



# 30th U.S. Senior Open Championship®

Conducted by the United States Golf Association®

Crooked Stick Golf Club, Carmel, Indiana

July 30 – August 2, 2009

## Eligibility

Entries are open to professional golfers and amateur golfers who have reached their 50th birthday by July 30, 2009. Amateurs must have an up-to-date men's Handicap Index® not exceeding 3.4 under the USGA Handicap System™. A Handicap Index must be issued from a "golf club" (as defined in the "USGA Handicap System" manual) which is licensed to use the USGA Handicap System. A player seeking a golf cart due to disability may only submit an entry by mail and may not file an entry via the Internet (see Transportation). Players requesting permission to use items on the List of Equipment Permitted Conditionally for Medical Reasons or under Exception 1 to Rule 14-3, please refer to [www.usga.org/equipment/medical/general\\_guidelines.html](http://www.usga.org/equipment/medical/general_guidelines.html) for details. Information regarding USGA anti-doping policy requirements may be found at [www.usga.org/championships/antidopingpolicy](http://www.usga.org/championships/antidopingpolicy).

Entries are subject to rejection at any time (including during the Championship) by the USGA. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct.

**Age:** A player is required to list his (for this Championship, the gender referenced is understood to include both genders) age and date of birth on all USGA entry forms.

**Amateur Status:** All amateur players must conform with the "USGA Rules of Amateur Status" as specified in "The Rules of Golf."

## Entries: Form, Fee, Closing Date

All players, including those exempt, must complete an entry application. Players may file online at the USGA website ([www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org)) or download the form for mailing. Only those players for whom blank entries are filed by the USGA as noted in the section on exemptions will not be required to submit entry applications. Only one entry may be filed per player. The USGA reserves the right to disqualify anyone who submits more than one entry.

Entry fee of \$150 must be paid by every player. Entry fee will be refunded regardless of reason if the USGA (908-234-2300) is notified before the close of entries. After the close of entries, fee will be refunded in the event of injury or illness, if requested by July 30. No refund for any reason after July 30. A \$30 service charge will be deducted from all refunds.

**ENTRY APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY USGA  
NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. E.D.T. ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2009**

**Entry applications can be completed online at:**

[www.usga.org/champs/apply](http://www.usga.org/champs/apply)

**Late applications are not acceptable  
and will be automatically rejected.**

**(Entries by telephone, telegraph or FAX are not acceptable.)**

**Time limit for entries means time of receipt at USGA (not time entry is sent to USGA). Entries should be submitted early to allow ample time for delay or error in transmission. The risk of delay or error in transmission lies solely with the entrant and the USGA will have no liability with respect to any such delay or error and the consequences therefrom, including rejection of the entry.**

## Schedule

Competition will be in two stages, at stroke play:

**1. Sectional Qualifying – 18 holes.** For all except exempt players listed herein. Schedule Inside.

**2. Championship – 72 holes.** 156 players eligible, comprised of place-winners in Sectional Qualifying Rounds and those exempt from Sectional Qualifying.

THURSDAY, JULY 30: – First round, 18 holes.

FRIDAY, JULY 31: – Second round, 18 holes.

60 lowest scorers and any tying for 60th place or anyone within 10 strokes of the leader for first 36 holes continue play August 1 and 2; remainder eliminated after 36 holes.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1: – Third round, 18 holes.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2: – Fourth round, 18 holes.

Lowest scorer for 72 holes will be champion. In the event of a tie for the Championship, a three hole play-off will be held immediately following play. The winner will be the player with the lowest aggregate score for the play-off holes. In the event of a further tie, play will immediately continue hole by hole until champion is determined. The play-off holes and their order of play will be determined by the USGA and posted not later than Sunday, August 2.

## Prizes

### CHAMPIONSHIP

**WINNER:** Gold medal and custody of the Francis Ouimet Trophy for the ensuing year, subject to such conditions as the USGA may establish.

**RUNNER-UP:** Silver medal.

**PROFESSIONALS ONLY:** Not less than \$2.6 million.

Professionals who start in Championship but do not return scores for 72 holes.....\$1,000 each.

**AMATEURS RETURNING 72-HOLE SCORES:** Lowest scorer - gold medal; second lowest scorer - silver medal.

**TIES:** Prize money will be divided equally among those tied, except that if a professional wins a play-off for the Championship he will receive first prize money.

If ties occur for medals, duplicates will be awarded, except that only the winner will receive a Championship gold medal.

**NO OTHER REMUNERATION:** By his application, the player acknowledges that he is not entitled to remuneration of any kind for participation in the Championship other than prizes listed herein.

## Prizes (cont.)

**PRIZE-SHARING PROHIBITED:** By his application, the player certifies that he has not entered into and will not enter into any arrangement whereby he could have a financial interest in any other player's prize money (such as through prize-splitting or prize money "insurance").

### SECTIONAL QUALIFYING ROUNDS

**LOWEST SCORER:** Silver medal; if a tie, duplicate medals will be awarded.

**LOWEST AMATEUR SCORER (if not lowest scorer):** Silver medal; if a tie, duplicate medals will be awarded.

## Rules of Golf; Close of Competition

Play will be governed by "The Rules of Golf" as approved by the USGA. Questions will be settled by the on-site Rules Committee, whose decision will be final. The competition is deemed to be closed when the Championship trophy has been presented.

## Golf Balls; Driver Heads

Only brands of golf balls on the most current USGA List of Conforming Golf Balls and driver heads on the most current USGA List of Conforming Driver Heads may be used. Updated lists may be found on the USGA website at [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org) or by contacting the USGA Equipment Standards Department at (908) 234-2300. The so-called "One-Ball Rule," the optional condition prescribed in "Appendix I" of "The Rules of Golf," will be in effect.

## Footwear

*It is a condition at all qualifying sites unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk on this entry application that shoes with traditionally-designed spikes (regardless of composition, i.e., ceramic, plastic, etc.) or spikes, regardless of design, comprised either entirely or partially of metal (if such metal may come in contact with the course) are prohibited during the stipulated round. Penalty for breach of this condition: DISQUALIFICATION.*

## Caddies

**Qualifying rounds**—A player may provide his own caddie. If he wishes to have the host club furnish a caddie, he should ask the Official in Charge because sufficient caddies may not be available at the host club.

**Championship proper**—A player may provide his own caddie. If he wishes to have a caddie provided to him by the host club, he must complete the information as outlined in the Memorandum to Players which he will receive once his eligibility for the Championship is confirmed.

A player is not required to employ a caddie for any stage of the Championship.

## Transportation

Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorized by the Committee. The optional condition prescribed in "Appendix I" of "The Rules of Golf" will be in effect.

Anyone (player or caddie) seeking a golf cart due to a disability as defined under the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) should log onto [www.usga.org/champs/ada](http://www.usga.org/champs/ada) or contact the USGA at (908) 234-2300 to obtain information on procedures for submitting such requests. All such requests and required information must be submitted to the USGA **simultaneously and together with the entry application by mail**, and received by the USGA no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 10, 2009. Facsimile, phone or online submissions not accepted. Requests due to temporary injuries or impairments that do not qualify as a permanent disability under the ADA will not be granted. In the event of a change in medical condition subsequent to submission of entry application, written submission of all documentation must be received by USGA no later than 7 days before event. At certain qualifying sites, there may be carts available only for caddies on a first-come, first-served basis (See schedule). Cart availability for caddies during the Championship proper or for players at any stage are available only for those who are ADA-qualified and who have complied with the above procedures.

## Time of Starting

The optional condition for time of starting prescribed in "Appendix I" of "The Rules of Golf" will be in effect.

## Publicity and Promotion; Broadcasting

The USGA may arrange for (i) promotion of the Championship, for radio, internet and television broadcasting and other exhibition and publication of the Championship or excerpts thereof in any and all media throughout the world, whether now known or hereafter developed (ii) the design, manufacture and sale of merchandise which commemorates or memorializes the Championship, throughout the world. By this application, the player consents to the use by the USGA, or persons authorized by the USGA, of his name, likeness, voice and references to him and photographs and other images of him and his play connected with his appearance in the Championship, or any portion(s) thereof, in connection with such media promotion, broadcasting and other exhibition and publication of the Championship and design, manufacture and sale of commemorative merchandise. The USGA may utilize the rights granted it hereunder in connection with the promotion and/or commemoration of the 2009 Championship as well as future Championships, other USGA Championships and the USGA.

The cooperation of players with authorized representatives of the media is required, provided that no pre-Championship activities outside of those activities which are part of the Championship will be required and provided that the player's Championship play is not unreasonably interfered with.

## Registration at Crooked Stick Golf Club

### By 10 A.M. on TUESDAY, JULY 28, eligible players must:

1. Register in person at Crooked Stick Golf Club, or
2. All players arriving late should notify the Championship Administration office at the USGA (908) 234-2300 (if before July 21). After July 21, please contact the USGA Director of the U.S. Senior Open Championship. (Please see Memorandum to Players for contact information.) Place may be forfeited by a player from whom no word has been received by 10 A.M. on TUESDAY, JULY 28.

### Practice Privileges

Privileges of Crooked Stick Golf Club are extended to qualified players in the Championship from July 27 through July 29.

### Accommodations

Information concerning accommodations will be provided upon completion of Sectional Qualifying rounds. Exempt players will receive this information from the USGA.

## Personal Appearance

In Sectional Qualifying and the Championship proper, players must be neat in appearance with respect to clothing and personal grooming. The Committee in charge decides whether this requirement has been met, and has the authority to withdraw the entry of a player who does not comply. The wearing of short pants is prohibited in the Championship proper, but is permissible in Sectional Qualifying provided the host club does not have a dress code prohibiting such.

### Conditions; Schedules

The USGA Championship Committee/on-site Rules Committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions, provisions and/or schedules herein. The decision of the Championship Committee/on-site Rules Committee in any matter will be final.

## SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

### Location; Transferring

Players' preferences for Sectional Qualifying locations must be designated on the entry. If qualifying location has more players than can be accommodated, some players may be transferred to another location and the date for qualifying may be different than the original requested date. Transfer will be based on the date of receipt of entry application. Transfers are final. No qualifying site is final until after entries close. Transfer to another location is not permissible after entries close. Qualifying sites may be cancelled due to lack of participation.

### Qualifiers' Places; Ties; Substitutions

The number of qualifiers' places in each location will be determined by the USGA after entries close, based on size and playing quality of the field.

A tie for the last qualifier's place or an alternate's place will be decided immediately by a hole-by-hole play-off.

Substitutions in order of qualifying scores will be allowed for qualifiers unable to compete in the Championship.

If a qualifying location cannot fill its qualifiers' places, or if an exempt player withdraws, the place made available will be reallocated to another location. A reallocation schedule will be prearranged by the USGA.

If a player withdraws before playing a stroke in the Championship proper, a substitution is allowed. Only the USGA may make such substitutions.

### Acceptance of Places; Notice of Withdrawal

On the day of qualifying, every qualifier should notify the Official in Charge whether he will play in the Championship.

If a qualifier or an exempt player withdraws, he must notify the USGA (908-234-2300) promptly in order to insure an alternate fair opportunity to play. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from future USGA competition.

### Exemptions From Sectional Qualifying

Players in the following categories will be eligible for exemption from Sectional Qualifying in the 2009 Championship only. The USGA reserves the right to revise any of the exemption categories. Exemption under categories reserved for amateurs will be granted only to players who are currently amateurs. An amateur who is exempt into the Championship proper through a category reserved for amateurs becomes ineligible if he becomes a professional before beginning play or during the play of the Championship. Exempt players who wish to participate in the Championship must file an entry, except those players for whom blank entries are filed as noted below. Exempt players need not meet the handicap requirement.

#### S-1. Winners of the U.S. Senior Open Championship:

Miller Barber	Simon Hobday	Arnold Palmer
Brad Bryant	Hale Irwin	Gary Player
Billy Casper	Peter Jacobsen	Don Pooley
Roberto De Vicenzo	Larry Laoretti	Eduardo Romero
Dale Douglass	Bruce Lietzke	Dave Stockton
Allen Doyle	Graham Marsh	Lee Trevino
Dave Eichelberger	Jack Nicklaus	Tom Weiskopf
Bruce Fleisher		

S-2. Winners of the U.S. Open Championship the last ten years (2000-2009). (NOTE: The USGA will file blank entries for those players who become exempt after the close of entries.)

S-3. Winners of the U.S. Amateur Championship the last ten years (1999-2008) and the runner-up from 2008 (must be an amateur).

S-4. Winners of the Masters Tournament the last ten years (2000-2009).

S-5. Winners of the British Open Championship the last ten years (2000-2009).

S-6. Winners of the PGA of America Championship the last ten years (1999-2008).

S-7. Winners of the PGA of America Seniors Championship the last ten years (2000-2009):

Jay Haas	Mike Reid	Tom Watson
Hale Irwin	Doug Tewell	Fuzzy Zoeller
John Jacobs	Denis Watson	

(NOTE: The USGA will file blank entries for those players who become exempt after the close of entries.)

S-8. Winners of the Senior British Open Championship the last five years (2005-2009):

Tom Watson	Loren Roberts	Bruce Vaughan
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### Exemptions from Sectional Qualifying (cont.)

S-9. From the 2008 U.S. Senior Open Championship, the 15 lowest scorers and anyone tying for 15th place:

Andy Bean	Jay Haas	Mark McNulty
Brad Bryant	Gary Hallberg	Greg Norman
John Cook	Scott Hoch	Loren Roberts
David Edwards	Tom Kite	Eduardo Romero
Keith Fergus	Jeff Klein	Joey Sindelar
Fred Funk	Bernhard Langer	

S-10. From the 2009 U.S. Open Championship, any amateur returning a 72-hole score (must be an amateur). (NOTE: The USGA will file blank entries for those players who become exempt after the close of entries.)

S-11. From the 2008 U.S. Senior Open Championship, the amateur returning the lowest 72-hole score (must be an amateur):

Danny Green

S-12. From the 2008 USGA Senior Amateur Championship, the winner and runner-up (must be an amateur):

George Marucci Jr.  
George Zahringer

S-13. Playing members of the 2005 & 2007 United States Walker Cup and the 2006 & 2008 United States Men's World Amateur Teams (must be an amateur).

S-14. Playing members of the five most current United States and European Ryder Cup and United States and World Presidents' Cup Teams.

S-15. From the final 2008 official Champions Tour money list, the top 30 money leaders.

S-16. From the Champions Tour all-time money list, the top 50 money leaders through the close of entries on June 10. (Must have filed an entry by June 10.)

S-17. From the 2009 official Champions Tour money list, the top 20 money leaders through the close of entries on June 10. (Must have filed an entry by June 10.)

S-18. Winners of Champions Tour co-sponsored events, excluding team events, whose victories are considered official, in the last two calendar years (2007 - 2008) and during the current calendar year to the initiation of the U.S. Senior Open Championship. (NOTE: The USGA will file blank entries for those players who become exempt after the close of entries.)

S-19. From the final 2008 official Senior PGA European Tour money list, the top four money winners.

S-20. From the final 2008 official Japan Seniors Tour money list, the top two money winners.

S-21. Winners of PGA Tour co-sponsored events, whose victories are considered official, in the last five calendar years (2004 - 2008) and during the current calendar year to the initiation of the U.S. Senior Open Championship. (NOTE: The USGA will file blank entries for those players who become exempt after the close of entries.)

S-22. Any player in his first five years of age eligibility who has won the U.S. Open Championship.

S-23. Any player who has won a U.S. Open, U.S. Amateur, Masters Tournament, British Open, British Amateur or PGA Championship (one-time exemption).

S-24. Special exemptions as selected by the USGA. (NOTE: The USGA will file blank entries for those players who become exempt after the close of entries.)





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COMPLETELY EXECUTED ENTRY MUST BE RECEIVED BY NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. E.D.T. ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2009 AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: MAIL: UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION, U.S. SENIOR OPEN P.O. BOX 223, 77 LIBERTY CORNER ROAD, FAR HILLS, NJ 07931-0223 ONLINE: www.usga.org/champs/apply (ENTRIES BY TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH OR FAX ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.)



## PERFORMANCE IN SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

If a player fails to return a score within 10 strokes of the USGA Course Rating™, an entry filed by him for a future U.S. Senior Open, U.S. Amateur, U.S. Mid-Amateur or U.S. Open Championship may be declined, unless the player can document that he is capable of competing at the national championship level.

### APPLICATION FOR ENTRY - FEE \$150

Please print name by which the player wishes to be identified. Fill in every applicable blank or entry may be rejected. Entry fee payable in U.S. dollars to United States Golf Association by check or credit card. Do not send cash. International entries must be paid by international money orders or credit card.

Player Name ..... (FIRST) ..... (LAST) .....

Player Address .....

City ..... State ..... Zip Code .....

Amateur or Pro? ..... E-mail .....

Tel(H) (.....) ..... Tel(B) (.....) ..... Tel(Cell) (.....) .....

\*Date of Birth: Month ..... Day ..... Year ..... Age .....

\*(Any Incorrect and/or Incomplete Information Regarding Age May Cause Entry to be Declined) (as of 7/30/2009)

Please list the hometown that the player would like to have appear by his name in the Championship pairings (if different than mailing address above).

Town/City ..... State/Country .....

### FOR AMATEURS ONLY-VERIFICATION OF HANDICAP

Player's up-to-date men's Handicap Index® is \_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_ and is on record at:

Club ..... City ..... State/Country ..... and may be verified by:

Name ..... Title ..... Phone .....

(Handicap Index must be verified by an OFFICER of named club, HANDICAP CHAIRMAN, or by the club PGA/LPGA GOLF PROFESSIONAL.)

Only a men's Handicap Index computed under the USGA Handicap System™ is acceptable. A Handicap Index must be issued from a "golf club" (as defined in the "USGA Handicap System" manual) which is licensed to use the USGA Handicap System. Failure to submit a handicap index from a "licensed" golf club will result in entry rejection. Falsification of Handicap Index may subject the player to indefinite disqualification from USGA competitions.

### PAYMENT METHOD

Check enclosed  Visa  MasterCard  American Express  Discover

Account # ..... Exp. Date ..... - .....

I agree to and authorize the USGA to charge the entry fee on the credit card submitted on this application. Entries with invalid or incomplete credit card numbers will be returned.

Cardholder Name ..... Cardholder Signature .....

ALL BLANKS MUST BE FILLED IN OR, IF EXEMPT, NOTE CATEGORY #

### SECTIONAL QUALIFYING LOCATION

First Choice

Site # ..... City .....

Second Choice

Site # ..... City .....

Third Choice

Site # ..... City .....

OR

PLAYER IS EXEMPT

(Exemption Category #)

If a player is not exempt and does not indicate a qualifying site, the USGA may assign one. If qualifying location has more players than can be accommodated, some players may be transferred to another location and the date for qualifying may be different than the original requested date. Transfer will be based on the date of receipt of entry application. Transfers are final. No qualifying site is final until after entries close. Qualifying sites may be cancelled due to lack of participation.

### By submission of this entry the player agrees to the following:

- I agree to the Championship regulations included herewith. I have noted requirements for acceptance of places, notice of withdrawal and registration at the Championship site.
- I agree that there are certain risks inherent in the game of golf and accept personal and sole liability for all such risks, including, but not limited to any health-related risks. I have not entered into and will not enter into any arrangement whereby I could have a financial interest in any other player's prize money (such as through prize-splitting or prize money "insurance").
- I agree that this entry is subject to rejection at any time (including during the Championship) by the USGA. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct.
- I agree that the responsibility for ensuring this application is received by the USGA by no later than 5 P.M. E.D.T. on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 is mine alone and that this application will be automatically rejected if received by the USGA after such date and time. I agree that the risk of delay or error in transmission lies solely with me and that the USGA has no liability with respect to any such delay or error and the consequences therefrom, including rejection of this entry.

➔ SIGNATURE OF PLAYER ..... Date .....