



2009 AUSTRALIAN MEN'S MID AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

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to be played at



THE NATIONAL

The National Golf Club
Cape Schanck (Mornington Peninsula), Victoria

Entrants must be at least 30 years of age and not have reached their 55th birthday as at 20/1/2009

Tuesday 20 to Thursday 22 January

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES - Monday 5th January 2009 at 5:00 pm

HANDICAP LIMIT - 7.4

FORMAT - 54 HOLES STROKE PLAY

ENTRY FEE - \$150.00 (online); \$170.00 (via fax, e-mail, in person or mail)

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:

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

CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW

The draw & associated information for competitors will be posted on www.golfaustralia.org.au two weeks prior to the Championship

www.golfaustralia.org.au

2009 Australian Men's Mid Amateur Championship – ENTRY FORM

TOURNAMENT FUNCTION

Presentation Drinks – Will be held at The National Golf Club following the completion of the final round of the championship. Drinks and finger food will be provided (*included in the player's 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 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.

Please enter me in the *2009 Australian Men'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 (\$170.00) 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 20/1/2009		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.*



2009 Australian Men's Mid Amateur Championship

CONDITIONS



1. Championship Procedure

- 1.1 The Championship will be played over 54 holes of stroke play at The National Golf Club, Cape Schanck.
Round 1 – Tuesday 20 January – Old Course
Round 2 – Wednesday 21 January – Moonah Course
Round 3 – Thursday 22 January – Ocean Course
- 1.2 After 36 holes, only the leading 70 players plus ties will proceed.
- 1.3 The winner will be the *Australian Men'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.
- 1.4 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 decides 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 Chairs 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 Play Committee.

4. Entries

- 4.1 Eligible players are male amateurs who have reached their 30th, yet not reached their 55th birthday, by 20 January 2009 and; whose Australian Handicap (or overseas equivalent) does not exceed 7.4 strokes at the time of entry or who are an exempt player as detailed in Condition 5.
- 4.2 Entrance Fee \$150.00 (includes GST) on-line; or \$170.00 (includes GST) via fax, e-mail, mail or in person.
- 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, together with appropriate entrance fees, must be received by Golf Australia by 5pm Monday 5th January 2009. IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTRANT HIMSELF TO ENSURE THAT HIS ENTRY HAS BEEN RECEIVED. A player's entry form has not officially been received until his 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 (120), applications from those higher handicap competitors not exempt from a handicap ballot as detailed in Condition 5 will be decided by a handicap ballot. The exact handicap certified at the date of entry will be used for all purposes. 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.
- ### 5. Exemptions
- 5.1 All previous winners of the Australian Men's Mid Amateur Championship.
 - 5.2 2008 State Men's Mid Amateur Champions.
 - 5.3 2008 International Men's Mid Amateur Champions.

- 5.4 Former Australian Men's representatives (must satisfy tournament entry conditions).
- 5.5 Former Australian Men's Amateur Champions (must satisfy tournament entry conditions).
- 5.6 The National GC Club Champion (must satisfy tournament entry conditions).
- 5.7 Entrants exempt by Golf Australia.

6. 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.

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. Practice

Monday 19 January 2009. Players are entitled to one complimentary practice round on Monday 19 January. A player may choose to play more than one round on that day, or may have a practice round on any day leading up to the Championship, however these rounds are at the player's cost and are a private arrangement between the player and The National Golf Club. The times and courses available for practice on Monday 19 January will be designated by The National Golf Club. Please contact the club to make a booking.

9. 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.

10. Registration

Competitors must register between 12.00 pm and 3.00 pm at The National Golf Club on Monday 19 January. 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 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. 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.

14. Dress Regulations, Smoking and Mobile Phones

14.1 The National Golf Club has strict regulations which apply to the golf course, Clubhouse and driving range, which will be enforced.

14.2 The following dress is acceptable - tailored shorts above the knee, and collared or accepted golf shirts which must be tucked in. Socks must be plain white or with The National GC logo, any other club logo or Golf Association logo. Soft spikes only.

14.3 The following dress is unacceptable - sporting shorts, large motifs and advertising, all denim, three-quarter or cargo pants, tracksuit tops and pants, running shoes, thongs, sandals, and bare feet.

14.4 Smoking is not permitted in the Clubhouse or on course and mobile phone use is only permitted outside the Clubhouse on the Old Course side, in the car park and locker rooms.

14.5 All queries regarding dress, smoking and mobile phones should be directed to The National Golf Club.

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.

16. Golf Australia Hard Card

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

17. Code of Conduct

All entrants assent to be bound by Golf Australia's Code of Conduct.

Acknowledgment 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 their name appears on this list.