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# 2009 AUSTRALIAN MEN'S SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

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## Golf Australia

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*to be played at*



## Bribie Island Golf Club

Links Court, Bribie Island, QUEENSLAND

Entrants must be at least 55 years of age as at 12/5/2009

**Tuesday 12 May to Thursday 14 May**

**Closing Date for Entries – Tuesday 14 April 2009 at 5:00 pm**

**HANDICAP LIMIT - 6.4**

**FORMAT – 54 HOLES STROKE PLAY**

### **ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:**

- Championship Entry (plus practice round)
- Championship Welcome Cocktail Party
- Championship Bag Tag

### CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

All players must check the Golf Australia website for important championship information from the end of February.

[www.golfaustralia.org.au](http://www.golfaustralia.org.au)

## 2009 Australian Men's Senior Amateur Championships – ENTRY FORM

### ~~~ CHAMPIONSHIP FUNCTIONS ~~~

**Welcome Cocktail Party** - Entry to the welcome cocktail party (finger food plus alcohol & soft drink included) is included in the entry fee.

**Presentation Dinner** - (THE PRESENTATION DINNER IS **NOT** INCLUDED IN THE ENTRY FEE) Will be held at Bribie Island Golf Club on the evening of Thursday 14 May. Places are limited and are available strictly on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost is \$75 per person (drinks are included in the price – a maximum of two places are available for each competitor – competitors must purchase a place themselves should they wish to attend). Places should be purchased at the time of entry but, subject to take-up may still be purchased as late as Registration Day.

	Number of Purchased Places	Guest's Name	Price per Ticket	Cost
WELCOME COCKTAIL PARTY (NB: Players already included)			\$35.00	\$
PRESENTATION DINNER			\$75.00	\$
			<b>Total</b>	\$

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

Cost of Tickets to Functions \$  Entry Fee \$170.00 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 2009 Australian Men's Senior 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		EMAIL		
Home Club		GOLF Link No.		<b>EXEMPTION CATEGORY</b>
Date of Birth		Age at 12/5/2009		Australian H'cap (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 5.9.

Signature of Competitor	<i>* NB – All players must supply either a six-month HANDICAP RECORD or a GOLF LINK NUMBER.</i>
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### Acknowledgement of Receipt

A list of all entries received by Golf Australia will be posted at [www.golfaustralia.org.au](http://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.



## 2009 Australian Men's Senior Amateur Championship CONDITIONS

### 1. Championship Procedure

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

Round 1 – Tuesday 12 May

Round 2 – Wednesday 13 May

Round 3 – Thursday 14 May

1.2 After 36 holes, a maximum of 108 players (75% of the starting field) will continue. Those players either in a position greater than 108<sup>th</sup>, or tying for a position that includes 109<sup>th</sup> position, will be eliminated (NB these players will be eliminated from the championship only – not from the Senior Interstate Stroke Teams Event). HOWEVER, all eliminated players will be drawn to play at Bribie Island Golf Club on the day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Round – their starting times shall be in the final quarter of the draw.

1.3 The winner will be the *Australian Men's Senior Amateur Champion* and will receive the Championship Gold Medal. The runner-up will receive a silver medallion. The 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 will decide in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off until the winner is determined.

1.5 Winners in each of the following categories who have completed the championship (and who are not the winner of the championship, or the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place getters, or anyone tying for 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place) will receive mementos (count-back will apply if ties occur):

- Under 60 years of age
- 60-64 years of age
- 65-69 years of age
- 70 years of age and over

### 2. Senior Interstate Stroke Teams Event

2.1 Each state may nominate a team comprising a maximum of four players who will meet eligibility conditions laid down by Golf Australia.

2.2 The winning team will be determined by the lowest aggregate of the three best scores from each round.

2.3 Disqualification of a team member under the Rules of Golf in any round will not be effective for any subsequent round of the Senior Interstate Stroke Teams Event unless the Championship Play Committee determines otherwise.

2.4 In the event of a tie, joint winners will be declared.

2.5 Members of the winning team will receive mementos.

### 3. Championship Play Committee

3.1 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.

3.2 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.

3.3 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.

3.4 The decision of the Championship Play Committee as to acceptance or refusal of any entry will be final.

### 4. 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.

### 5. Entries

5.1 Eligible players are male amateurs who have reached their 55<sup>th</sup> birthday by 12 May 2009 and; whose Australian Men's Handicap (or overseas equivalent) does not exceed 6.4 strokes at the time of entry or who are an exempt player as detailed in Condition 6. The exact Handicap certified at the time of entry is the handicap to be used for all purposes.

5.2 The Entrance Fee is \$150.00 (includes GST) on-line and for international players; or \$170.00 (includes GST) via fax, mail, e-mail or in person.

5.3 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.

5.4 The decision of the Championship Play Committee as to acceptance or refusal of any entry will be final.

5.5 Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited.

5.6 Fully completed Entry Forms must be received by Golf Australia prior to 5.00 pm Tuesday 14 April 2009. IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTRANT THEMSELV 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](http://www.golfaustralia.org.au).

5.7 In the event of entry applications exceeding the number of places available in the Championship (144), applications from those higher handicap competitors not exempt from a handicap ballot as detailed in Condition 6 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.

5.8 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).

5.9 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.

5.10 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**.

- 5.11 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.
- 5.12 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).

## 6. Exemptions

Exemptions from a handicap ballot for the 2009 Australian Men's Senior Amateur Championship will be granted to the following. (**Note** – Where applicable, it is the sole responsibility of the player to ensure the Championship Play Committee has received notification of his exempt status. Should the Championship Play Committee not be so advised, that player will be deemed to be a non-exempt player.)

- 6.1 Previous winners of the Australian Men's Senior Amateur Championship.
- 6.2 Leading 20, and anyone tying for 20<sup>th</sup> position, in the 2008 Australian Men's Senior Amateur Championship.
- 6.3 Leading 75 players from the 2009 Australian Men's Senior Amateur Ranking System as at 14 April 2009.
- 6.4 Current state men's senior amateur championship winners as at 14 April 2009.
- 6.5 Winners of 2009 Australian Men's Senior Amateur Ranking Events.
- 6.6 Team members – 2009 Senior Interstate Stroke Teams Event.

## 7. 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.

## 8. Starting Times

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 two strokes at the first hole to be played. The penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.

## 9. Golf Balls

The balls the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls. Penalty: Disqualification.

## 10. 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](http://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.

## 11. 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](http://www.asada.gov.au).

## 12. Registration

Competitors are to register between 12.00 pm and 3.00 pm at Bribie Island Golf Club on Monday 11 May. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the Championship.

## 13. Practice

Monday 11 May 2009.

## 14. 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.

## 15. 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: 2 strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – 4 strokes (unless permitted to ride by a member of the Championship Rules Committee).

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.

## 16. 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.

## 17. Code of Conduct

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

## 16. Golf Australia Hard Card

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