



23rd U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship®

Conducted by the United States Golf Association®

Golden Hills Golf and Turf Club, Ocala, Florida

October 3 - 8, 2009

Eligibility

Entries are open to amateur female golfers who (1) will have reached their twenty-fifth birthday by October 3, 2009, and (2) have an up-to-date Handicap Index® not exceeding 9.4 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. 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 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 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) 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 October 3. No refund for any reason after October 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, AUGUST 5, 2009.**

Entry applications can be completed online at:

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 – 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, OCTOBER 3: First round, 18 holes.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 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. All matches at 18 holes.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5: A.M. First round, 18 holes.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6: A.M. Second round, 18 holes.
P.M. Third round, 18 holes.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7: A.M. Quarterfinal round, 18 holes.
P.M. Semifinal round, 18 holes.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8: 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 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 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, August 5, 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 Golden Hills Golf and Turf Club By 2 p.m. on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, eligible players must:

1. Register in person at Golden Hills Golf and Turf Club; or
2. All players arriving late should notify the Championship Administration office at the USGA (908) 234-2300 (if before September 30). After September 30, 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, OCTOBER 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. 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 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 Mid-Amateur Championship the last ten years (1999-2008):

1999 Alissa Herron	2005 Mary Ann Lapointe
2000 Ellen Port	2006 Meghan Stasi
2002 Kathy Hartwiger	2007 Meghan Stasi
2003 Amber Marsh Elliott	2008 Joan Higgins
2004 Corey Weworski	

Practice Privileges

Privileges of Golden Hills Golf and Turf Club are extended to qualified players in the Championship on October 1 and 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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 6:30 P.M. - The USGA cordially invites players to a reception and dinner to be held at Hilton Ocala.

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.)

2. Runners-up of the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship the last three years (2006-2008):

2006-Thuhashini Selvaratnam	2008-Lynn Simmons
2007-Kerry Postillion	
3. Semifinalists of the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship the last two years (2007-2008):

2007-Meghan Stasi	2008-Joan Higgins
Lisa McGill	Lynn Simmons
Ellen Port	Lynne Cowan
Kerry Postillion	Noreen Mohler
4. Quarterfinalists from the 2008 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship:

Joan Higgins	Corrie Tayman
Lynn Simmons	Carolyn Creekmore
Lynne Cowan	Mina Hardin
Noreen Mohler	Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll
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. *Winners of the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship the last 15 years or 15 years from the time the player becomes age eligible.
8. *Runners-up of the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship the last three years (2007-2009).
9. *Quarterfinalists from the 2009 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship.
10. From the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship, winners in 2008 & 2009 and the runner-up in 2009.
11. *From the USGA Senior Women's Amateur Championship, winners in 2008 & 2009 and the runner-up in 2009.
12. Playing members of the two most current United States and Great Britain & Ireland Curtis Cup Teams (2006 & 2008).
13. Playing members of the two most current United States Women's World Amateur Teams (2006 & 2008).
14. Winners of the Ladies' British Open Amateur Championship the last five years (2005-2009).
15. *Special exemptions 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>
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 AT:				
GA	1. SAVANNAH	<i>The Landings C. (Palmetto C.)</i> (912)598-2535	14 (After 12PM) & Contact Club	CAROL ANN CROSBY, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18 AT:				
MN	2. INDEPENDENCE	Windsong Farm G.C. (763)479-3535	Contact Club	PATRICIA A. BARNACLE, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 AT:				
CO	3. EVERGREEN	Hiwan G.C. (303)674-3369	13-18 & Contact Club	KATHY MALPASS, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 AT:				
AZ	4. PHOENIX	<i>Arizona C.C.</i> (480)946-4565	Contact Club	PATRICIA TRIMBELL, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
CA	5. NEWPORT BEACH	<i>Big Canyon C.C.</i> (949)644-5404	Contact Club	LEE MERRICK, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
	6. SAN JOSE	Almaden G. & C.C. (408)268-3959	18 (After 2PM)	MARY SHEPPERD, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
IL	7. NAPERVILLE	Cress Creek C.C. (630)355-7300	11-19 & Contact Club	PAM HYNES, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
KS	8. MISSION HILLS (KS)	Mission Hills C.C. (913)722-1085	19 or Contact Club	MARY JANE BARNES, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 AT:				
NC	9. SOUTHERN PINES	Longleaf G. & C.C. (910)692-6100	20 or Contact Club	LYNLEE LONG, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 AT:				
HI	10. KAHULUI	<i>The Dunes at Maui Lani</i> (808)873-7911	Contact Club	DESIREE TING, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25 AT:				
GA	11. JOHN'S CREEK	Rivermont G. & C.C. (770)993-1779	Contact Club	BELINDA MARSH, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
IN	12. INDIANAPOLIS	Broadmoor C.C. (317)251-9444	Contact Club	SALLY PEACOCK, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
MA	13. MARION (MA)	The Kittansett C. (508)748-0192	10, 17 & 24 (After 2PM)	MIMI HENDERSON, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
NJ	14. FLORHAM PARK	Brooklake C.C. (973)377-6751	Contact Club	CAROLYN MARCHUK, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
OK	15. BROKEN ARROW	Emerald Falls G. & C.C. (918)266-2600	Contact Club	PAT MCKAMEY, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
TX	16. HOUSTON	BraeBurn C.C. (713)774-8788	Contact Club	SIS SINGLETARY, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26 AT:				
AL	17. TUSCALOOSA	<i>NorthRiver Yacht C.</i> (205)345-0202	25	SANDRA H. HARPOLE, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
OR	18. LAKE OSWEGO	Oswego Lake C.C. (503)635-3659	Contact Club	MANDY RASMUSSEN, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
TX	19. RICHARDSON	Canyon Creek C.C. (972)231-3083	19-25	PAM MURRAY, USGA Women's Amateur Public Links Com.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27 AT:				
DE	20. WILMINGTON	DuPont C.C. (DuPont C.) (302)421-1717	20-23; 25-26 & Contact Club	CAROL K. HAAS, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
FL	21. OCALA	<i>Golden Hills G. & Turf C.</i> (352)629-7981	26 or Contact Club	CORNELIA CORBETT, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
MI	22. ANN ARBOR	Barton Hills C.C. (734)662-4955	Contact Club	MARY KEEN, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.
OH	23. CANTON	Brookside C.C. (330)477-6505	Contact Club	PATTY JACOBSON, USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Com.

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

Footwear: It is a condition at all qualifying sites unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk and italicized 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.



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COMPLETELY EXECUTED ENTRY MUST BE RECEIVED BY NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. E.D.T. ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2009 AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: MAIL: UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION, U.S. WOMEN'S MID-AMATEUR 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.)



APPLICATION FOR ENTRY - FEE \$125

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.

Name (FIRST) (LAST)

Address

City State Zip Code

E-mail

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

*Important: Date of Birth: Month Day Year Age (Any Incorrect and/or Incomplete Information Regarding Age May Cause Entry to be Declined.) (as of 10/03/2009)

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

SECTIONAL QUALIFYING LOCATION

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 a 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.

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

Town/City State/Country

VERIFICATION OF HANDICAP

Player's up-to-date 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 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

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 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, August 5, 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