2011 SRIXON AUSTRALIAN MEN'S & WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

to be played at

Victoria Golf Club, Woodlands Golf Club and Huntingdale Golf Club
Melbourne, Victoria

Men's: 17-23 March; **Women's:** 16-23 March

FORMAT

Men's: The Australian Men's Stroke Play Championship (72 holes) (at Victoria & Woodlands) to qualify 32 players for elimination match play at Victoria for the Australian Men's Amateur Championship

Women's: The Australian Women's Stroke Play Championship (72 holes) (at Huntingdale) to qualify 32 players for elimination match play at Victoria for the Australian Women's Amateur Championship

HANDICAP LIMIT

Men's – 2.0, Women's – 6.4

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES

9.00 am Thursday 24 February 2011

conducted by

GOLF AUSTRALIA

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CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION
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2011 Srixon Australian Men's & Women's Amateur Championships – ENTRY FORM

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

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

CHAMPIONSHIP

(tick the box of the Championship you are entering)

Women's Amateur Championship *Entry Fee ($190.00)*	❑
Men's Amateur Championship *Entry Fee ($245.00)*	❑

A $20.00 discount applies to players who enter on-line and international players.

EXEMPTION CATEGORY

Exemption Category (if applicable)	

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 5.10.

Signature of Competitor	

Acknowledgement of Receipt

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.

CONDITIONS

1. Format

1.1 Each of the Men's and Women's Championships will be played in two separate sections.

1.2 (i) For the Women's Championship, the first section will be decided by stroke play over four qualifying rounds of 18 holes at Huntingdale Golf Club - this section will be known as the Australian Women's Stroke Play Championship.

For the Men's Championship, the first section will be decided by stroke play over four qualifying rounds. For the first two rounds, each player will play one round at Victoria Golf Club and one round at Woodlands Golf Club, with the final two rounds being played at Victoria Golf Club – this section will be known as the Australian Men's Stroke Play Championship.

(ii) There will be no cut in the first section of the Women's Championship. In the Australian Men's Stroke Play Championship, the leading 75 players after 36 holes, and any tying for 75th place, will qualify for the 3rd and 4th rounds; the remainder will be eliminated.

(iii) Australian Women's Stroke Play Championship – Schedule

1st Round – Wednesday 16 March at Huntingdale GC

2nd Round – Thursday 17 March at Huntingdale GC

3rd Round – Friday 18 March at Huntingdale GC

4th Round – Saturday 19 March at Huntingdale GC

Australian Men's Stroke Play Championship – Schedule

1st Round – Thursday 17 March at Victoria GC & Woodlands GC

2nd Round – Friday 18 March at Victoria GC & Woodlands GC

3rd Round – Saturday 19 March at Victoria GC

4th Round – Sunday 20 March at Victoria GC

1.3 The winner of the first section of the Men's Championship will be the Australian Men's Stroke Play Champion and receive a silver medal and hold the perpetual trophy for one year. The winner of the first section of the Women's Championship will be the Australian Women's Stroke Play Champion and receive a silver medal and hold the perpetual trophy for one year. In the event of a tie for either Championship, 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.

1.4 After the first section of the Women's Championship and Men's Championship, the thirty-two (32) lowest scores from each will compete in the second section of the Women's Championship and Men's Championship respectively.

1.5 In the event of there being a tie for a position after the first section of either the Men's Championship or Women's Championship such that more than 32 players remain in the respective Championship, those players tying for the last qualifying position or positions will continue over such holes as the Championship Play Committee determines in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off until the 32 qualifiers for the second section of that Championship have been determined. However, if the Championship Play Committee determines that there is not sufficient time available for a play-off, such a tie will be resolved by lot.

1.6 The second section of both the Women's Championship and Men's Championship will be played at Victoria Golf Club and consist of successive rounds of match play, with losers being eliminated and winners progressing to the next round. The automatic draw will be applied to establish the match pairings (ties for positions, other than for the last qualifying position or positions (or for the first position in the Men's or Women's Championship), will be decided by the order in which players start their final round in the first section with the first player to start receiving the lowest available number, in accordance with the published Golf Australia procedure). The schedule of the second section of both the Women's Championship and Men's Championship will be as follows:

Round One:	Monday 21 March (am) – 18 holes
Round Two:	Monday 21 March (pm) – 18 holes
Quarter-finals:	Tuesday 22 March (am) – 18 holes
Semi-finals:	Tuesday 22 March (pm) – 18 holes
Final:	Wednesday 23 March – 36 holes

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

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

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

1.8 The winner of the Women's Championship will be the *Australian Women's Amateur Champion* and receive the Amateur Championship Gold Medal and hold the Championship Cup for one year. The winner of the Men's Championship will be the *Australian Men's Amateur Champion* and receive the Amateur Championship Gold Medal and hold the Challenge Cup for one year.

2. Ross Herbert National and International Stroke Teams Event

2.1 Each Australian State and Overseas Governing Body may nominate a team comprising two men and two women who meet eligibility conditions laid down by Golf Australia.

2.2 The winning National and International Teams will be determined by the lowest aggregate of all team members scores from the first two rounds of the Australian Men's & Women's Stroke Play Championships.

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

2.4 Members of the winning National Team will receive the Ross Herbert National Teams Trophy; members of the winning International Team will receive the Ross Herbert International Teams Trophy.

2. Championship Play Committee

3.1 The Championship Play Committee will comprise the Chair of the Golf Australia Championships Committee, Golf Australia's Director - Championships, and Manager - Championships.

3.2 In the absence of the 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 one of the Conditions.

3.4 The Championship Play Committee's decision on matters affecting the Championship 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 for the Women's Championship are female amateurs whose Australian Women's Handicap or overseas equivalent does not exceed 6.4 strokes. Eligible players for the Men's Championship are male amateurs whose Australian Men's Handicap or overseas equivalent does not exceed 2.0 strokes. (NB The handicap limits do not apply to those players who are exempt as detailed in Condition 6.) The exact Handicap certified at time of entry is the handicap to be used for ballot purposes.

5.2 Players must comply with the GA Gender Policy. Refer www.golfaustralia.org.au

5.3 The Entrance Fee for the Men's Championship is $245.00 (includes GST); and for the Women's Championship is $190.00 (includes GST). **A $20.00 discount applies to those players who enter on-line and international players.**

5.4 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.

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

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

5.7 Fully completed Entry Forms must be received by Golf Australia prior to 9.00 am Thursday 24 February 2011. IT IS THE *SOLE* RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTRANT THEMSELF 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.

5.8 The maximum field size for the Men's Championship is 312. The maximum field size for the Women's Championship is 84. In the event of applications exceeding the number of places available in either Championship, entries for higher handicap competitors who are not exempt from handicap requirements as noted in Condition 6 will be decided by a handicap ballot. 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.

5.9 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee. Any such entry will be subject to the application of a $60.00 late fee (includes GST).

5.10 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 $60.00 (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.

5.11 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***.

5.12 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.

5.13 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.

6. Exemptions and Remaining Places

Exemptions for the 2011 Australian Men's and Women's Amateur Championships will be granted to the below (Note – Where applicable, it is the sole responsibility of the player to ensure that the Championship Play Committee has received notification of their exempt status. Should the Championship Play Committee not be so advised, that player will be deemed to be a non-exempt player).

Men's Championship

6.1m Leading 150 players from the Australian Men's Ranking System as at 24/2/2011.

6.2m Competitors at the 2010 Men's Interstate Teams Matches. (NB This does not include participants at the Colts and Boys' Teams Matches.)

6.3m Australian Boys' Amateur Championship winners 2006-2010.

6.4m All past Australian Men's Amateur Champions.

6.5m 2011 Australian Men's Amateur Foursome Championship winners.

6.6m 2011 Golf Australia National Squad members.

6.7m All past British Amateur Champions.

6.8m All past US Amateur Champions.

6.9m Amateur Championship Winners 2008-2010 of countries affiliated with The R&A and USGA.

6.10m Competitors at 2010 World Amateur Team Championship.

6.11m Competitors at 2010 Asia-Pacific Team Championship (Nomura Cup).

6.12m 2010 Australian Men's Amateur Championship – match play qualifiers.

6.13m 2010 Australian Open – Championship Proper competitors.

6.14m Australia open amateur team members in any event 2008-2011.

6.15m Current Australian men's state amateur championship winners as at 24/2/2011.

6.16m Current Champion of each Host Club.

6.17m Competitors nominated by men's State & Territory Associations (maximum 2 each).

6.18m Leading 100 players on R&A World Amateur Golf Ranking as at the closing time for entries.

6.19m Players nominated by national golf associations (maximum 4 per country).

6.20m Top 10 international players in handicap order (not otherwise exempt).

6.21m 2010 Australian & Torres Strait Islander Championship Winner.

6.22m Players exempted by Golf Australia.

Women's Championship

6.1w Leading 40 players from the Australian Women's Ranking System as at 24/2/2011.

6.2w Competitors at the 2010 Women's Interstate Teams Matches. (NB This does not include participants at the Girls' Teams Matches.)

6.3w Australian Girls' Amateur Championship winners 2006-2010.

6.4w All past Australian Women's Amateur Champions.

6.5w 2011 Australian Women's Amateur Foursome Championship winners.

6.6w 2011 Golf Australia National Squad members.

6.7w All past Women's British Amateur Champions.

6.8w All past Women's US Amateur Champions.

6.9w Amateur Championship Winners 2008-2010 of countries affiliated with The R&A and USGA.

6.10w Competitors at 2010 World Amateur Teams Championship.

6.11w Competitors at 2010 Asia-Pacific Team Championship (Queen Sirikit Cup).

6.12w 2010 Australian Women's Amateur Championship – match play qualifiers.

6.13w 2011 Women's Australian Open – Championship Proper competitors.

6.14w Australia open amateur team members in any event 2008-2011.

6.15w Current Australian women's state amateur championship winners as at 24/2/2011.

6.16w Current Women's Champion of each Host Club.

6.17w Competitors nominated by women's State & Territory Associations (maximum 2 each).

6.18m Leading 100 players on R&A Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking as at the closing time for entries.

6.19w Players nominated by national golf associations (maximum 3 per country).

6.20w Top 5 international players in handicap order (not otherwise exempt).

6.21w 2010 Australian & Torres Strait Islander Championship Winner.

6.22w Players exempted by Golf Australia.

7. Media

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8. Conforming Golf Balls, Conforming Driver Heads, and Time of Starting

The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect as regards Conforming Golf Balls, Conforming Driver Heads, and Time of Starting.

9. Registration

Competitors in the Men's Championship must register between 10.30 am and 3.00 pm at Victoria Golf Club on Wednesday 16 March. Competitors in the Women's Championship must register between 10.30 am and 3.00 pm at Huntingdale Golf Club on Tuesday 15 March. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

10. 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.

11. Practice

Woodlands Golf Club – Tuesday 15 March.

Victoria Golf Club – Wednesday 16 March (competitors in the Australian Women's Amateur Championship may practice on Sunday 20 March following the conclusion of the Men' Stroke Play Championship).

Huntingdale Golf Club – Tuesday 15 March.

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 such delay. Warnings may not be issued prior to penalties.

13. Motorised Transport

Players must not ride in any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by the Championship Play Committee. Penalty: Stroke Play – 2 strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – 4 strokes. Match Play – 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.

Any player or caddie seeking authorisation to use a golf cart due to a disability as defined under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 should contact Golf Australia to obtain information on procedures for submitting such requests. All such requests and required information must be submitted to Golf Australia simultaneously and together with the entry form (or within 2 days of the on-line entry being receipted). Requests due to temporary injuries or impairments that do not qualify as a permanent disability under the Act will not be granted. In the event of a change in a medical condition after submitting the entry form but before the commencement of the event, written submission of all documentation must be received by Golf Australia no later than 7 days prior to the first day of the event. Golf Australia will consider any such request in accordance with these conditions and its rules, regulations and policies.

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 are bound by Golf Australia's Code of Conduct ("the Code"). A copy of the Code is available at www.golfaustralia.org.au. Any breach of the Code may be recorded on the Central Register of the Code ("the Register"). The Register may be accessed (and published from time to time) by any State Association or GA for the purposes of administering Competitions or state championships, events, competitions, practice sessions or major activities conducted or sanctioned by a State Association, or any State Association or GA codes of conduct and/or other related matters.

16. Golf Australia Hard Card

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

Note i: Distance Measuring Devices are NOT permitted. Penalty in accordance with Rule 14-3.

Note ii: The condition relating to Club Face Grooves will not be in effect until 2014.