



conducted by



Telephone +61 3 9626 5000; Facsimile +61 3 9626 5095;
Email championships@golfaustralia.org.au

to be played at



Royal Perth Golf Club
Labouchere Road, South Perth, Western Australia

Friday 23 to Sunday 25 October 2009

Entrants must be at least 50 years of age as at 23/10/2009

Entries Close: 5:00 pm on Friday 2 October 2009

Format: 54-holes Stroke Play

Amateur Handicap Limit - 5.4

ALL AMATEUR ENTRIES MUST BE DIRECTED TO GOLF AUSTRALIA ON THE OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
Professional golfers must enter through the PGA of Australia

part of



To: Golf Australia, Level 3, 95 Coventry St, South Melbourne, Victoria, 3205, Australia (Fax 03 9626 5095)
E-mail: championships@golfaustralia.org.au

2009 Handa Australian Senior Open – AMATEUR ENTRY FORM

NB – Professional golfers must enter through the PGA of Australia

Phone: +61 3 8320 1911; Fax: +61 3 9783 0000; info@pga.org.au; www.pga.org.au

NAME	Surname		Preferred Given Name	
	POSTAL ADDRESS		Postcode	
NATIONALITY (if not Australian) or STATE/TERRITORY				
Private Phone	(0)	Business Phone	(0)	
Mobile Phone			Email	
Date of Birth			Age as at 23/10/2009	

For Amateurs

Home Club			
Exact Handicap		GOLF LINK NUMBER or COUNTRY/SYSTEM handicap held under	

Exemption Category –

METHOD OF PAYMENT (tick selected option and complete credit card details if applicable)

(ACCEPTED CREDIT CARDS) Visa MasterCard CHEQUE MONEY ORDER CASH (Golf Australia Office Payments Only)

Amount Expiry Date / Card Number

Cardholder's Name Cardholder's Signature

NB In the event that this entry is physically 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 the "late entry fee", which is \$60.00. 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.

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 B.5(b).

Signature of Competitor	
-------------------------	--

Acknowledgement of Receipt - www.golfaustralia.org.au contains a current list of all Amateur entrants. A player's entry form has not officially been received until their name appears on this list



CONDITIONS

A. GENERAL

1. The Championship is scheduled to be played over 54 holes stroke play; 18 holes each on Friday 23 October, Saturday 24 October, and Sunday 25 October 2009.
2. A maximum of 100 players will be eligible to compete. The leading 60 professionals after 36 holes, plus any tying for 60th place, plus any amateur with an equivalent or better 36-hole total to the 60th placed professional, will qualify for the 3rd round; the remainder will be eliminated. Prize money will be distributed by the PGA Australia after 54 holes.
3. In the event of a tie for the Championship after 54 holes, 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.
4. In the event of play being either delayed or declared null and void for any round of the Championships or the play-off (if one is required), additional play beyond Sunday 25 October will be at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee.
5. (a) The Championship will be under the sole management and control of the Championship Play Committee which will comprise Golf Australia's Director - Championships, Golf Australia's Chairman - Rules of Golf and Amateur Status Committee, and Manager - Championships, one representative from Vault Sports Management and one representative from the PGA of Australia. In the absence of any members of the Championship Play Committee, such members of the Championship Play Committee who may be present at any time may give a decision, and any such decision will be deemed to be a decision made by the Championship Play Committee in its entirety.
(b) The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, will apply together with such Local Rules as are approved by the Championship Play Committee.
(c) Any decision of the Championship Play Committee will be final in all matters relating to the Championship.
(d) The Championship Play Committee reserves the right to vary any condition of these events.
6. The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect as regards Conforming Golf Balls, One Ball Condition, and Time of Starting.
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 go to the Playing the Game (Rules, Handicapping, and Regulations) section.)
*PENALTY FOR CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING STROKE WITH, CLUB OR CLUBS IN BREACH OF CONDITION: 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 marker or fellow competitor 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. It is prohibited for a player or their caddie to ride in or on a motorised vehicle unless permitted to do so by the Championship Rules Committee. Penalty: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – four 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.
9. 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, shall 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.
10. Pace of Play: Pace of play guidelines will be laid down and strictly enforced (see Note 2; Rule 6-7). Penalties will be issued to individuals in groups who by their pace contribute to such delay. Warnings may not be issued prior to the application of penalties.
11. During practice or during the Championship, a player or their caddie will not mark the course, or cause to have the course marked, to indicate, or to assist in gauging, course measurements. A player in breach of this condition may be disqualified.
12. Competitors will at all times be liable for the actions of their caddies. A player whose caddie is in breach of this condition may be disqualified.
13. Golf Australia and Sponsors arrange publicity before and during either Championship in the Media, by live and recorded radio and television broadcasting, by filming, and in electronic form. The players assent to references to them and pictures of them in practice and play appearing and being used for commercial purposes by Golf Australia and its Sponsors. 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.
14. The personal data contained in this entry is permanently retained by Golf Australia. This data may be utilised by Golf Australia for the distribution of official and promotional correspondence in both electronic and hard copy means. From time to time players may be sent entry forms, event literature or marketing material for either Golf Australia events, or events conducted by Golf Australia-approved bodies, and accompanying material. 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.

B. ENTRIES

1. The Handa Australian Senior Open is open to all male professional golfers (includes trainee professionals) who have reached their 50th birthday by 23 October 2009 – NB professionals do not need to be members of a PGA or PGA Tour; and male amateur golfers who have reached their 50th birthday by 23 October 2009 and who either have an Australian (or other national union) Handicap of 5.4 strokes or less. Amateurs must conform in all respects with the Rules of Amateur Status as adopted by R&A Rules Limited. NB Amateurs will be permitted to change the status of their entry from amateur to professional up until 5.00 pm Friday 16 October 2009.

2. Where the number of entries from non-exempt players exceeds the maximum field size, priority will be given to (in order): professional golfers (by date of entries received); amateur golfers (in handicap order, and then by date of entries received). Unsuccessful entrants will be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if withdrawals subsequently occur. Entrance Fees will be refunded to entrants balloted out, who do not compete.
3. Entries close 5.00 pm on Friday 2 October 2009. **IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTRANT TO ENSURE THEIR ENTRY IS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE CLOSING TIME FOR ENTRIES THAT IS APPLICABLE TO THEM. A PLAYER'S ENTRY FORM HAS NOT OFFICIALLY BEEN RECEIVED UNTIL THEIR NAME HAS BEEN POSTED AT www.golfaustralia.org.au.**
4. Entry forms submitted by amateurs must be accompanied either by; a copy of the entrant's current handicap record for the past six months – officially endorsed by their home club, or by the player's GOLF Link number.
5. (a) The Championship Play Committee reserves the right to accept late entries from players for the Championship Proper up to 5.00 pm on Friday 16 October 2009, under special circumstances.
(b) Under circumstances not covered by B.5(a), entries physically received after the respective closing time may still be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee. However, in such a case, the entrant will be automatically liable to Golf Australia for the sum of the "late entry fee", which is \$60.00 (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.
6. The entry fee is AUD\$185.00 (includes GST). Golf Australia will NOT accept responsibility for cash sent that is not received.
7. Amateur entries must be on the attached entry form. Entries will not be accepted by telephone, facsimile or in electronic form (exception – entries with credit card payments only may be sent by facsimile or email), or unless the entry form is fully completed. Fully completed forms must be sent DIRECTLY to Golf Australia.
8. Entrance fees will only be refunded in the case of a withdrawal being advised before the applicable closing time for entries. All refunds will incur an \$11.00 administration charge (includes GST).
9. All entries will be subject to the approval of the Championship Play Committee, which reserves the right to accept or refuse any entry without giving reason for its decision which will be final. The Championship Play Committee may require independent certified evidence of the playing ability of entrants.
10. Acceptable payment methods are only as follows – credit card (Visa, or MasterCard only), cheque (personal or bank), money order, cash (please note condition B.6). Cheques or money orders are to be made payable to *Golf Australia*.

C. EXEMPTIONS FROM QUALIFYING

Exemptions for the 2009 Handa Australian Senior Open will be granted to the following:

General

1. Past Senior Open Champions - under the age of 65.
2. Past Senior PGA Champions - under the age of 65.
3. Past Australian Open Champions - under the age of 65.
4. Past Australian PGA Championship Winners - under the age of 65.
5. Players exempted by Golf Australia.

Professionals

6. Leading 10 available players from the PGA Tour Australasia Career Money List.
7. Leading 50 available players from the 2009 PGA Legends Order of Merit as at 1 October 2009.
8. Leading 10 available players from the Final 2008 PGA Legends.
9. Leading 5 available players from the 2009 European Senior Tour Order of Merit following the conclusion of the Casa Serena Open on 20 September 2009.
10. Leading 5 available players from the 2009 Champions Tour Money List following the conclusion of the Constellation Energy Senior Players Championship on 4 October 2009.

Amateurs

11. Winner of the 2009 Australian Senior Amateur Championship.
12. Winner of the 2008 Australian Men's Senior Amateur Match Play Championship.
13. Current Senior Men's State Amateur Champions.
14. Leading 5 players from the 2009 Australian Men's Senior Amateur Ranking System (to a floor of 40th position) as at 2 October 2009.

D. REGISTRATION

All competitors in the Championship Proper must register at Royal Perth Golf Club either between 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm on Wednesday 21 October, or between 9.00 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 22 October. Any competitor failing to register within these times may be eliminated from the Championship. The Championship Play Committee reserves the right to waive this condition in special individual circumstances.

E. PRIZE MONEY

Prize money of AUD\$300,000.00 will be allocated to professional golfers in accordance with the distribution formula of the PGA Australia.

F. PRO-AM & PRACTICE

The Championship Pro-Am will be held on Monday 26 October (by entering the Championship, players automatically commit themselves to play in the Pro-Am as required by Golf Australia). Practice for the Championship Proper will be available as follows - all day Wednesday 21 October and all day Thursday 22 October.

Draws and competitor information will be posted at www.golfaustralia.org.au
www.golfaustralia.org.au contains a current list of all entrants. A player's entry form has not officially been received until their name appears on this list.