



2008 AUSTRALIAN MEN'S & WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

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to be played at
**Royal Adelaide Golf Club, The Grange Golf Club and Glenelg Golf Club
Adelaide, South Australia**



Men's: 14-20 April; Women's: 13-20 April

FORMAT

Men's: The Australian Men's Stroke Play Championship (72 holes) (at Royal Adelaide & The Grange) to qualify 32 players for elimination match play at Royal Adelaide for the Australian Men's Amateur Championship

Women's: The Australian Women's Stroke Play Championship (72 holes) (at Glenelg) to qualify 32 players for elimination match play at Royal Adelaide for the Australian Women's Amateur Championship

HANDICAP LIMIT

Men's – 3.0, Women's – 6.4

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES

Sunday 16 March 2008

CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW

The draw & associated information to competitors will be posted on www.golfaustralia.org.au at 5.00 pm on Friday 28 March.

www.golfaustralia.org.au

2008 Australian Men's & Women's Amateur Championships – 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

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

CHAMPIONSHIP

(tick the box of the Championship you are entering)

Women's Amateur Championship	<input type="checkbox"/>
Men's Amateur Championship	<input type="checkbox"/>

EXEMPTION CATEGORY

Exemption Category (if applicable)	
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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 \$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 4.9.

<i>Signature of Competitor</i>	
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Acknowledgement of Receipt

www.golfaustralia.org.au contains a current list of all entrants.

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



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CONDITIONS

1. Format

- 1.1 Each of the Men's and Women's Championships will be played in two separate sections.
- 1.2 (i) For the Women's Championship, the first section will be decided by stroke play over four qualifying rounds of 18 holes at Glenelg Golf Club - this section will be known as the Australian Women's Stroke Play Championship.
- For the Men's Championship, the first section will be decided by stroke play over four qualifying rounds. For the first two rounds, each player will play one round at Royal Adelaide Golf Club and one round at The Grange Golf Club (East Course), with the final two rounds being played at Royal Adelaide Golf Club - this section will be known as the Australian Men's Stroke Play Championship.
- (ii) There will be no cut in the first section of the Women's Championship. In the Australian Men's Stroke Play Championship, the leading 100 players after 36 holes, and any tying for 100th place, will qualify for the 3rd and 4th Rounds; the remainder will be eliminated.
- (iii) Australian Women's Stroke Play Championship – Schedule
1st Round – Sunday 13 April at Glenelg Golf Club
2nd Round – Monday 14 April at Glenelg Golf Club
3rd Round – Tuesday 15 April at Glenelg Golf Club
4th Round – Wednesday 16 April at Glenelg Golf Club
- Australian Men's Stroke Play Championship – Schedule
1st Round – Monday 14 April at Royal Adelaide Golf Club & The Grange Golf Club (East Course)
2nd Round – Tuesday 15 April at Royal Adelaide Golf Club & The Grange Golf Club (East Course)
3rd Round – Wednesday 16 April at Royal Adelaide Golf Club
4th Round – Thursday 17 April at Royal Adelaide Golf Club
- 1.3 The winner of the first section of the Men's Championship will be the Australian Men's Stroke Play Champion and receive a silver medal and hold the perpetual trophy for one year. The winner of the first section of the Women's Championship will be the Australian Women's Stroke Play Champion and receive a silver medal and hold the perpetual trophy for one year. In the event of a tie for either Championship, 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.
- 1.4 After the first section of the Women's Championship and Men's Championship, the thirty-two (32) lowest scores from each will compete in the second section of the Women's Championship and Men's Championship respectively.
- 1.5 In the event of there being a tie for a position after the first section of either the Men's Championship or Women's Championship such that more than 32 players remain in the respective Championship, those players tying for the last qualifying position or positions will continue over such holes as the Championship Play Committee determines in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off until the 32 qualifiers for the second section of that Championship have been determined. However, if the Championship Play Committee determines that there is not sufficient time available for a play-off, such a tie will be resolved by lot.
- 1.6 The second section of both the Women's Championship and Men's Championship will be played at Royal Adelaide Golf Club and consist of successive rounds of match play, with losers being eliminated and winners progressing to the next round. The automatic draw will be applied to establish the match pairings (ties for positions, other than for the last qualifying position or positions (or for the first position in the Men's Championship), will be decided by the order in which players start their final round in the first section with the first player to start receiving the lowest available number, in accordance with the published Golf Australia procedure). The schedule of the second section of both the Women's Championship and Men's Championship will be as follows:
Round One: Friday 18 April (am) – 18 holes
Round Two: Friday 18 April (pm) – 18 holes
Quarter-finals: Saturday 19 April (am) – 18 holes
Semi-finals: Saturday 19 April (pm) – 18 holes
Final: Sunday 20 April – 36 holes
- 1.7 In the event of a halved match in any round;
(i) players will continue to play until a winner is determined, and;
(ii) the last stipulated round is deemed to extend to as many holes as are required for a match to be won.
- 1.8 The winner of the Women's Championship will be the *Australian Women's Amateur Champion* and receive the Amateur Championship Gold Medal and hold the Championship Cup for one year. The winner of the Men's Championship will be the *Australian Men's Amateur Champion* and receive the Amateur Championship Gold Medal and hold the Challenge Cup for one year.

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 Play 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 will 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 for the Women's Championship are female amateurs whose Australian Women's Handicap or overseas equivalent does not exceed 6.4 strokes. Eligible players for the Men's Championship are male amateurs whose Australian Men's Handicap or overseas equivalent does not exceed 3.0 strokes. (NB The handicap limits do not apply to those players who are exempt as detailed in Condition 5.) The exact Handicap certified at time of entry is the handicap to be used for all purposes.
- 4.2 The Entrance Fee for the Men's Championship is \$220.00 (includes GST) and for the Women's Championship is \$165.00 (includes GST).
- 4.3 Entries must be made via the Golf Australia on-line entry process, or on the entry form issued by Golf Australia, or a facsimile copy thereof. Entry by email is acceptable provided it is a scanned image of the official entry form.
- 4.4 The decision of the Championship Play Committee as to 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.
- 4.6 Fully completed Entry Forms must be received by Golf Australia prior to 5.00 pm Sunday 16 March 2008. IT IS THE **SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTRANT THEMSELF TO ENSURE THAT THEIR ENTRY IS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE CLOSING TIME FOR ENTRIES.** A player's entry form has not officially been received until their name has been posted at www.golfaustralia.org.au.
- 4.7 The maximum field size for the Men's Championship is 312. The maximum field size for the Women's Championship is 84. In the event of applications exceeding the number of places available in either Championship, entries for higher handicap competitors who are not exempt from handicap requirements as noted in Condition 5 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.
- 4.8 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee. Any such entry will be subject to the application of a \$60.00 late fee (includes GST).
- 4.9 In the event that an entry is 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 \$60.00 (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.
- 4.10 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**.
- 4.11 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.

- 4.12 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 fail to secure a place. All refunds paid to players who have withdrawn will be subject to an \$11.00 administration charge (includes GST).

5. Exemptions and Remaining Places

Exemptions for the 2008 Australian Men's and Women's Amateur Championships will be granted to the below (**Note** – Where applicable, it is the sole responsibility of the player to ensure that the Championship Play Committee has received notification of their exempt status. Should the Championship Play Committee not be so advised, that player will be deemed to be a non-exempt player.).

Men's Championship

- 5.1m Competitors at the 2007 Men's Interstate Teams Matches. (NB This does not include participants at the Colts or Boys' Teams Matches.)
- 5.2m Leading 10, and anyone tying for 10th position, at any National Ranking event held since the 2007 Australian Men's Amateur Championship.
- 5.3m Australian Boys' Amateur Championship winners 2003-2007.
- 5.4m All past Australian Men's Amateur Champions.
- 5.5m 2008 Australian Men's Amateur Foursome Championship winners.
- 5.6m 2008 Golf Australia National Squad members.
- 5.7m All past British Amateur Champions.
- 5.8m All past US Amateur Champions.
- 5.9m Canadian, Japan, & New Zealand Amateur Championship winners 2003-2008.
- 5.10m Competitors at 2006 World Amateur Team Championship.
- 5.11m Competitors at 2007 Asia-Pacific Team Championship.
- 5.12m 2007 Australian Men's Amateur Championship – match play qualifiers.
- 5.13m 2007 MFS Australian Open – Championship Proper competitors.
- 5.14m Australia open amateur team members in any event 2005-2008.
- 5.15m 2006-2008 Australia Trans Tasman Trophy team members.
- 5.16m Current Australian men's state amateur championship winners as at 14/4/2008.
- 5.17m Current Champion of each Host Club.
- 5.18m Competitors nominated by men's State & Territory Associations (maximum 3 each).
- 5.19m Leading 100 players on R&A World Amateur Golf Ranking as at the closing time for entries.
- 5.20m Players nominated by national golf associations (maximum 4 per country).
- 5.21m Players exempted by Golf Australia.

Women's Championship

- 5.1w Competitors at the 2007 Women's Interstate Teams Matches. (NB This does not include participants at the Girls' Teams Matches.)
- 5.2w Leading 5, and anyone tying for 5th position, at any National Ranking event held since the 2007 Australian Women's Amateur Championship.
- 5.3w Australian Girls' Amateur Championship winners 2003-2007.
- 5.4w All past Australian Women's Amateur Champions.
- 5.5w 2008 Australian Women's Amateur Foursome Championship winners.
- 5.6w 2008 Golf Australia National Squad members.
- 5.7w All past Women's British Amateur Champions.
- 5.8w All past Women's US Amateur Champions.
- 5.9w Canadian, Japan, & New Zealand Women's Amateur Championship winners 2003-2008.
- 5.10w Competitors at 2006 World Amateur Teams Championship.
- 5.11w Competitors at 2007 Asia-Pacific Team Championship (Queen Sirikit Cup).
- 5.12w 2007 Australian Women's Amateur Championship – match play qualifiers.
- 5.13w 2008 MFS Women's Australian Open – Championship Proper competitors.
- 5.14w Australia open amateur team members in any event 2005-2008.
- 5.15w 2006-2008 Australia Trans Tasman Trophy team members.
- 5.16w Current Australian women's state amateur championship winners as at 14/4/2008.
- 5.17w Current Women's Champion of each Host Club.
- 5.18w Competitors nominated by women's State & Territory Associations (maximum 3 each).
- 5.19w Players nominated by national golf associations (maximum 3 per country).
- 5.20w Players exempted by Golf Australia.

6. Media

All rights for televising live, television recordings, or for any visual or electronic reproduction of the Championships are reserved only to Golf Australia and may only be made under licence.

7. Conforming Golf Balls, One Ball Condition, and Time of Starting

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 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. Registration

Competitors in the Men's Championship must register between 10.30 am and 3.00 pm at Royal Adelaide Golf Club on Sunday 13 April. Competitors in the Women's Championship must register between 10.30 am and 3.00 pm at Glenelg Golf Club on Saturday 12 April. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

10. 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.

11. Practice

The Grange Golf Club – Saturday 12 April and Sunday 13 April.

Royal Adelaide Golf Club – Sunday 13 April (competitors in the Australian Women's Amateur Championship may practice on Thursday 17 April following the conclusion of the Men's Stroke Play Championship).

Glenelg Golf Club – Saturday 12 April.

12. 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.

13. Motorised Transport

During play, it is prohibited for a player or their caddie to ride in or on a motorised vehicle unless permitted by a member of the Championship Rules Committee. Penalty: Stroke Play – 2 strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – 4 strokes. Match Play – At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match will be adjusted by deducting 1 hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round – 2 holes.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. Golf Australia Hard Card

The Golf Australia Hard Card will be in effect throughout the Australian Women's Amateur Championship and the Australian Men's Amateur Championship.

ACCOMMODATION GUIDE

See the Player Information Page of Australian Amateur Championships at www.golfaustralia.org.au