



2009 Santa Barbara Women's Open Individual Stroke Play Rules

Eligibility: Entries are open to all female amateur golfers that have a verifiable Handicap Index at time of registration.

Amateur Status: All players must conform to the USGA Rules of Amateur Status as specified in the USGA Rules of Golf. By her application, the player verifies that she has not received remuneration other than as specified as acceptable by the USGA "Rules of Amateur Status".

Flights: All competitors meeting eligibility requirements will be placed in one of the flights based on their verifiable Handicap Index submitted to the Tournament Director. The flights are determined by index and divided into equal size flights depending on the number of registered participants. The lowest index players will be in the Championship Flight.

Course Assignment: The field will be split between the two courses each day and all participants will play both courses. Course assignment will occur following the flight assignments and emailed to you prior to the tournament.

Pace of Play: Players shall play without undue delay. There will be 2 Marshalls and a Rules Official on each course. The Marshalls will endeavor to keep up the pace of play. Following 2 warnings, a Marshall has the authority to put a foursome "on the clock". A 2 stroke penalty may be assessed for slow play when warranted. Our intention is not to be punitive but to keep the tournament fair and competitive for everyone.

Caddies and Transportation: If you are the player with a caddy, please be considerate of your playing partner with your use of the cart. Your partner should always have the choice to ride. Assisting with yardages, locating balls, and retrieving clubs will contribute to improved pace of play. The player's bag may be carried on the cart. Competitors may walk as determined by the policy of the golf course being played. **We prefer that only players in the Championship Flight utilize a caddy.**

Prizes: The prizes will be awarded for **both Gross and Net** in all flights in Golf Shop credit or gift cards at the course where play is concluded. The Championship Flight will only be awarded Gross prizes. In the case of a tie, prize amounts will be added and split between the tied players. The number of places paid in each flight will be dependent on the number of participants.