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## Duramed FUTURES Tour Announces 2007 Tournament Schedule 18 Tournaments in 13 States with a Record Purse of \$1.48 Million

LAKELAND, Fla., Dec. 13, 2006 -- The 2007 season for the Duramed FUTURES Tour is positioned to be the strongest in the Tour's 27-year history. The Tour will play 18 tournaments in 13 states with a record total season purse of \$1.48 million, which includes three tournaments with a \$100,000-plus purse.

"We are very excited about the 2007 Tour schedule, as well as hitting a significant milestone in the Tour's history with three tournament prize purses and a total season purse that surpass anything we have ever awarded," said Zayra F. Calderon, president and CEO of the Duramed FUTURES Tour. "This shows that women's professional golf is healthy and that our sponsors value the talent and passion these young pros bring to the game."

The Duramed FUTURES Tour will kick off the season, March 9 – 11, in its hometown of Lakeland, Fla., for the Lakeland Duramed FUTURES Classic and will conclude the season Sept. 7 - 9, in Albany, N.Y., at the ILOVENY Championship. The Tour will play two events in Florida, three events in Texas – in host cities Frisco, McAllen and El Paso -and one event in Lafayette, La., before moving to the Midwest for five tournaments. Competition then travels to the Northeast for three events, then to the Mid-Atlantic region for three tournaments before returning to New York for the season-ending event.

### Key highlights of the 2007 schedule include:

- \* Three tournaments with purses of \$100,000 or higher. They are: the Michelob ULTRA Duramed FUTURES Players Championship in Decatur, Ill., the Duramed Championship in Batavia, Ohio and the ILOVENY Championship in Albany, N.Y.
- \* Record season purse of \$1.48 million in 2007.
- \* The average purse is over \$82,200, an increase of nearly 10% from 2006.
- \* Fourteen tournaments increased their purses, with one event (Albany, N.Y.) boosting its purse by \$15,000.
- \* The Tour adds Cincinnati to a growing list of top-tier tournament markets that include the Dallas Metroplex area, Greater Tampa (Fla.), Greater Hartford (Conn.), three events outside the Greater Chicago area and the host Empire State Capitol of Albany (N.Y.).
- \* Five 2008 LPGA exempt cards will be awarded to the top five players on the 2007 Duramed FUTURES Tour Money List.
- \* Tour steps up alignment in strategic planning alongside LPGA Tour to enable players to move seamlessly from Duramed FUTURES Tour to LPGA Tour.

### About the Duramed FUTURES Tour

Celebrating its 26th competitive season this year, the Duramed FUTURES Tour has remained committed to developing the skills and dreams of women golfers, establishing role models for youth and creating LPGA stars of tomorrow. With more than 280 alumnae as current members of the LPGA Tour, former Duramed FUTURES Tour players have won a total of 314 LPGA titles, including 33 major championships. Designated as "the official developmental tour of the LPGA," the Duramed FUTURES Tour has become the largest international developmental tour and the second largest women's golf tour in the world. At season's end each year, the top five players on the Tour's money list earn automatic LPGA Tour exemptions for the following year. Throughout its first quarter century, membership has increased from approximately 150 North American players to more than 300 players from 31 different nations. The Duramed FUTURES Tour in 2007 will conduct 18 tournaments in 13 states and has raised nearly \$4 million for charitable organizations since 1989. For more information, please visit [www.duramedfuturestour.com](http://www.duramedfuturestour.com).

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March 9 - 11 Lakeland Duramed FUTURES Classic Cleveland Heights Golf Course Lakeland, Florida To Benefit: The First Tee of Lakeland at YMCA Par 3	\$80,000	June 22 – 24 Duramed Championship The Golf Club of Stonelick Hills Batavia, Ohio To Benefit: The First Tee of Greater Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky	\$100,000
March 16 - 18 Greater Tampa Duramed FUTURES Classic Summerfield Crossings Golf Club Riverview, Florida To Benefit: TBA	\$75,000	June 29 – July 1 Team WLF.org Golf Classic Kankakee Elks Country Club Saint Anne, Illinois To Benefit: World Leadership Foundation	\$80,000
April 13 - 15 The Power of a Dream Golf Classic The Trails of Frisco Golf Club Frisco, Texas To Benefit: Various Local Charities	\$80,000	July 13 - 15 CIGNA Chip In For A Cure Golf Classic Gillette Ridge Golf Club Bloomfield, Connecticut To Benefit: Chip In For A Cure	\$80,000
April 20 - 22 Louisiana Pelican Classic The Wetlands Lafayette, Louisiana To Benefit: CASA of Acadiana, CADENCE of Acadiana & Goodwill Industries of Acadiana	\$75,000	July 20 - 22 Alliance Bank Golf Classic The Links at Erie Village Syracuse, New York To Benefit: TBA	\$80,000
April 27 – 29 Jalapeno Golf Classic Palm View Golf Course McAllen, Texas To Benefit: McAllen Hispanic Chamber Chamber of Commerce	\$75,000	August 3 – 5 Havenwood-Heritage Heights Golf Classic Beaver Meadow Golf Course Concord, New Hampshire To Benefit: The Havenwood-Heritage Heights Trust Fund (Resident Support Fund)	\$75,000
May 4 – 6 IOS Golf Classic Underwood Golf Complex, Sunrise Course El Paso, Texas To Benefit: Rotary Club of West El Paso Foundation	\$80,000	August 10 - 12 Betty Puskar Golf Classic The Pines Country Club Morgantown, West Virginia To Benefit: Betty Puskar Breast Care Center	\$80,000
June 1 – 3 Aurora Health Care Championship Geneva National Golf Club Lake Geneva, Wisconsin To Benefit: Geneva National Foundation, Aurora Health Care	\$90,000	August 17 – 19 Hunters Oak Golf Classic Hunters Oak Golf Club Queenstown, Maryland To Benefit: TBD	\$75,000
June 8 - 10 Horseshoe Casino Golf Classic Lost Marsh Golf Course Hammond, Indiana To Benefit: Lake Area United Way	\$75,000	August 24 – 26 The Gettysburg Championship The Links At Gettysburg Gettysburg, Pennsylvania To Benefit: United Way of Adams County	\$75,000
June 14 – 17 Michelob ULTRA Duramed FUTURES Players Championship Hickory Point Golf Course Decatur, Illinois To Benefit: Various Local Charities	\$105,000	September 7 - 9 ILOVENY Championship at Capital Hills Golf Course at Albany Capital Hills Golf Course at Albany Albany, New York To Benefit: Albany Police & Fire Foundation	\$100,000