



to be played at



The Metropolitan Golf Club

Golf Road, South Oakleigh, VICTORIA

Thursday 12 to Sunday 15 February 2009

conducted by



Amateur Handicap Limit - 3.4

**Entries close on 23 January 2009 for all competitors except LET Members.
Entries close on 16 January 2009 for LET Members**

Enter on-line via www.australianopengolf.com

(Note: LET Members MAY ONLY enter via the LET entry process)

For amateur players and non-LET Members, faxed or posted entries must be directed to Golf Australia on the official entry form.

2008 CHAMPION – Karrie Webb (Qld)

To: Golf Australia, Level 3, 95 Coventry Street, South Melbourne, Victoria, 3205, Australia
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2009 Women's Australian Open – ENTRY FORM

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 Playing Record For Past Year						

Professionals (NB Non LET Members' entries must be directed to Golf Australia; LET Members must enter via the LET entry process)

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

Amateurs (NB Entries must be directed to Golf Australia)

Home Club

Exact Handicap

GOLF LINK NUMBER or COUNTRY/SYSTEM handicap held under

SECTION OF CHAMPIONSHIP

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

Pre-Qualifying (Entrance Fee AU\$150.00)	
Championship Proper (Entrance Fee AU\$150.00)	Exemption Category -

CADDIES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Players can not use a pull buggy/trolley - all players must have a caddie

- I will provide my own caddie
 I will require a caddie (Please circle: Professional Caddie / Bag Carrier)

(NB. A professional caddie will assist with yardages, etc, a Bag Carrier will purely carry the bag.)

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

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 AU\$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

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.



2009 WOMEN'S AUSTRALIAN OPEN - CONDITIONS

A. GENERAL

1. The Championship is scheduled to be played over 72 holes stroke play; 18 holes each on Thursday 12, Friday 13, Saturday 14, and Sunday 15 February 2009.
2. A minimum of 144 players will be eligible to compete comprising those exempt from Pre-Qualifying and successful competitors from Pre-Qualifying. The leading 65 professionals after 36 holes, plus any tying for 65th place, plus any amateur with an equivalent or better 36-hole total to the 65th 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 15 February will be at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee.
5. The winner will receive the Championship Gold Medal and will hold the Patricia Bridges Bowl 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 Director – Championships, Chairman – Rules Committee, Manager – Rules & Handicapping, Manager – Championships, and the ALPG and LET Tour 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: Any 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 the R&A. Exception: A driver with a clubhead that was manufactured prior to 1999 is exempt from this condition. (The list may be viewed via www.golfaustralia.org.au.)
*PENALTY FOR CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING STROKE WITH, CLUB OR CLUBS IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Two strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – four strokes. In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole. *Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to their marker or fellow competitor immediately upon discovery a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, they are disqualified. PENALTY FOR MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification.
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 in accordance with the LET and ALPG policies will be strictly enforced.
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. Players must make every effort to support all public relations and media activities as requested, and will comply with reasonable requests from Golf Australia's Media Officer which includes attending the media centre.
15. The personal data contained in this entry will be 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.

B. ENTRIES

1. The Championship is open to all female professional golfers (includes trainee professionals) – NB professionals do not need to be members of a PGA or a Tour; and amateur golfers who either have an Australian (or other national association) Handicap of 3.4 strokes or less, or who are exempt from Pre-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 Pre-Qualifying.
2. Entries for Pre-Qualifying and the Championship Proper close on Friday 23 January 2009 for all competitors except LET members; for LET members, entries for Pre-Qualifying and the Championship Proper close on Friday 16 January 2009. **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 entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as adopted by R&A Rules Limited. 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 Pre-Qualifying up to 5.00 pm on Friday 6 January 2009, 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 AU\$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 Pre-Qualifying and the Championship Proper is AU\$150.00 (includes GST). 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, via the Golf Australia on-line entry process, or via the LET 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. (LET Members may only enter via the LET entry process).
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 AU\$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 or MasterCard 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. PRE-QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS

For competitors not exempt from Pre-Qualifying, the qualifying procedure will be as follows (if required) – one round of 18 holes played on Monday 9 February 2009 at Kingswood Golf Club. If entries exceed the field capacity (78), entrants on higher handicaps may be balloted out. Ties for the last available places in the Championship Proper 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 PRE-QUALIFYING

Exemptions for 2009 will be granted to the following:

General

1. Previous winners of the Women's Australian Open Championship.
2. Top 15, and anyone tying for 15th position, in the 2008 Women's Australian Open.
3. The leading 55 players eligible under the 2008/2009 ALPG Tournament Exemption Categories.
4. The leading 55 players eligible under the 2009 LET Tournament Exemption Categories.
5. Women's British Open Championship Winners aged 65 or under as at 15 February 2009.
6. US Women's Open Winners aged 65 or under as at 15 February 2009.
7. Kraft Nabisco Championship Winners aged 65 or under as at 15 February 2009.
8. McDonald's LPGA Championship Winners aged 65 or under as at 15 February 2009.
9. Top 50 players from the Rolex Women's World Golf

Rankings as at 1 January 2009.

10. The leading 30 players who enter from the top 100 on the final 2008 LPGA Money List.
11. The leading 18 players who enter from the top 30 on the final 2008 KLPGA Money List.
12. The leading 3 available players within the top 20 of the final 2008 JLPGA Money List.
13. 2006-2008 Australian Women's Amateur Champions.
14. 2008 Australian Women's Stroke Play Champion.
15. Australia team members – 2008 WATC.
16. The leading player from the Women's 2008 WATC Individual Event.
17. Players exempted by Golf Australia.
18. Leading trainee professional as selected by PGA of Australia.

Amateurs

1. 2008 Australian Girls' Amateur Champion

E. REGISTRATION

All competitors in the Championship Proper must register at The Metropolitan Golf Club either between 2.00 pm and 6.00 pm on Monday 9 February, or between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm on Tuesday 10 February. 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.

F. PRIZE MONEY

Prize money of AU\$500,000.00 will be allocated to professional golfers in accordance with the distribution formula of the ALPG.

G. PRO-AM & PRACTICE

The Championship Pro-Am will be held on Wednesday 11 February (by entering the Women's 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 Australian Open website); Sunday 8 February, Monday 9 February, and Tuesday 10 February. Practice arrangements at the Pre-Qualifying venue will be noted on the competitor information on the Australian Open Website.

H. CADDIES

Players can not use a pull buggy/trolley and must have a caddie. Players requiring a caddie must complete the relevant section of the Championship entry form. NB Each qualifier who requests a caddie is asked, if she subsequently decides to provide her own caddie, to notify Golf Australia immediately (Phone 613 9626 5000 / Fax 613 9696 5095 / championships@golfaustralia.org.au) about her decision not to use the allocated caddie. Caddies will not be provided for those players who do not execute the caddie section of the entry form. (NB A professional caddie will assist with yardages, etc, a Bag Carrier will purely carry the bag.) **Caddie requests MUST be received by Golf Australia prior to 5.00 pm on Sunday 8 February.**

PRE-QUALIFYING ROUND DRAW

The draw and competitor information will be posted at www.australianopengolf.com at least two weeks prior to the Pre-Qualifying competition (these items will not be posted to competitors).

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