



2009 WOMEN'S AUSTRALIAN OPEN COMPETITOR FACT SHEET

Date: 12th – 15th February 2009

Venue: The Metropolitan Golf Club
Melbourne, Australia

Address: Golf Road
South Oakleigh, VIC 3167

Website: www.australianopengolf.com

TELEPHONE NUMBERS / CONTACT NAMES

Entries and Championship Queries:
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TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

Field: Minimum 144 players

Format: 72 Holes Stroke Play

In the event of a tie for first place, a 'sudden death' hole-by hole play-off will take place.

Prize Money: \$AUD 500,000

Entry Fee: \$AUD 150.00

Entry Closing Date: LET members – 16th January 2009

Non-LET members – 23rd January 2009

Registration: Monday 9th February – 2.00 pm – 6.00 pm (Tournament Office)

Tuesday 10th February – 9.00 am – 6.00 pm (Tournament Office)

Pre-Tournament Pro-Am: Wednesday 11th February

Estimated Finishing Time: 6:00 pm Sunday 15th February

Draw Times: www.australianopengolf.com.au

ACCOMMODATION

Official Hotels:

To secure your booking at the preferred room rates please book prior to Friday 30th January 2009. When booking please quote 'Golf Australia' to receive these rates.

Hotel: **Novotel Glen Waverly**
Booking Contact: Erin Lynch * Please note new contact details
Phone: (03) 8561 2345
Email: H2068-FO01@accor.com

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Address: 285 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverly, VIC 3150
Website: <http://www.novotelglen.com.au/>
Preferred room rates for 2009 Women's Australian Open competitors:
Standard Rooms AUD \$175 per night

Hotel: **Hotel Ibis Glen Waverly**
Booking Contact: Jolynne Yeo
Phone: (03) 3518 7112
Email: H6413-RE01@accor.com
Address: 285 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverly, VIC 3150
Website: http://www.accorhotels.com.au/Hotellbis_GlenWaverley
Preferred room rates for 2009 Women's Australian Open competitors:
Standard Rooms AUD \$145 per night

Serviced Apartments: **Quest South Yarra**
Booking Contact: Adam Hayes
Phone: (03) 8825 3700
Email: questsx@questapartments.com.au
Address: 27 – 29 Claremont Street, South Yarra, VIC 3141
Website: www.questsxysouthyarra.com.au
Preferred room rates for 2009 Women's Australian Open competitors:

Apartment Type	Bedding Configuration	Nightly Rate (incl GST)
STUDIO	One Queen Bed	\$170.00
ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT	One Queen Bed	\$180.00
ONE BEDROOM EXECUTIVE	One King/split bed	\$190.00
TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT	1xQueen & 1xKing/split	\$240.00
TWO BEDROOM EXECUTIVE	1xQueen & 1xKing/split	\$275.00

PLEASE NOTE: Official tournament transport will only operate to and from the designated tournament hotels detailed below and other approved hotels.

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.)

OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS

Official Welcome Cocktail Party:

Date: Tuesday 10th February
Time: 6:30 pm
Venue: The Metropolitan Club House
Conditions: This function is **mandatory for all invited players.**
Dress: Smart Casual – strictly no denim

Pro-Am:

Date: Wednesday 11th February
Time: Lunch will be served between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm in the Club House.

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Entrants: A list of professional players required to play can be obtained from the LET/ALPG Tournament Office and the Golf Australia website.

PLAYER SERVICES

Player Lounge / Locker Rooms: Located in The Metropolitan Club House. No entry to public, locked lockers and towels will be provided.

Catering for Player Lounge (in Locker Rooms):

Monday 9th February – Wednesday 11th February 2009

Breakfast: 6:30 am – 10:30 am

Lunch: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

All day: Fruit and drinks in Player Lounge / Locker Room and around the course

Thursday 12th February – Sunday 15th February 2009

Breakfast: 5.45 am – 10.00 am

Lunch: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

All day: Fruit and drinks in Player Lounge / Locker Room and around the course.

Player Services:

Contact: Matt Cutler and Courtesy Car Drivers

Ph: TBC

Location: Entrance to Club House (Outside Player Locker Rooms)
Your Player Service team will have information regarding the local area (restaurants, public transport etc.), draws and tee times, club repair services, weather information. Please contact them for any of your needs

Medical:

A Physiotherapist, Massage Therapist will be on-site and a Chiropractor and Doctor will be on call from Tuesday 10th February through to Sunday 15th February

Player Car Parking:

Parking is located in the Golf Course car park - Entrance A off Golf Road. Please present Player Accreditation for entry.

PRACTICE ARRANGEMENTS

Practice Range: *located adjacent to the 1st Tee and putting green*

Sunday 8th February: 12.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Monday 9th February: 7.00 am – 6.00 pm

Tuesday 10th February: 6.00 am – 6.00 pm

Wednesday 11th February: 6.00 am – 6.00 pm

Thursday 12th February: 6.00 am – 1 hour after end of play

Friday 13th February: 6.00 am – 1 hour after end of play

Saturday 14th February: 6.00 am – 1 hour after end of play

Sunday 15th February: 6.00 am – last tee time

Practice Rounds: *from the 1st tee only; a time sheet will operate on Monday and Tuesday (players must make a booking through the Metropolitan Golf Club pro shop on 03 9570 3774). Time Sheets are now open.*

Sunday 8th February: No Practice Rounds available

Monday 9th February: 8.15 am – 3.00 pm

Tuesday 10th February: 7.00 am – 3.30 pm

Wednesday 11th February: Pro-Am day – no Practice Rounds available



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Day / Date	Approx. Times	Activity
Monday 9 February	8.00 am – 7.00 pm	Practice Day
Tuesday 10 February	8.00 am – 7.00 pm	Practice Day
Wednesday 11 February	7.00 am – 5.30 pm	Pro-Am Day
Thursday 12 February	7.30 am – 7.15 pm	Round 1 – min 144 players in groups of 3
Friday 13 February	7.30 am – 7.15 pm	Round 2 * – min 144 players in groups of 3
Saturday 14 February	8.00 am – 5.30 pm	Round 3
Sunday 15 February	8.00 am – 5.30 pm	Round 4 – Final day & closing ceremony
Monday 16 February	8.00am – 1.00pm	Super Monday

* Cut 65 professionals, plus any tying for 65th place, plus any amateur with an equivalent or better 36-hole total to the 65th placed professional.

Telecast Times

Live coverage of the tournament will be broadcast via The ABC at the following times:

Day / Date	Time
Thursday 12 February	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
Friday 13 February	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
Saturday 14 February	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
Sunday 15 February	1.00 pm – 6.00 pm

TRAVEL / TRANSFERS / TRANSPORTATION

Transport Office:

Ph: TBC

Opening Hours: Sunday 8th February – Sunday 15th February 2009

- If you require airport pickup / drop offs please notify the Transport Coordinator ASAP (within 24 hours of flight)

Directions:

Nearest airports:

Melbourne Tullamarine Airport is approximately 50km from the Golf Club – approximately 1 hour drive. Avalon Airport (domestic) is approximately 80km from the Golf Club – approximately 2 hours drive depending on traffic. Note: Courtesy Cars will only pick up from Tullamarine Airport.

Airport Transfers:

Airport pickup times will depend upon the arrival/departure times you provide to Coco Eke at Golf Australia (Ph: +61401 559 624 Email: cocoe@golfaustralia.org.au) Players should receive confirmation of their hotel booking direct from their desired hotel and will need to forward this information to Coco Eke at the tournament office.

Conditions:

Transport will be available and priority will be given to those players staying at the official hotels. Players need to provide the transport office with airport arrival / departure times.

Please log onto - <http://metropolitangolf.com.au/> - for more information on the Club, Course and facilities. Please note: course length for the Championship differs from the standard women's course.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PLAYERS AND CADDIES – VISA APPLICATIONS**
- It is possible to arrange group visas when travelling to Australia. Players and caddies are advised to ensure their visa requirements are in order **before travelling**.
 - It is recommended all players and caddies take out the Sport Visa (subclass 421), and please check the Australian Embassy or their web site for details on how to apply, what information you will need to supply etc.
- **GOLF CLUBS**
- Australian Customs require all golf clubs entering from International destinations to be clean and free of dirt / mud. To ensure an efficient entry into Australia, please clean all golf clubs.
- **Transurban CityLink:**
- If you are planning on driving yourself around Melbourne, you may need a CityLink Pass. CityLink is an electronic tolling system (no tollbooths) that connects Tullamarine, West Gate and Monash Freeways. It means drivers need a CityLink Pass to travel on these freeways. *You can choose from:*
- **24 Hour Pass:** Unlimited access for a 24 hour period from your first trip. (approx \$11.30)
 - **Tulla Pass:** Unlimited travel between Bulla Road and Flemington Road only, for a 24 hour period from your first trip. (approx \$4.00)
- Weekend Pass:** Unlimited access from midday Friday to midnight Sunday. (approx \$11.30)
- Prices were correct at Thursday, 22 January 2009
- **Internet Facilities:** There will be Wi-Fi facilities in the Hotel and in the Player's Lounge / Locker Room

APPROXIMATE CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE

AUD	EUR
\$1	€0.49
\$5	€2.47
\$10	€4.94
\$50	€24.67

THANK YOU LETTERS

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