



Australian Government
Australian Sports Commission

2008 AUSTRALIAN MEN'S SENIOR AMATEUR MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

to be played at



Barwon Heads Golf Club, Barwon Heads, Victoria

Entrants must be at least 55 years of age as at 5/10/2008

conducted by

GOLF AUSTRALIA

Telephone – (03) 9626 5050 Facsimile – (03) 9626 5095

Sunday 5th to Friday 10th October

Closing Date for Entries – Monday 8th September 2008 at 5:00 pm

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:

- Championship Entry
- Championship Welcome Cocktail Party
- Six (6) Rounds of Golf
- Championship Souvenir

CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

All players must check the Golf Australia website for important championship information from 8th 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 Sunday 5 October to welcome players, officials & guests to Barwon Heads Golf Club for the Australian Men's Senior Amateur Match Play Championship. Entry to the welcome cocktail party (finger food plus alcohol & soft drinks) is included in the entry fee for players. Additional places are available; please fill out the details below as to the total number of people that will be attending.

Championship Barbecue – (The Championship Barbecue is **NOT** included in the **ENTRY FEE**) This will be held at Barwon Heads Golf Club following the Championship Presentations at approximately 1.00 pm on Friday 10 October. The cost is \$25.00 per person (Barbecue Buffet). Please note that drinks are **NOT INCLUDED**. Places should be purchased at the time of entry but, subject to numbers, places may still be purchased up until Registration Day.

	Number of Purchased Places	Guest's Name	Price per Ticket	Cost
WELCOME COCKTAIL PARTY (NB: Players already included)			\$32.00	\$
PRESENTATION BARBECUE (NB Not included in entry fee)			\$25.00	\$
Total				

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

Cost of Tickets to Functions \$ Entry Fee \$180.00 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 Men's Senior Amateur Match Play 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 (\$180.00) MUST BE ATTACHED

NAME	Surname		Preferred Given Name		
Address					
				Postcode	
Private Phone	(0)		Business Phone	(0)	
Mobile Phone		EMAIL			
Home Club		Dates of Birth		Age as at 5/10/2008	
Exact Australian H'cap			Golf Link Number		

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

2008 Australian Men's Senior Amateur Match Play Championship

CONDITIONS

1. Format

- 1.1 The Championship will be played over six (6) rounds of 18 holes elimination Match Play at Barwon Heads Golf Club.

Round 1:	Sunday 5 October
Round 2:	Monday 6 October
Round 3:	Tuesday 7 October
Quarter Finals:	Wednesday 8 October
Semi Finals:	Thursday 9 October
Final:	Friday 10 October

- 1.2 The Championship will consist of successive rounds of match play, with losers being eliminated and winners progressing to the next round. The general numerical draw will be applied to establish the match pairings (based on the player's position on the 2007/2008 Australian Senior Order of Merit) with the highest ranked player receiving the lowest available number, in accordance with the published Golf Australia procedure. If two or more players are tied in the Australian Senior Order of Merit, the player's exact Australian Handicap at the time of entry will be used, with the player with the lowest exact handicap receiving the lowest number available. HOWEVER, all eliminated players will be drawn to play in additional match play draws which will allow all players to play all six (6) Rounds, their starting times will be advised at registration.
- 1.3 In the event of a halved match in any round;
- players will continue to play until a winner is determined, and;
 - the round is deemed to extend to as many holes as are required for a match to be won.
- 1.4 The winner will be the *Australian Men's Senior Amateur Match Play Champion* and will receive the Championship gold medallion. The runner-up will receive a silver medallion. The semi-finalists will receive a bronze medallion.

2. Championship Play Committee

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

4. Entries

- 4.1 Eligible players are male amateurs who have reached their 55th birthday by 5 October 2008 and who are the leading 64 entries according to the 2007/2008 Australian Senior Order of Merit as at 31 July 2008.
- 4.2 Entrance Fee \$180.00 (includes GST). Entry Fees will not be processed until after the closing date of 8 September.
- 4.3 Entries must be made 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 8 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 (64), applications outside of the leading 64 entries according to the 2007/2008 Australian Senior Order of Merit as at 31 July 2008 will be balloted. Unsuccessful applications will be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if withdrawals subsequently occur. Entry Fees will not be processed until after entries have closed.
- 4.8 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee. Any such entry shall 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 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. 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, 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.

- 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 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.
- 6.3 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. 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:**

Match play – At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round – Two holes.

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

There is no official practice day. Practice is at the player's own expense and arrangements can be made by contacting the club on 03 5255 6255.

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. (NB Subject to host club permission, a caddie may use motorised transport at any time.)

Penalty: 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.

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.

Note: Permission will only be granted to entrants who, for medical reasons, normally use a vehicle at their Home Club. Attach Home Club endorsement to this effect to a written application.

10. Registration

Competitors are to register between 4.00 pm and 5.00 pm at Barwon Heads Golf Club on Saturday 4 October. If a player cannot be at the club at that time, players may register via phone. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the Championship.

11. Match Play Draw and Withdrawals

The draw will be released once all players have registered. If there is a subsequent withdrawal, the opponent in the Championship Match will receive a forfeit.

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 delay. Warnings may not be issued prior to penalties.

13. 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

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 Men's Senior Amateur Match Play Championship.

Acknowledgment of Entry

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 his name appears on this list.