



ENTRY FORM FOR AMATEUR GOLFERS

Thursday 19 - Sunday 22 February 2015



Royal Melbourne Golf Club

Cheltenham Road, Black Rock, Victoria

AMATEUR GA HANDICAP LIMIT 2.4

CLOSING DATE FOR AMATEUR ENTRIES: 5.00 pm (AEDT) 8 January 2015

Professional Golfers must enter through their respective Professional Tour.

Professionals not aligned to a Tour must enter through the ALPG

(Please note that Professional Entries will close on 18 December 2014)





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2015 ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open – AMATEUR GOLFER'S ENTRY FORM

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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	

SECTION OF CHAMPIONSHIP

(only supply details for the section you are initially entering)

Qualifying (Entrance Fee AU\$150.00)	
Championship Proper (Entrance Fee AU\$150.00)	Exemption Category -

CADDIES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Players can not use a pull buggy/trolley - all players must have a caddie

- I will provide my own caddie
 I will require a caddie (Please circle: Professional Caddie / Bag Carrier)

(NB. A professional caddie will assist with yardages, etc, a Bag Carrier will purely carry the bag.)

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 \$ 150.00

CCV Number Expiry Date / Card Number

Cardholder's Name Cardholder's Signature

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.

Signature of Competitor	
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Acknowledgement of Receipt: www.womensausopen.com contains a current list of all amateur golfer entrants.
An amateur golfer's entry form has not officially been received until their name appears on this list.



2015 CONDITIONS

A. GENERAL

1. The Championship is scheduled to be played over 72 holes stroke play; 18 holes each on Thursday 19, Friday 20, Saturday 21, and Sunday 22 February 2015.
2. A maximum of 156 players will be eligible to compete comprising those exempt from Qualifying and successful competitors from Qualifying. The leading 70 players (including amateurs) after 36 holes, plus any tying for 70th place, plus any amateur with an equivalent or better 36-hole total to the 65th placed professional, will qualify for the 3rd and 4th rounds; the remainder will be eliminated. In the event that the number of competitors qualifying for the 3rd and 4th rounds is such that the number of players in each group will not total the requisite figure, the Championship Play Committee will appoint a playing marker, or markers.
3. In the event of a tie for the Championship after 72 holes, a play-off to produce a single winner must be conducted. 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 Championship or the play-off (if one is required), additional play beyond Sunday 22 February will be at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee.
5. The winner will receive the Championship Gold Medal and will hold the Patricia Bridges Bowl for one year. The leading amateur in the Championship, unless they be the winner and given that they have completed the Championship, will receive the Championship Silver Medal. All amateurs who complete the Championship will receive a bronze medallion.
6. (a) The Championship will be under the sole management and control of the Championship Play Committee which will comprise Golf Australia's Director – Championships, Chairman – Rules Committee, Director – Rules & Handicapping, Manager – Championships & Rules, and the ALPG, LPGA and LET Tours Director of Tournaments. 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 this event.
7. The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect as regards Conforming Golf Balls, and Conforming Driver Heads.
8. The specimen condition in Decision 4-1/1 of the *Decisions of the Rules of Golf* is in effect for Grooves and Punch Marks for the Championship Proper and Qualifying.
9. 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.
10. 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 – 13 000 ASADA (13 000 27232), or from www.asada.gov.au.
11. Pace of Play: Pace of play guidelines will be strictly enforced (these will be available at registration).
12. 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.
13. Gender Policy: Golf Australia's Gender Policy applies to all amateur golfers.
14. Golf Australia and Sponsors arrange publicity before and during the 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. Players must make every effort to support all public relations and media activities as requested, and will comply with reasonable requests from Golf Australia's Media Officer which includes attending the media centre.
15. The personal data contained in this entry will be 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.

B. ENTRIES

1. The Championship is open to all female professional golfers (includes trainee professionals) – NB professionals do not need to be members of a PGA or a Tour; and amateur golfers who either have an Australian (or other national association) GA Handicap of 2.4 strokes or less, or who are exempt from Qualifying. Amateurs must conform in all respects with the Rules of Amateur Status as adopted by R&A Rules Limited. NB Amateurs (excluding those amateurs in exemption categories 4(a) will be permitted to change the status of their entry from amateur to professional up until 5.00 pm the day immediately prior to Qualifying.
2. Entries for Qualifying and the Championship Proper close at 5.00 pm (AEDT) on 8 January 2015. **IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTRANT TO ENSURE THEIR ENTRY IS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE CLOSING TIME FOR ENTRIES. A GOLFER'S ENTRY FORM HAS NOT OFFICIALLY BEEN RECEIVED UNTIL THEIR NAME HAS BEEN POSTED AT www.womensausopen.com**
3. Amateur entries must be via the GA on-line entry system, or 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 from Amateur players must be sent DIRECTLY to Golf Australia. Professional golfers MUST enter via their respective Tour.
4. Non on-line entry forms submitted by Amateur players 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. The entry fee for Qualifying and the Championship Proper is AU\$150.00 (includes GST). Qualifiers progressing to the Championship Proper DO NOT pay a further entry fee. Golf Australia will NOT accept responsibility for cash sent that is not received.
6. Acceptable payment methods are only as follows – credit card (Visa or MasterCard only), cheque (personal or bank), money order, cash (please note condition B.4). Cheques or money orders are to be made payable to *Golf Australia*.

7. Players wishing to withdraw may do so fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of the event to ensure a full refund. Withdrawal after this period will result in loss of the entry fee (except in exceptional circumstances).
8. (a) The Championship Play Committee reserves the right to accept late entries from players who are exempt from Qualifying up to 5.00 pm on Friday 13 February 2015, under special circumstances.
(b) Under circumstances not covered by B.8(a), entries physically received after the respective closing time may still be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee.
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.

C. QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS

For those competitors NOT exempt directly into the Championship Proper, the qualifying procedure will be as follows:

1. Three (3) places are available in the Championship Proper for non-exempt players.
2. One competition of 18 holes will be played on Monday 16 February at Peninsula-Kingswood Country Golf Club (Kingswood Course).
3. Should the number of entries for Qualifying exceed the maximum field size (this number is at the discretion of the Championship Committee) a ballot may occur. Should a ballot occur, priority will be given to (in order):
 - i. LPGA, LET and ALPG Full Tournament Members (in order of date of entry);
 - ii. Members of other recognised Tours (in order of date of entry);
 - iii. Members of other recognised PGAs (in order of date of entry);
 - iv. Amateurs in exact handicap order (handicap as at time of entry);
 - v. Non-aligned professionals (in order of date of entry).
4. Ties for the last available place will be decided by sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off as soon as practicable after all players have finished play. Reserve places (alternates) in case of subsequent withdrawals of Qualifiers from the Championship Proper will be decided either by sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off, or by lot, as the Committee in charge may determine.
5. Any player who fails to arrive at Qualifying without notifying the Tournament Organisers will be listed on the results as Disqualified.

D. THE STARTING FIELD AND ALTERNATES

In the event of an exempt player withdrawing from the Championship or further places becoming available in the starting field up until the commencement of Qualifying (i.e. 8.00 am on Monday 16 February), these places will be taken from the relevant eligibility categories, or as at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee. Places in the field as a result of withdrawals after 8.00 am on Monday 16 February will be allocated to the alternates from Qualifying.

E. EXEMPTIONS FROM QUALIFYING

Exemptions for 2015 will be granted to the following (NB there will be 153 exempt players):

General

1. The first 100 LPGA members who have committed to the event in order of priority on the LPGA Priority List.
2. The leading 30 players who enter from the ALPG Tournament Exemption Categories not including those who qualify in 1 above.
3. The leading 15 players from the LET Exemption Categories not including those who qualify through 1 above.
4. The winner of the 2015 Australian Ladies Masters (if the winner is already exempt into the Championship Proper via any other category, the spot will revert back to Golf Australia).
5. 10 players selected by Golf Australia as follows:
 - a. Exempt Amateurs:
 - i. 2015 Australian Amateur Champion
 - ii. 2014 Australian Girls' Amateur Champion
 - iii. 2014 Aaron Baddeley World Junior Champion
 - b. Three (3) players from Qualifying
 - c. Four (4) Golf Australia Invitations.

F. REGISTRATION

All competitors in the Championship Proper must register at Royal Melbourne Golf Club either between 2.00 pm and 6.00 pm on Monday 16 February, or between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm on Tuesday 17 February. 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.

G. PRIZE MONEY

Prize money of US\$1,200,000 will be allocated to professional golfers in accordance with the distribution formula of the LPGA.

H. PRO-AM & PRACTICE

The Championship Pro-Am will be held on Wednesday 18 February (by entering the Women's Australian Open, players automatically commit themselves to play in the Pro-Am as required by Golf Australia). Practice facilities will be available as follows (NB specific times will be noted on the Australian Open website); Sunday 15 February, Monday 16 February, and Tuesday 17 February. Practice arrangements at the Qualifying venue will be noted on the competitor information on the Australian Open Website.

I. 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@golf.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.) **Caddie requests MUST be received by Golf Australia prior to 5.00 pm on Sunday 15 February.**

QUALIFYING ROUND DRAW AND INFORMATION

The Draw and Competitor Information will be posted at www.womensausopen.com
The Qualifying Round Draw will be posted by 5.00 pm Thursday 12 February