



# 22nd U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship<sup>®</sup>

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

Barton Hills Country Club, Ann Arbor, Michigan

September 6 - 11, 2008

## Eligibility

Entries are open to amateur female golfers who (1) will have reached their twenty-fifth birthday by September 6, 2008, and (2) have an up-to-date Handicap Index<sup>®</sup> not exceeding 9.4 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.

**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 September 6. No refund for any reason after September 6. 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 23, 2008.**

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 three stages:

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

**2. Championship – 130 players eligible**, including exempt players. The field will be increased to accommodate those players who receive special exemptions and players who become exempt after the close of entries.

(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.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6: First round, 18 holes.  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7: 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. All matches at 18 holes.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8: A.M. First round, 18 holes.  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9: A.M. Second round, 18 holes.  
P.M. Third round, 18 holes.  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10: A.M. Quarterfinal round, 18 holes.  
P.M. Semifinal round, 18 holes.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11: A.M. Final round, 18 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 Prunaret 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 FOR 18 HOLES 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 Technical 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 23, 2008. 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 2008 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 Barton Hills Country Club

**By 2 p.m. on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, eligible players must:**

1. Register in person at Barton Hills Country Club; or
2. All players arriving late should notify the Championship Administration office at the USGA (908) 234-2300 (if before September 2). After September 2, please contact the USGA Director of the U.S. Women's Mid-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 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

## SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

### 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. Transfer is final. No qualifying site is final until after entries close. Qualifying sites may be cancelled due to lack of participation.*

*Transfer from one 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 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 exempt player withdraws, she must notify the USGA (908-234-2300) promptly 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 (if otherwise eligible). 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 Mid-Amateur Championship the last 10 years (1998-2007):

1998-Virginia Grimes	2004-Corey Weworski
1999-Alissa Herron	2005-Mary Ann Lapointe
2000-Ellen Port	2006-Meghan Bolger
2002-Kathy Hartwiger	2007-Meghan Bolger
2003-Amber Marsh Elliott	

## Practice Privileges

Privileges of Barton Hills Country Club are extended to qualified players in the Championship on September 4 and 5.

## 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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 6:30 P.M. - The USGA cordially invites players to a reception and dinner to be held at Barton Hills 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.

### Exemptions from Sectional Qualifying (cont.)

2. Runners-up of the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship the last five years (2003-2007):

2003-Shannon Ogg	2006-Thuhashini Selvaratnam
2004-Virginia Grimes	2007-Kerry Postillion
2005-Kerry Postillion	
3. Semifinalists from the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship the last two years (2006-2007):

2006-Meghan Bolger	2007-Meghan Bolger
Virginia Grimes	Lisa McGill
Jill Hardy	Ellen Port
Thuhashini Selvaratnam	Kerry Postillion
4. Quarterfinalists from the 2007 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship:

Meghan Bolger	Ellen Port
Virginia Grimes	Kerry Postillion
Joan Higgins	Anna Schultz
Lisa McGill	Dawn Woodard
5. \*Winners of the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship the last ten years (1999-2008).
6. \*Runners-up of the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship the last five years (2004-2008).
7. \*Semifinalists of the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship the last three years (2006-2008).
8. \*Players reaching the round of 32 in the 2007 and 2008 U.S. Women's Amateur Championships.
9. From the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship, the winners in 2007 and 2008 and the runner-up in 2008.
10. Semifinalists in the 2007 USGA Senior Women's Amateur Championship.
11. Winners of the Ladies' British Open Amateur Championship the last five years (2004-2008).
12. Winner of the most recent British Women's Mid-Amateur Championship.
13. \*Playing members and alternates of the 2008 United States Curtis Cup and 2008 United States Women's World Amateur Teams.
14. Playing members of the 2006 United States Curtis Cup and 2006 United States Women's World Amateur Teams.
15. Playing members of the 2008 Great Britain and Ireland Curtis Cup Team.
16. The low eight individual finishers and ties (excluding members of the United States Team) in the 2006 Women's World Amateur Team Championship.
17. Playing members of the two most current United States Copa de las Americas Teams (2005 & 2007).
18. Any player qualifying for the 2008 U.S. Women's Open Championship.
19. From the 2006 and 2007 U.S. Women's Open Championships, amateurs returning scores for 72 holes.
20. \*Special exemptions as selected by the USGA.

## Schedule and Location of Sectional Qualifying Rounds-18 Holes Stroke Play

USGA reserves the right to revise the schedule

<u>State</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Host Club</u>	<u>Practice: August</u>	<u>Official in Charge</u>
<b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6 AT:</b>				
OH	1. CLEVELAND	Oakwood C. (216)381-7755	Contact Club	PATTY JACOBSON, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
<b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 AT:</b>				
GA	2. SAVANNAH	<i>The Landings C. (Palmetto C.)</i> (912)598-2535	9 (After 12PM) & Contact Club	CAROL ANN CROSBY, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
<b>MONDAY, AUGUST 11 AT:</b>				
CA	3. SAN DIEGO	<i>The Santaluz C.</i> (858)759-3131	Contact Club	MARY SWINGLE, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
GA	4. ALPHARETTA	<i>Rivermont G. &amp; C.C.</i> (770)993-1779	Contact Club	BELINDA MARSH, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
MA	5. COHASSET	Cohasset G.C. (781)383-9890	Local: Week Prior & Contact Club Out of Town: 10 (After 2PM)	MIMI HENDERSON, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
TX	6. HOUSTON	Houston C.C. (713)465-8381	Contact Club	SIS SINGLETARY, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
<b>TUESDAY, AUGUST 12 AT:</b>				
CA	7. FAIRFIELD	Green Valley C.C. (707)864-0473	July 29-Aug. 10 & Contact Club	SHARON MURRAY, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
MD	8. CHEVY CHASE	Chevy Chase C. (301)652-0891	July 28 (After 3PM)	CATHY REUSCHE, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
WA	9. DUPONT	The Home C. (253)964-0520	Aug. 4 & 11 (After 3PM) & Contact Club 11	LYNDA ADAMS, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
<b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13 AT:</b>				
IN	10. INDIANAPOLIS	Crooked Stick G.C. (317)844-9928	12	SALLY PEACOCK, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
MO	11. O'FALLON	Winghaven C.C. (636)561-9464	12	PAT WILL, Weldon Spring, MO
MS	12. WEST POINT	<i>Old Waverly G.C.</i> (662)494-8780	12	SANDRA H. HARPOLE, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
NC	13. WHISPERING PINES	The C.C. of Whispering Pines (910)949-3000	Contact Club	LYNLEE LONG, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
NJ	14. EDISON	Metuchen G. & C.C. (732)548-3003	Contact Club	CAROLYN MARCHUK, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
TX	15. DALLAS	<i>Bent Tree C.C.</i> (972)931-3310	Contact Club	CAROLYN COWDEN, Dallas, TX
<b>THURSDAY, AUGUST 14 AT:</b>				
AZ	16. SCOTTSDALE	<i>Troon C.C.</i> (480)585-0540	13 or Contact Club	LINDA MOSES, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
CO	17. COLUMBINE VALLEY	Columbine C.C. (303)794-6333	Contact Club	MARY LEE BROWNE, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
FL	18. TAMPA	<i>Avila G. &amp; C.C.</i> (813)961-1754	13 or Contact Club	CORNELIA CORBETT, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
IL	19. HOMEWOOD	<i>Ravisloe C.C.</i> (708)957-6650	Contact Club	CECE DURBIN, USGA Women's Com.
MI	20. ANN ARBOR	Barton Hills C.C. (734)662-4955	Contact Club	MARY KEEN, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
OK	21. OKLAHOMA CITY	Oklahoma City G. & C.C. (405)848-5611	13 (After 2PM) & Contact Club	PAT MCKAMEY, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 AT:</b>				
HI	22. KAHULUI	<i>The Dunes at Maui Lani</i> (808)873-7911	Contact Club	DESIREE TING, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
<b>MONDAY, AUGUST 18 AT:</b>				
MN	23. HOPKINS	Oak Ridge C.C. (952)939-5460	Contact Club	PATRICIA A. BARNACLE, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.

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

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