



# 8th USGA Women's State Team Championship

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Sycamore Hills Golf Club, Fort Wayne, Indiana

September 1 - 3, 2009

## Eligibility

Entries are open to female amateur golfers whose permanent residence is in the state they represent and who have been nominated by the USGA designated state or regional golf association. 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. Any non-playing team captain or caddie seeking a golf cart due to disability must submit required medical information with the entry form (see Transportation). The team representing a state must consist of no more than three players. Note: A state may be represented by two players. Players requesting permission to use items on the List of Equipment permitted conditionally for medical reasons, please refer to [www.usga.org/equipment/medical/general\\_guidelines.html](http://www.usga.org/equipment/medical/general_guidelines.html) for details.

## Entries; Selection Process

Each USGA designated state or regional golf association determines how the state's team will be selected. On the link provided, the designated golf association involved in the selection process must provide the name, complete mailing address, e-mail address and telephone number of the two or three players selected for the team. The designated golf association that completes the entry form must also provide the name, complete mailing address, e-mail address and telephone number for a non-playing team captain (if applicable). Each player and non-playing team captain must pre-register online at [www.usga.org/champreg](http://www.usga.org/champreg) and review the "8th USGA Women's State Team Championship Entry Form," "USGA Acknowledgement Form" and "Medical Treatment Consent Form for Minors" if applicable. Minors must have the form completed by a parent or legal guardian. Entries are subject to rejection at any time (including during the Championship) by the USGA. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct.

## Championship Schedule (cont.)

Any tie will be played-off as follows:

- Use the non-counting player's score for the final round.
- If still tied, use the non-counting player's score for the second round.
- If still tied, use the non-counting player's score for the first round.
- If still tied, joint winners will be declared.

If it is not possible to complete 54 holes of play in the period in which the Championship is scheduled, the Championship will not be extended beyond the last scheduled day and the winner will be the Team which returns the lowest score for the number of stipulated rounds played. The Committee may institute a cut in order to play the last stipulated round.

## Prizes

WINNING TEAM: Gold medal

SECOND PLACE TEAM: Silver medal

THIRD PLACE TEAM: Bronze medal

If a tie for second or third place occurs, duplicate medals will be awarded.

Low Individual 54 hole score will receive a Bronze Medal. In the event of 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 the prizes above.

## Expenses

Teams in the Championship fall under Rule 4-2d of the Rules of Amateur Status. Each team may therefore accept a reasonable amount of expenses from its golf association. Before August 29, 2009 expenses may not be accepted for team practice anywhere.

## 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. These lists are updated and 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 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.*

## Championship Schedule

Stroke Play – 54 hole stroke play, at Sycamore Hills Golf Club. The two lowest scores of each team will count in each round.

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|------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Tuesday, September 1   | — | First round, 18 holes  |
| Wednesday, September 2 | — | Second round, 18 holes |
| Thursday, September 3  | — | Final round, 18 holes  |

The team with the lowest score for 54 holes will be champion.

### **THE COMMITMENT FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED**

**ONLINE at: <http://www.usga.org/champreg>**  
**no later than 5 P.M. E.D.T. on Wednesday, July 15, 2009.**

### **THE ENTRY APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED**

**ONLINE at: <http://www.usga.org/champreg>**  
**no later than 5 P.M. E.D.T. on Wednesday, August 5, 2009.**

**Applications which are received late or incomplete are not acceptable and will be subject to rejection.**

## Caddies

A player may provide her own caddie. Club caddies are available on a limited basis. A player is not required to employ a caddie.

## Alternates

The designated golf association must provide the name, complete mailing address, e-mail address and telephone number for two alternates.

Alternates may be substituted for any reason at any time prior to the start of the Championship. Once the Championship has begun, no alternates will be allowed. Alternates have no status at the championship.

Prior to August 24, 2009, please contact USGA Championship Administration, (908) 234-2300 to make a substitution. After August 24, 2009, please contact the USGA office at Sycamore Hills Golf Club.

If a player withdraws on the first day of the Championship, prior to playing first stroke, substitution is allowed.

## Transportation

Automotive transportation is permissible for players only in the Championship. Anyone using automotive transportation must be 16 years of age and have a valid driver's license.

Any non-playing team captain 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 in writing, and received by the USGA no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 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.

## Time of Starting

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

## Advice

The optional condition permitting each team to appoint one person, e.g., the team captain or coach, who may give advice under Rule 8 of "The Rules of Golf" will be in effect. Such person must be identified to the Committee prior to the start of the competition. If the team captain is playing, she may not give advice to a team mate while playing.

## Publicity and Promotion; Broadcasting

The USGA may arrange for (i) promotion of the Championship, for radio and television broadcasting and other exhibition and publication of the Championship or excerpts thereof in various media, including so-called "online" or "new media" 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 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 shall be required and provided that the player's Championship play is not unreasonably interfered with.

## Registration at Sycamore Hills Golf Club

By 2 P.M. on Sunday, August 30th, all eligible team members must:

- 1) Register in person at Sycamore Hills Golf Club; or
- 2) State arrival time directly to:  
USGA Headquarters  
2009 Women's State Team Championship  
c/o Sycamore Hills Golf Club  
11836 Covington Rd.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46814
- 3) All players arriving late should notify USGA Championship Administration office at (908) 234-2300 (if before August 24). After August 24, please contact the USGA Director of the Women's State Team Championship. Please see the Memorandum to Players for more information.

Place may be forfeited for a team from whom no word is received by 2 P.M. on Sunday, August 30th.

## Practice Privileges; Accommodations

Privileges of Sycamore Hills Golf Club are extended to qualified team members in the Championship on Sunday, August 30 and Monday, August 31, 2009.

Information concerning accommodations will be provided by the designated state or regional golf association after selection.

## Players' Dinner

Sunday, August 30 — The USGA cordially invites all players and team captains to a reception at 6:45 P.M. and dinner at 7:30 P.M.

## 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.



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## TEAM COMMITMENT FORM

The Team Commitment Form lets the USGA know the states that intend to enter a team in the Championship. The Commitment Form must be submitted online beginning May 1, 2009 & no later than 5 P.M. E.D.T. on Wednesday, July 15, 2009.

Follow the instructions below to submit your TEAM COMMITMENT:

1. Enter: [www.usga.org/champreg](http://www.usga.org/champreg) into your browser.
2. Click on "Women's State Team" link.
3. Click on the "Commit" link next to **2009 USGA Women's State Team Commitment**.
  - **Event Code: 2009WSTc**
4. Complete the information listed (e-mail address required).
5. Click **Submit**.
  - You will receive an automated e-mail message from the USGA Championship Administration Department confirming your State's Team Commitment.

If you need assistance or have any questions regarding this process call the USGA Championship Administration Department at 908-234-2300.



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Follow the instructions below to submit your TEAM ENTRY FORM:

1. Enter: [www.usga.org/champreg](http://www.usga.org/champreg) into your browser.
2. Click on "Women's State Team" link.
3. Click on the "Enter" link next to **2009 USGA Women's State Entry Form**.
  - **Event Code: 2009WSTef**
4. Complete the information listed.
  - To enter a team the following will need to be provided: Name, complete mailing address, e-mail address and telephone numbers of the two or three players selected for the team. The same information will need to be provided for the non-playing team captain (if applicable) and two alternates.
5. Click **Submit**.
  - Each designated association will receive an automated e-mail message from the USGA Championship Administration Department confirming receipt of entry. Each player and non-playing team captain will receive an e-mail directing them to the "individual online pre-registration site". All players and non-playing team captains must complete mandatory individual online pre-registration no later than 5 P.M. E.D.T on **Friday, August 7th**. The (Memorandum to Players) should be reviewed by players and non-playing team captains as soon as possible after selected for the team. Players and non-playing team captains should then complete individual online pre-registration at [www.usga.org/champreg](http://www.usga.org/champreg).

WHEN SUBMITTING ENTRY, **ONLY HIT SUBMIT ONCE**. HITTING SUBMIT MORE THAN ONCE WILL CREATE MULTIPLE ENTRIES. IF A PLAYER SUBSTITUTION NEEDS TO MADE PRIOR TO AUGUST 24, CONTACT ANGELO MASINO, USGA CHAMPIONSHIP ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT. AFTER AUGUST 24, CONTACT THE USGA OFFICE AT SYCAMORE HILLS GOLF CLUB.

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