

Nicole Castrale

(cass-TRAHL-ee)



Rookie year: 2002

Status: Exempt

Career victories (last): 1 (2007)

Career-low round: 64

Career earnings (rank): \$1,263,759 (125)

Playoff record: 1-0

Education: University of Southern California (2001, Social Science)

Professional

2007

- Became the sixth Rolex First-Time Winner of the season at the Ginn Tribute Hosted by ANNIKA, where she defeated Lorena Ochoa on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff and crossed the \$1 million mark in career earnings.
- Carded a season-low 66 in the second round of the Navistar LPGA Classic, where she finished tied for ninth.
- Recorded five additional top-10 finishes: tie for fourth at the Ginn OPEN; sixth at the Longs Drugs Challenge; tie for ninth at the SemGroup Championship Presented by John Q. Hammons and ADT Championship; and tie for 10th at the Fields Open in Hawaii and McDonald's LPGA Championship Presented by Coca-Cola.
- Sunk the winning putt in singles competition for the victorious U.S. Solheim Cup team to retain the Cup.

2007 Stats (rank)

Rds under par: 39/79 (10)

Eagles: 3 (40)

Sand saves: 39.2% (76)

Rds in the 60s: 13/79 (37)

Greens in reg: 67.5% (7)

Putts per GIR: 1.79 (10)

Birdies: 249 (18)

Driving accuracy: 66.5% (63)

Driving avg: 252.3 (48)

Career

- In 2006, best finish was a tie for third at the Honda LPGA Thailand 2006; carded a career-low 64 during the first round of the McDonald's LPGA Championship Presented by Coca-Cola.
- In 2005, won back-to-back tournaments on the Futures Tour—the Northwest Indiana FUTURES Golf Classic and the Quality Concepts Kankakee FUTURES Golf Classic—en route to a fourth-place finish on the season-ending money list, which earned her exempt status for the 2006 LPGA Tour season.
- In 2004, competed on the Futures Tour and recorded two top-10 finishes.
- In 2003, recorded a season-best finish at the Wachovia LPGA Classic hosted by Betsy King, where she tied for 29th; did not retain her status for the 2004 LPGA Tour season.
- In 2002 she did not compete after August due to a right shoulder injury that required surgery.
- In 2001, turned professional in June and competed on the Futures Tour and recorded one top-10 finish; tied for 52nd at the LPGA Final Qualifying Tournament to earn non-exempt status for the 2002 season.

Amateur

Castrale was an American Junior Golf Association Rolex First-Team All-American in 1996. The following year, she made it to the round of 16 in the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship and won the Southern California Golf Association High School State title. In 1998, she was a quarterfinalist at the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship. She played golf for four years at the University of Southern California and was a three-time member of the All-Pac 10 Team (1998-99, 2000).

Personal

5'8" ...Started playing golf at the age of 10 ...Credits her husband Craig, her parents Anthony and Patricia Dalkas, golf instructors Bill Harmon and Dick Harmon and Fischer Sports Physical Therapy and Conditioning with most influencing her career ...Married Craig Castrale on Jan. 8, 2005 ...Competed as Nicole Dalkas from 2002-03 ...Hobbies include working out, shopping, cooking and watching all sports ...Originally qualified for the Tour on her first attempt ...Represents Ashworth, TaylorMade-adidas Golf, Titleist and Cytosport.

LPGA Victories, Awards, Etc.

LPGA Victories (1): 2007 Ginn Tribute Hosted by ANNIKA.

The Solheim Cup (1): 2007.

Major Championship History

	98	02-04	05	06	07
KNC	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	T26
LPGA	DNP	DNP	DNP	T34	T10
OPEN	MC	DNP	MC	T57	T35
WBO	X	DNP	DNP	T31	67

Castrale's LPGA Record

Information above the line indicates record before originally qualifying for the LPGA Tour.

Year	# of events	Cuts made	Wins	2nd	3rd	Top 10s	Best finish	Earnings	Rank	Scoring average
1998	1	0	0	0	0	0	MC	N/A	N/A	81.00
2002	8	3	0	0	0	0	T38	\$ 8,106	177	74.30
2003	10	5	0	0	0	0	T29	26,255	143	73.57
2004	1	0	0	0	0	0	T70	2,376	N/A	73.33
2005	1	0	0	0	0	0	MC	N/A	N/A	77.50
2006	26	22	0	0	1	4	T3	375,106	33	71.60
2007	24	22	1	0	0	7	1	854,292	15	71.96