



Australian Government
Australian Sports Commission

2008 AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S MID AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

conducted by

Golf Australia

Telephone – (03) 9626 5050 Facsimile – (03) 9626 5095
championships@golfaustralia.org.au

to be played at



Ulverstone Golf Club

Lobster Creek Road, ULVERSTONE, TASMANIA

Entrants must be at least 30 years of age and not have reached their 55th birthday as at 27/10/2008

Monday 27 October to Wednesday 29 October

Closing Date for Entries – Monday 29 September 2008 at 5:00 pm

HANDICAP LIMIT - 18.4

FORMAT - 54 HOLES STROKE PLAY

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:

- Championship Entry (plus Practice Round)
- Championship Welcome Cocktail Party
- Championship Presentation Drinks
- Championship Bag Tag

CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

All players must check the Golf Australia website for important championship information from 15th September.

www.golfaustralia.org.au

DO NOT DETACH ANY SECTION

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

***** TOURNAMENT FUNCTIONS *****

Welcome Cocktail Party – A Welcome Cocktail Party will be held on Monday 27 October to welcome players, officials & guests to Ulverstone Golf Club for the Australian Women's Mid Amateur Championship. The welcome cocktail party is included in the entry fee.

Presentation Drinks – This will be held at Ulverstone Golf Club following the Championship Presentations on Wednesday 29 October. These drinks are included in the entry fee.

METHOD OF PAYMENT – VISA MasterCard CHEQUE MONEY ORDER CASH (Golf Australia Office Payments)

Entry Fee

Late Entry Fee (if applicable) \$

TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE \$

Expiry Date /

Card Number

Cardholder's Name

Cardholder's Signature

NB In the event that this entry is received after the closing time for entries and that it is accepted, the entrant shall be automatically liable to Golf Australia for the sum of \$40.00 (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.

Please enter me in the *2008 Australian Women's Mid Amateur Championship*. I am an amateur player 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 (\$85.00) MUST BE ATTACHED

NAME	Surname		Preferred Given Name	
	ADDRESS		Postcode	
Private Phone	(0)	Business Phone	(0)	
Mobile Phone		E-mail		
Home Club		GOLF Link No.		
Date of Birth		Age as at 27/10/2008		Club Handicap (Exact)

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.

Signature of Competitor

** NB – All players must supply either a six-month HANDICAP RECORD or a GOLF LINK NUMBER.*



2008 Australian Women's Mid Amateur Championship CONDITIONS

1. Championship Procedure

1.1 The Championship will be played over 54 holes of stroke play at Ulverstone Golf Club.

Round 1 – Monday 27 October

Round 2 – Tuesday 28 October

Round 3 – Wednesday 29 October

1.2 The winner will be the *Australian Women's Mid Amateur Champion* and will receive the Championship Gold Medal and trophy. 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 the championship, unless the Championship Play Committee determines otherwise, 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.

2. Championship Play Committee

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

2.2 In the absence of a 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 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 are female amateurs who have reached their 30th, yet not reached their 55th birthday by 27 October 2008 and; whose Australian Handicap (or overseas equivalent) does not exceed 18.4 strokes at the time of entry. The exact Handicap certified at the time of entry is the handicap to be used for all purposes.

4.2 Entrance Fee \$85.00 (includes GST).

4.3 Entries must be made via the Golf Australia online 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, together with appropriate Entrance Fees, must be received by Golf Australia prior to 5:00 pm on Monday 29 September 2008. **IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTRANT THEMSELVES 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 In the event of entry applications exceeding the number of places available in the Championship, applications from those higher handicap competitors will be decided by a handicap ballot. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if withdrawals subsequently occur. Monies received from balloted entrants, who do not subsequently compete, will be refunded in entirety.

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 \$40.00 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 \$40.00 (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 though 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 Monies received 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. Conforming Golf Balls and Time of Starting

The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect as regards Conforming Golf Balls and Time of Starting.

- 6.1 It will be obligatory for all competitors to play with a golf ball that is named on the current R&A approved List of Conforming Golf Balls.
- 6.2 If the player arrives at their starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after their 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 loss of the first hole to be played in match play or two strokes in stroke play. Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.

7. 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:

Stroke play – 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 opponent in match play or their marker or fellow competitor in stroke play 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.

8. Practice

Sunday 26 October 2008.

9. Motorised Transport

During play, it is prohibited for a player 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.

10. Registration

Competitors are to register between 12.00 pm and 3.00 pm on Sunday 26 October at Ulverstone Golf Club. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the Championship.

11. 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.

12. 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 the 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.

13. 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.

14. 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

15. Golf Australia Hard Card

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