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GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Incorporating Team Challenge Pro-Am

The Vintage, Hunter Valley  
November 26 - 29

**Pre-Qualifying Rounds:**

**Monday 23 November**

**Kogarah, Long Reef & Newcastle Golf Clubs**

**Handicap Limit: 5.4**

**Entries Close: Thursday 29 October**

**All Amateur entries must be directed to NSWGA**



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## Conditions of Entry

- 1. THE CHAMPIONSHIP:** The Championship will be decided by stroke play over 72 holes at The Vintage Golf Resort – 18 holes on each of Thursday 26th, Friday 27th, Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th November, 2009.
- 2. COMPETITORS:** 156 competitors shall be eligible to compete comprising those exempt from qualifying and place winners in the qualifying competitions. The leading 50 professional scores after 36 holes and any tied for 50<sup>th</sup> place, including all amateur players on an equal or better score, shall qualify for the third and fourth rounds; the remainder shall be eliminated.
- 3. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE:** The Championship will be under the management and control of the Championship Committee, consisting of five representatives of the NSW Golf Association, one member appointed by the host club, and two members appointed by the PGA of Australia. In the absence of the full Championship Committee, such members thereof as may be present at any time may give a decision and any decision shall be deemed the decision of the full Championship Committee. The Championship Committee reserves the right to vary any condition of this event.
- 4. RULES:** The Championship will be played under the auspices of the PGA of Australia, in accordance with the 2009 PGA of Australia Member Regulations Handbook. This will include The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R & A Rules Limited, Local Rules and Conditions of Competition (PGA Tour Hard Card) as published by PGA Tour, and such additional Local Rules as approved by the Championship Committee.
- 5. TIES:** In the event of a tie or ties for the Championship, unless the Championship Committee otherwise determines, play shall continue over such holes as the Championship Committee shall decide, players being eliminated hole by hole as they fail to maintain equality with others or other until the winner is determined.
- 6. BALL:** It will be obligatory for all competitors in the Championship and in the qualifying round (if required) to play with a ball which is named in the current R&A and/or USGA Approved Lists. Copies of these lists are available from [www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org). Penalty: Disqualification.  
**Balls with identical markings to be used:** Throughout a stipulated round, the balls a player uses must be of the same brand and type as detailed by a single entry in the current list of Conforming Golf Balls. Penalty: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum per round: Four strokes.
- 7. DRIVING CLUBS:** Any driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current list of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A. Penalty for making stroke with club in Breach of Condition: Disqualification.
- 8. PROTESTS:** Any decision of the Championship Committee will be final in all matters relating to the Championship. Protests must be made in writing to the Championship Committee not later than 15 minutes after the conclusion of the day's play except on the final day when they must be made within 5 minutes of the conclusion of play.
- 9. DRAW AND STARTING TIMES:** A draw for each day's play will be made and published. Players shall start at the time and in the order arranged by the Committee. Rule 6-3a provides: "The player shall start at the time laid down by the Committee". The penalty for breach of Rule 6-3a is disqualification. However it is a condition of this Championship that, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, if the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within 5 minutes of his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole, instead of disqualification.
- 10. PACE OF PLAY:** Pace of Play will be administered in accordance with the PGA of Australia's Pace of Play Policy as outlined on the PGA Tour Hard Card (Section 4).
- 11. COURSE MARKERS:** During practice or during the Championship a player (except as appointed by the Championship Committee) shall not place on the course, or cause to be placed on the course, any artificial marker or other device designed to indicate course measurements. A player in breach of this condition shall be disqualified.
- 12. TROPHIES:** The winner shall receive the Championship Gold Medal. The leading amateur in the Championship, unless he be the winner and given that he has completed the Championship, shall receive the Amateur Championship Medal.
- 13. PUBLICITY:** The NSW Golf Association and The Vintage arrange publicity before and during the Championship in the press, 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 the PGA of Australia, NSW Golf Association and The Vintage Golf Resort. All rights for televising live, television recordings or for any visual or electronic reproduction of the Championship are reserved only to the PGA of Australia, NSW Golf Association and The Vintage Golf Resort and may only be made under licence.

- 14. MOTORISED CARTS:** Competitors and their caddies are not permitted to ride in or on any form of locomotion during any round of this Championship unless authorised by the Championship Committee. Penalty: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – four strokes.
- 15. CADDIES:** Caddies must wear the caddy clothing, if so provided. A player in breach of this condition may be disqualified.
- 16. DRUG TESTING:** All competitors are subject to drug testing by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority for banned substances as laid down in Golf Australia's Anti-Doping Policy. Any competitor infringing this policy, or refusing to take a test, may be disqualified. Visit [www.asada.gov.au](http://www.asada.gov.au) for more information.
- 17. ENTRIES:**
- 17.1. All entries shall be subject to the approval of the Championship Committee who reserves the right to accept or refuse any entry without giving any reason for the decision which shall be final.
- 17.2. Nominations are accepted at face value, on the basis that information contained therein is correct and up to date. Should this subsequently be proven not to be the case, the Championship Committee reserves the right to deem any competitor ineligible – at any time prior to or during the Championship.
- 18. EXEMPTIONS FROM QUALIFYING:** Exemptions from qualifying will be granted to the following players:
- General** - Players exempted by the Championship Committee (maximum 10 i.e. sponsors invites)
- Professional** - Exempt professionals (116) from the Von Nida Tour exemption categories
- Amateur** - As provided for in the agreement between the NSWGA and PGA, the NSWGA may provide up to a maximum number of 15 exemptions for amateur players from prequalifying into the 2009 Championship. The NSWGA will notify the relevant players of their exemption. Exemptions for the 2009 Championship will be allocated in the following order:-
- a. 2009 Australian Men's Amateur Champion
  - b. 2008 Australian Open - Leading Amateur
  - c. Members of the Australian Team for the 2009 Eisenhower Trophy
  - d. Members of the 2009 NSW Amateur State Team (maximum 8)
  - e. 2009 NSW Amateur Champion
  - f. 2009 NSW Amateur Medallist/s
  - g. Current NSW Champion of Champions
  - h. 2009 NSW Junior Amateur Champion
  - i. 2009 NSW Country Amateur Champion
  - j. 2009 NSW Mid Amateur Champion
  - k. 2008 NSW Vardon Trophy winner
  - l. 2009 Lake Macquarie Amateur Champion
  - m. 2009 Federal Open Champion
- 19. PRE-QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS:** If more than 156 entries are received, Pre-Qualifying (minimum 15 positions) will be held at Kogarah, Long Reef and Newcastle Golf Clubs on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2009. Should the number of entries exceed the courses' capacity, entrants on the higher handicaps shall be balloted out. Entrants must nominate the course at which they wish to compete. The NSW Golf Association will attempt to place the competitors at the preferred course but reserves the right to alter as necessary.
- 20. REGISTRATION:** All competitors must register at The Vintage Golf Resort prior to 5pm Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009. The Championship Committee reserves the right to waive this condition in special individual circumstances.
- 21. PRIZEMONEY:** Minimum prizemoney of AUD\$135,000.00 will be distributed to professional golfers in accordance with the distribution formula of the PGA of Australia as provided in the PGA Membership Regulations Handbook.
- 22. PRACTICE:** Practice times for the Championship Proper will be: after midday on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, all day Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November and all day Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Practice arrangements at Qualifying venues should be made with the respective host club.
- 23. FORMAT:** There will be a Pro-Am component included within the four day Championship Proper. For further details click on [www.pga.org.au](http://www.pga.org.au) where information will be posted as it becomes available.
- 24. DATABASE OF ENTRANT'S DETAILS:** The personal data contained in this Entry Form is permanently retained by NSWGA. This data may be utilised by NSWGA 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 NSWGA e-news, or marketing material by the sponsor(s) of NSWGA events, or information about events conducted by golf clubs affiliated with the NSWGA or golf clubs affiliated with a NSW District Golf Association. Upon receipt by NSWGA of a written request a player may either have access to their details, or have their details deleted from the database.

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## Entry Form for Amateur Players - Please Print Clearly

**This Entry Form must be accompanied by the entry fee of \$90.00 (Includes GST)**

Entries can also be made online [www.nswga.com.au](http://www.nswga.com.au)

Please enter me in the 2009 NSW Open Championship. I am an amateur golfer in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R & A Rules Limited, and eligible under the Conditions of the Championship. I am prepared to abide by the NSW Golf Association's Code of Conduct (available from [www.nswga.com.au](http://www.nswga.com.au)) and the Regulations laid down by the PGA of Australia in its current Membership Regulations Handbook.

<b>Competitor</b>		
Surname: .....	First Name: .....	
NSWGA User ID (if known): .....		
Address:.....		
.....Postcode: .....		
Club: .....	Aust Hcp: .....	GOLF Link Number: .....
Date of Birth: ..... / ..... / .....	Tel: (Home): .....	(Mobile or Work): .....
Email: .....	Signature: .....	

#: Unless an entrant has provided his GOLF Link number on the Entry Form, evidence of club membership and current handicap must be able to be produced to the Championship Committee on request.

<b>SECTION OF CHAMPIONSHIP (PLEASE TICK):</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	QUALIFYING Preferred Course:	Kogarah <input type="checkbox"/>	Long Reef <input type="checkbox"/> Newcastle <input type="checkbox"/>
	or		
<input type="checkbox"/>	EXEMPTION FROM QUALIFYING (refer Condition 18)	Exemption Category .....	

**The Pre-Qualifying draw will be sent to the Player and will also be available from the NSWGA web site.**

Please check [www.nswga.com.au](http://www.nswga.com.au) for list of entrants. Your entry form has not been officially received until your name appears on this list.

## PAYMENT DETAILS

Payment can be made by cheque, money order or credit card.

Pay by Cheque/ Money Order (\$90), Please make cheques payable to the NSW Golf Association

Pay by Credit Card (\$90), Please fill in your credit card details below (Circle appropriate card)

BANKCARD / MASTERCARD / VISA / AMEX / DINERS

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholders Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cardholders Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return entry form to: **NSW Golf Association**

P.O.Box 195, Arncliffe NSW 2205 or in person 1A Duncan Street, Arncliffe

or fax: (02) 9505 9199 (Credit card payments only) ABN 48 001 642 628

**Entries Close Thursday 29 October, 2009**

Office Use Only

Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date Entered: \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt #: \_\_\_\_\_