



Australian Government
Australian Sports Commission

2009 AUSTRALIAN MEN'S SENIOR AMATEUR MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

to be played at



Thirteenth Beach Golf Links, Barwon Heads, Victoria

Entrants must be at least 55 years of age as at 19/10/2009

conducted by

GOLF AUSTRALIA

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

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd October

Closing Date for Entries – Monday 21st September 2009 at 5:00 pm

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:

- Championship Entry
- Championship Welcome Cocktail Party
- Five (5) Rounds of Golf, plus practice round
- Championship Souvenir

CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

All players must check the Golf Australia website for important championship information from 7th 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 19 October to welcome players, officials & guests to Thirteenth Beach Golf Links 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 Thirteenth Beach Golf Links following the Championship Presentations at approximately 1.00 pm on Friday 23 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				

CHAMPIONSHIP

(tick the box of the Championship you are entering)

Australian Men's Senior Match Play Championship	<input type="checkbox"/>
Australian Men's Senior Match Play Championship – Super Senior Section *	<input type="checkbox"/>

* Eligible players for the Super Senior Section are male amateurs who have reached their 65th birthday by 19 October 2009 and who are the leading 8 entries after the leading 32 players according to the 2009 Australian Men's Ranking System as at 21 September.

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 2009 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	Date of Birth		Age as at 19/10/2009	
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	<input type="text"/>
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2009 Australian Men's Senior Amateur Match Play Championship CONDITIONS

1. Format

1.1 The Championship will be played in two sections at Thirteenth Beach Golf Links (Beach Course).

1.2 (i) The first section will be the Australian Men's Senior Match Play Championship and will be played over five (5) rounds of 18 holes elimination Match Play:

Round 1: Monday 19 October
Round 2: Tuesday 20 October
Quarter Finals: Wednesday 21 October
Semi Finals: Thursday 22 October
Final: Friday 23 October

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 2009 Australian Men's Senior Ranking System as at the close of entries) 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 Ranking System, 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.

Once eliminated from the main Championship, all eliminated players will be drawn to play in additional match play draws which will ensure all players play all five (5) Rounds.

(iii) The second section will be the Australian Men's Senior Match Play Championship - Super Senior Section (for players aged 65 years and over on the first day of play). The Super Senior Section will be played over three (3) rounds of 18 holes round robin match play (after the players are divided into two Pools), with the leading player in each Pool progressing to the Final:

Round 1 (Round Robin): Monday 19 October
Round 2 (Round Robin): Tuesday 20 October
Round 3 (Round Robin): Thursday 22 October
Final: Friday 23 October

NB. Wednesday 21 October is a rest day.

The Pools will be determined by the player's position in the 2009 Australian Men's Senior Ranking System as at the close of entries, with player's ranked 1, 3, 5, and 7 constituting Pool A, and players ranked 2, 4, 6 and 8 constituting Pool B. If two or more players are tied in the Australian Ranking System, 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. Players in each Pool will play each other once, with the player in each Pool having won the most number of matches progressing to the Final. In the event that two or more players have the same number of wins, the result(s) of the matches between the tied players will be used to determine the winner. If still a tie, the number of holes won between the tied players will be used, and if still a tie, the Finalists will be determined by their original seeding within the Pools. Those players not progressing to the Final will be drawn to play on the final day, with the second placed player from Pool A playing the second placed player from Pool B, and so on. In the event of a tie, the above procedure will be used.

1.3 In the event of a halved match in any round;

(i) players will continue to play until a winner is determined, and;

(ii) the round is deemed to extend to as many holes as are required for a match to be won.

1.4 The winner of the first section 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 third place getter (ie. the winner of the match between the losing semi-finalists) will receive a bronze medallion. The winner of the second section will be the *Australian Men's Senior Amateur Match Play Super Senior Champion* and will receive a gold medallion. The runner-up will receive a silver medallion. The third place getter (ie. the winner of the match between the losing 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 for the first section are male amateurs who have reached their 55th birthday by 19 October 2009 and who are the leading 32 entries according to the 2009 Australian Men's Ranking System as at 21 September.

Eligible players for the second section are male amateurs who have reached their 65th birthday by 19 October 2009 and who are the leading 8 entries after the leading 32 players according to the 2009 Australian Men's Ranking System as at 21 September.

4.2 Entrance Fee \$180.00 (includes GST). Entry Fees will not be processed until after the closing date of 21 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 21 September 2009. **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 first section of the Championship (32), or the second section of the Championship (8),

applications outside of the leading 32 entries, (or 8 entries) according to the 2009 Australian Men's Senior Ranking System as at 21 September 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 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. 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

Sunday 18 October from 12 noon.

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, or a Medical Certificate, to a written application.

10. Registration

Competitors are to register between 4.00 pm and 5.00 pm at Thirteenth Beach Golf Links on Sunday 18 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 will receive a forfeit.

A player is **not** permitted to withdraw from any round of the Championship unless on the receipt of a medical certificate, or in exceptional circumstances (as determined by the Championship Play Committee).

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.