
Private Phone	(0)	Business Phone	(0)	
Mobile Phone		EMAIL		
Home Club		GOLF Link No.		Australian Handicap
Date of Birth		Age as at 9/1/2008		Club Handicap (Exact)
Official Home Club Stamp	STAMP REQUIRED			
Signature of Manager of Home Club	SIGNATURE REQUIRED			
	Date:			

(I endorse the player's entry and certify that the entrant is a member of the above club, is an amateur golfer in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status and confirm their listed handicap is correct.)

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 4.12.

<p>Signature of Competitor</p>	<p>NB – All entrants must supply <u>either</u> a six-month HANDICAP RECORD or a GOLF LINK NUMBER.</p>
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT

A list of all entries received by Golf Australia will be posted at www.golfaustralia.org.au – please note that inclusion on this list is not an indication of inclusion in the Championship field. A player's entry form has not officially been received until her name appears on this list.



2008 Australian Girls' Amateur Championship

CONDITIONS

1. Format

1.1 The Championship will be played over 54 holes of stroke play at Nudgee Golf Club (North Course).

Round 1: Wednesday 9 January

Round 2: Thursday 10 January

Round 3: Friday 11 January

1.2 The winning player will be the 2008 *Australian Girls' Amateur Champion*, hold the Championship Trophy for one year and receive the Championship Gold Medal. The runner-up will receive a silver medallion. The 3rd place getter will receive a bronze medallion.

1.3 In the event of a tie for first place after 54 holes, those players tying for first place will continue over such holes as the Championship Play Committee determines, in a sudden-death hole-by-hole play-off until the winner is determined.

1.4 a) Unless they be the winner of the Championship, the leading player in the 13 years and under age category will receive a memento. In the event of a tie, multiple medallions will be presented.

b) Unless they be the winner of the Championship, the leading player in the 14 and 15 years age category will receive a memento. In the event of a tie, multiple medallions will be presented.

c) Unless they be the winner of the Championship, the leading player in the 16 and 17 years age category will receive a memento. In the event of a tie, multiple medallions will be presented.

2. Championship Play Committee

2.1 The Championship Play Committee will comprise the Co-Chairs of the Golf Australia Championships Committee, Golf Australia's Director - Championships, Manager - Championships, and Manager - Rules & Handicapping.

2.2 In the absence of the full Championship Play Committee, such members as may be present at the time, may give a decision, and any decision so given will be deemed to be a decision of the full Championship Play Committee.

2.3 The Championship Committee will have the sole management and control of the Championship, with full power at any time to alter or vary any one of the Conditions.

2.4 The Championship Play Committee's decision on matters affecting the Championship shall be final.

3. Rules of Play

The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, will apply together with Local Rules as drawn up by the Championship Play Committee.

4. Entries

4.1 Eligible players are female amateurs whose Australian Handicap or overseas equivalent does not exceed 15.4 or who are members of 2008 Girls' Interstate Teams, plus 3 players nominated by each State and players who finished in the Top 5 of their 2007 State Girls' Championship and have not reached their eighteenth (18th) birthday by 9 January 2008.

The exact handicap certified at the date of entry will be used for all purposes.

4.2 The Entry Fee is \$75.00 (includes GST).

4.3 Entries must only be made via the Golf Australia on-line entry process, or on the entry form issued by Golf Australia, or facsimile copies thereof. Entry by email is acceptable provided it is a scanned image of the official entry form.

4.4 A decision of the Championship Play Committee as to the acceptance or refusal of any entry will be final.

4.5 Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, and will sign a declaration to that effect contained in the entry form.

4.6 Entries will be subject to approval from the committee of the entrant's Home Club. (NB this requirement may be waived in exceptional circumstances by Golf Australia.)

4.7 All 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 listed exact Handicap is correct.

4.8 Entries must be accompanied either by; a copy of the entrant's current handicap record for the past six months (officially endorsed by her Home Club), or by the entrant's GOLF Link number.

4.9 Fully completed entry forms, together with appropriate entrance fees, must be received by Golf Australia prior to 5.00 pm, on Wednesday 12 December 2007. **IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTRANT HERSELF TO ENSURE THAT HER ENTRY IS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE CLOSING TIME FOR ENTRIES.** A player's entry form has not officially been received until her name has been posted at www.golfaustralia.org.au.

4.10 In the event of applications exceeding the number of places available in the Championship (78), entries for higher handicap competitors who are not exempt as in condition 4.1 will be decided by a handicap ballot. Unsuccessful entrants will be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if withdrawals subsequently occur. Entrance fees will be refunded to entrants balloted out, who do not compete.

- 4.11 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee. Any such entry shall be subject to the application of a \$37.50 late fee (includes GST).
- 4.12 In the event that an entry is received after the closing time for entries and that it is accepted, the entrant shall be automatically liable to the Golf Australia for the sum of \$37.50 (the "late entry fee" – 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.
- 4.13 Acceptable payment methods are only as follows – credit card (Visa, or MasterCard only), cheque (personal or bank), money order, cash (please note that Golf Australia will NOT accept responsibility for cash sent that is not received). Cheques or money orders are to be made payable to **Golf Australia**.
- 4.14 Only entry forms accompanied by credit card payment will be accepted by facsimile or email. Entry forms accompanied by other acceptable payment methods must be submitted by post or in person. Entries will not be accepted by telephone. Entry forms will not be accepted unless they are fully completed.
- 4.15 Entrance Fees will only be refunded in the case of a withdrawal being advised before the closing time for entries, except for those entrants who may be balloted out and who do not subsequently compete. All refunds paid to players who have withdrawn will be subject to an \$11.00 administration charge (includes GST).

5. Television and Media

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.

6. Starting Times

If the player arrives at her starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after her starting time, in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole to be played. The penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.

7. Golf Balls

- 7.1 The balls the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls.
Penalty: Disqualification
- 7.2 During a stipulated round, the balls a player plays must be of the same brand and type as detailed by a single entry on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls.
Penalty: 2 strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – 4 strokes.

8. Driving Clubs

The driver the player 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. Note: Any individual driver on the List, if tested on pendulum apparatus approved by R&A Rules Limited, must not have a characteristic time greater than 257 microseconds. (The list may be viewed via www.golfaustralia.org.au) Penalty: Disqualification.

9. Drug Testing

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, will 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

10. Code of Conduct

All entrants assent to be bound by Golf Australia's Code of Conduct. A copy of the code is available at www.golfaustralia.org.au.

11. Use of Motorised Transport

During play, it is prohibited for a player or their caddie to ride in or on a motorised vehicle unless specific written permission has been granted by the Championship Play Committee. Penalty: 2 strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – 4 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.

12. Practice

Tuesday 8 January 2008.

13. Registration

Competitors must register between 12.00 pm and 3.00 pm at Nudgee Golf Club on Tuesday 8 January. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the Championship.

14. Pace of Play

Rule 6-7 will be strictly enforced. Each group must maintain its position on the course with respect to the group preceding it. Any group with a clear hole in front of it will be considered out of position. Penalties will be issued to individuals in such groups who by their pace contribute to such delay. Warnings may not be issued prior to penalties.

15. Database of Competitors' Details

The personal data contained in this entry is permanently retained by Golf Australia. This data may be utilised by Golf Australia or its sponsors for the distribution of correspondence, in both electronic and hard copy means. From time to time players may be sent entry forms, event literature, the Golf Australia e-newsletter, or marketing material by the sponsor(s) of Golf Australia events, or information about events conducted by Golf Australia-approved bodies. Upon receipt by Golf Australia of a written request, a player may either have access to their details, or have their details deleted from the database.

ACCOMMODATION GUIDE – Internet

Accommodation options are available on www.golfaustralia.org.au under the Player Information section of the Australian Girls' Amateur Championship page