



# 109th U.S. Women's Amateur Championship<sup>®</sup>

Conducted by the United States Golf Association<sup>®</sup>

Old Warson Country Club, St. Louis, Missouri

August 3 - 9, 2009

## Eligibility

Entries are open to amateur female golfers who have an up-to-date Handicap Index<sup>®</sup> not exceeding 5.4 under the USGA Handicap System<sup>™</sup>. 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. If you are a transgendered individual, please refer to the USGA policy and entry application procedures for transgendered individuals at [www.usga.org/championships/transgendered](http://www.usga.org/championships/transgendered) or contact our legal department at (908) 234-2300 for the additional entry application procedures. Players 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.

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

**Age:** Players are required to list their ages and dates of birth on all USGA entry forms.

In addition to listing their ages, all players who are minors in the state in which they reside (e.g., New Jersey, under the age 18) must also list a parent/guardian and family physician with the appropriate phone numbers. The application must also be signed by the same parent/guardian. An Internet entry for a minor must be submitted by a parent/guardian. Failure to comply with the requirements set forth in this paragraph will result in rejection of the entry.

**Amateur Status:** All 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 \$125 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 August 3. No refund for any reason after August 3. 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, JULY 1, 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:

**1. Sectional Qualifying – 18 holes stroke play** for all except exempt players listed herein. Schedule inside.

**2. Championship – 156 players eligible**, including exempt players.

(A) **STROKE PLAY** – 36 holes stroke play to determine 64 qualifiers for match play. All sectional qualifiers and exempt players must compete. A tie for last qualifier's place will be decided immediately by a hole-by-hole play-off.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3: First round, 18 holes.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4: Second round, 18 holes.

(B) **MATCH PLAY** – General numerical draw will be used. For purposes of determining places in the draw, ties in qualifying rounds will be decided by a blind draw, except that places of those participating in a play-off will be determined by the order on the public scoreboard summary and by performance in the play-off.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5: A.M. First round, 18 holes.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6: A.M. Second round, 18 holes.

P.M. Third round, 18 holes.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7: A.M. Quarterfinal round, 18 holes.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8: A.M. Semifinal round, 18 holes.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9: A.M. Final, 36 holes.

In the event of a tied match, (a) the winner will be decided immediately by a hole-by-hole play-off and (b) the stipulated round is deemed to extend to as many holes as are required for a match to be won.

## Prizes

### CHAMPIONSHIP

**WINNER:** Gold medal and custody of the Robert Cox Cup for the ensuing year, subject to such conditions as the USGA may establish.

**RUNNER-UP:** Silver medal.

**OTHER SEMIFINALISTS:** Bronze medals.

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

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

### SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

**LOWEST SCORER IN EACH LOCATION:** 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 result of each match is deemed to be officially announced when the result has been posted on the public scoreboard and approved by the Committee. 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 of the competition, including at all qualifying sites and the Championship proper, 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 her own caddie. If she wishes to have the host club furnish a caddie, she should ask the Official in Charge because sufficient caddies may not be available at the host club.

**Championship proper**—A player may provide her own caddie. If she wishes to have a caddie provided to her by the host club, she must complete the information as outlined in the Memorandum to Players which she will receive once her 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, July 1, 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, and (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 her name, likeness, voice and references to her and photographs and other images of her and her play connected with her 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 Old Warson Country Club

**By 2 P.M. on SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, eligible players must:**

1. Register in person at Old Warson Country Club; or
2. All players arriving late should notify the Championship Administration office at the USGA (908) 234-2300 (if before July 26). After July 26, please contact the USGA Director of the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship. (Please see Memorandum to Players for contact information.) Place may be forfeited by a player from whom no word is received by 2 P.M. on SATURDAY, AUGUST 1.

## Location; Transferring

*Players' preference for Sectional Qualifying location must be designated on the entry. If a Sectional 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.*

*Transfer from one qualifying location to another is not permissible after entries close.*

## 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 Sectional 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.

Alternates have no status at the Championship.

## Acceptance of Places; Notice of Withdrawal

On the day of Sectional Qualifying, every qualifier should notify the Official in Charge whether she will play in the Championship.

If a qualifier or an exempt player withdraws, she 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. Exempt players who wish to participate in the Championship must file an entry. Exempt players need not meet the handicap requirement.

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

1. Winners of the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship the last ten years (1999-2008):  
2006-Kimberly Kim 2007-Maria Jose Uribe 2008-Amanda Blumenherst
2. Runners-up of the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship the last three years (2006-2008):  
2007-Amanda Blumenherst 2008-Azahara Munoz

## Practice Privileges

Privileges of Old Warson Country Club are extended to qualified players in the Championship on Friday, July 31 (space available), all day Saturday, August 1 and Sunday, August 2.

## Accommodations

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

## Players' Dinner

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 7:00 P.M. - The USGA cordially invites players to a reception and dinner at the Old Warson Country Club.

## Personal Appearance

Players must be neat in appearance with respect to personal grooming and clothing.

## 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

### Exemptions from Sectional Qualifying (cont.)

3. Semifinalists of the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship the last two years (2007-2008):

2007-Amanda Blumenherst	2008-Amanda Blumenherst
Ha Na Jang	Azahara Munoz
Kimberly Kim	Belen Mozo
Maria Jose Uribe	Erynne Lee
4. Quarterfinalists from the 2008 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship:

Amanda Blumenherst	Chelsea Stelzmler
Azahara Munoz	Whitney Neuhauser
Belen Mozo	Stephanie Na
Erynne Lee	Carlota Ciganda
5. \*Any player who qualified for the 2009 U.S. Women's Open Championship.
6. From the 2008 U.S. Women's Open Championship, those returning scores for 72 holes.
7. \*From the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship, winners in 2008 & 2009 and the runner-up in 2009.
8. \*From the U.S. Girls' Junior Championship, winners in 2008 & 2009 and the runner-up in 2009.
9. From the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship, winners in 2007 & 2008 and the runner-up in 2008.
10. From the USGA Senior Women's Amateur Championship, winners in 2007 & 2008 and the runner-up in 2008.
11. Playing members of the two most current United States and Great Britain & Ireland Curtis Cup teams (2006 & 2008).
12. Playing members of the two most current United States Women's World Amateur Teams (2006 & 2008).
13. The low eight finishers and ties in the 2008 Women's World Amateur Team Championship.
14. Winner of the 2009 individual NCAA Div. I Women's Golf Championship.
15. \*Winners of the Ladies' British Open Amateur Championship the last five years (2005-2009).
16. Winners of the International European Ladies Championship the last two years (2007-2008).
17. \*Special exemptions selected by the USGA.

## Schedule of Sectional Qualifying – 18 Holes Stroke Play

USGA reserves the right to revise this schedule

<u>State</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Host Club</u>	<u>Practice: July</u>	<u>Official in Charge</u>
<b>SATURDAY, JULY 4 AT:</b>				
HI	1. WAIKOLOA	<i>Waikoloa Beach &amp; G.R. (King's C.)</i> (808)886-7888	Contact Club	MARY BEA PORTER-KING, Hawaii State Junior Golf Assn.
<b>MONDAY, JULY 13 AT:</b>				
CA	2. PASADENA	Annandale G.C. (626)796-6125	Contact Club	DEB LONG, Women's Southern California Golf Assn.
	3. RICHMOND (CA)	Richmond C.C. (510)232-7815	Contact Club	ROGER VAL, Northern California Golf Assn.
MO	4. ST. CHARLES	The Missouri Bluffs G.C. (636)939-6494	12 (After 12PM)	CAROL FROMUTH, USGA Girls' Junior Championship Com.
<b>TUESDAY, JULY 14 AT:</b>				
FL	5. WELLINGTON	<i>The Wanderers C.</i> (561)795-3510	13	KELLY THORMAHLEN, Florida Women's State Golf Assn.
<b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 AT:</b>				
MA	6. NEWTON CENTRE	Charles River C.C. (617)527-8300	Contact Club	ROBERTA B. BOLDUC, USGA Past Women's Com.
NJ	7. COLTS NECK	Trump Nat'l G.G. Colts Neck (732)625-9244	Contact Club	DOT PALUCK, USGA Women's Com.
PA	8. GREENSBURG	Totteridge G.C. (724)837-6700	Local: Contact Club Out of Town: 14 & Contact Club	PEGGY RUNNETTE, USGA Past Women's Com.
<b>THURSDAY, JULY 16 AT:</b>				
AZ	9. MESA	Alta Mesa C.C. (480)827-9411	8-15	MARY POMROY, Arizona Women's Golf Assn.
OH	10. DAYTON	Walnut Grove C.C. (937)253-6451	Contact Club	NANCY A. STRINGER, USGA Women's Amateur Public Links Com.
WA	11. KENMORE	Inglewood G.C. (425)488-7000	Contact Club	SCOTT CROUTHAMEL, Washington State Golf Assn.
<b>MONDAY, JULY 20 AT:</b>				
GA	12. ROSWELL (GA)	<i>Horseshoe Bend C.C.</i> (770)992-2310	Contact Club	C. LAYNE WILLIAMS, Georgia State Golf Assn.
PA	13. PLYMOUTH MEETING (PA)	Sunnybrook G.C. (610)828-9631	19 & Contact Club	JUDITH COOKE, USGA Senior Women's Championship Com.
TX	14. FRISCO	Stonebriar C.C. (972)625-8916	Contact Club	CAROL DI NUNZIO, USGA Regional Affairs Com.
<b>TUESDAY, JULY 21 AT:</b>				
CO	15. DENVER	Green Gables C.C. (303)985-1525	20	ROBIN ELBARDAWIL, Colorado Women's Golf Assn.
IN	16. WESTFIELD (IN)	Wood Wind G.C. (317)896-2474	Contact Club	MARCIA LUIGS, USGA Past Women's Com. Chairmen
MN	17. EDINA	Edina C.C. (952)927-5775	20 (After 1PM) & Contact Club	EDE RICE, USGA Women's Com.
NC	18. LEXINGTON	Sapona C.C. (336)956-6246	20 (After 12PM)	TIFFANY PRIEST, Carolinas Golf Assn.

Only clubs in italics will permit caddies to use carts first-come, first-served.

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Some qualifying sites may have limits on the number of players that can be accommodated. Players exceeding these amounts may be transferred.

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