

1. QUALIFICATIONS

The AIG Women's British Open Championship (the "Championship") shall be open to professional golfers of the female gender, who are members of the Ladies' European Tour (LET), Ladies' Professional Golf Association (LPGA) or other recognised associations and amateur golfers of the female gender, who are members of a recognised golf club who have amateur status in accordance with the current Rules of Amateur Status and who hold a CONGU playing handicap of +0.5 or better or overseas equivalent at date of entry, or who have been within the Women's WAGR™ listing 1-1,000 (see www.WAGR.com) during the period Women's WAGR™ Week 2020/01 to date of entry.

2. REGULATIONS

- a) The Championship will be contested by 144 competitors, with a number of reserves as determined at the end of Section 5.
- b) The winner shall be named the 2020 AIG Women's British Open Champion.
- c) The Championship Committee reserves the right to arrange and/or alter starting times.
- d) The Championship Committee reserves the right to use films, photographs, pictures and similar references to competitors in practice and play in the publicity arrangements prior to, during and after the Championship as set out in Section 6. h)
- e) If for any reason a ranking used to identify exempt golfers is not published on Monday 29 June 2020, the Championship Committee will delay the exemption until the ranking is published.
- f) The Championship Committee reserves the right to amend the Championship Conditions and the decision of the Championship Committee shall, in all matters, be final.

3. ENTRY FORM, ENTRY FEE, CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES

- a) One entry per player must be submitted electronically via the Championship website and must reach The R&A, St Andrews, Fife, Scotland. KY16 9JD by 11:59pm (BST) on Thursday 16 July 2020. **The entrance fee is £95.** Late entries will not be accepted. In the event of duplicate entries being submitted, the first entry will be used for all purposes.
- b) Entry fees will not be refunded unless written notification of withdrawal is received prior to the closing date for entries.
- c) All entries shall be subject to the approval of the Championship Committee, which reserves the right to refuse or having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving a reason for its decision, which shall be final.
- d) The Championship Draw will be available at the course and on the Championship website (www.aigwomensbritishopen.com) from 12 noon (BST) on Tuesday 18 August 2020.

4. REGISTRATION

- a) Championship exempt players must register in person, no later than 5pm (BST) on Tuesday 18 August 2020. In exceptional circumstances only, competitors may be permitted to register by telephone to The R&A Championship Office.
- b) Players who fail to meet the registration deadlines may be removed from the draw and replaced with the first available reserve.

5. EXEMPTIONS

The following players shall be exempt into the Championship:

- a) Past winners of the Women's British Open Championship, aged 60 or under on 23 August 2020, provided that the player is still an active member of a recognised professional Tour.
- b) The top 10 and anyone tying for 10th place in the 2019 AIG Women's British Open Championship at Woburn.
- c) The top 15 players in the 2019 Final LET Order of Merit.
- d) The top 5 players, not already exempt, from the 2020 LET Race to Costa del Sol list as at Monday 29 June 2020.
- e) The top 30 players in the 2019 Final LPGA Money List.
- f) The top 35 players, not already exempt under e), from the 2020 LPGA Priority list as at Monday 29 June 2020.
- g) The top 5 players, not already exempt, in the 2020 LPGA Money List as at Monday 29 June 2020.
- h) The top 50 players on the 2020 Rolex Rankings Week March 16.
- i) The 2019 JLPGA Money List winner.
- j) The top 5 players, not already exempt, from the 2019 JLPGA money list.
- k) The 2019 KLPGA Money List winner.
- l) The top 2 players, not already exempt, from the 2020 KLPGA Money list as at Monday 29 June 2020.

- m) Winners of any recognised LET or LPGA Tour event in 2020. Blank entries will be made on behalf of players qualifying, after the closing date, in this category.
 - n) The US Women's Open Champions for 2016 to 2020.
 - o) The ANA Inspiration Champions for 2016 to 2020.
 - p) The KPMG Women's PGA Champions for 2016 to 2020.
 - q) The Evian Championship Champions for 2015 to 2020.
 - r) The leading 5 golfers, not already exempt, in the 2020 Marathon Classic presented by Dana. Blank entries will be made on behalf of competitors qualifying in this category.
 - s) The leading 3 golfers, not already exempt, in the 2020 Aberdeen Standard Investments Ladies Scottish Open. Blank entries will be made on behalf of competitors qualifying in this category.
 - t) The 2019 United States Ladies' Amateur Champion, the 2019 (Women's) Mark H McCormack Medal Holder, The 2020 Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific Champion, The 2020 Women's Amateur Champion, The 2020 European Ladies' Amateur Champion. the highest Women's WAGR ranked GB&I golfer as at Women's WAGR Week 2020/25 provided that each must still be an amateur at the time of and throughout the Championship
 - u) Any player who was eligible for a spot in the starting field but did not compete in the 2019 AIG Women's British Open due to maternity.
 - v) The balance of the field and reserves shall be filled from the 2020 Aberdeen Standard Investments Ladies Scottish Open in the following order.
 - 1) The leading competitor(s), not already exempt, who have made the cut.
 - 2) The competitor(s), not already exempt, with the highest Rolex Rankings at the commencement of play, who have not made the cut.
- If the balance has still not been filled, all extra spots and reserves will be taken from the Rolex Rankings, in order, from Rolex Rankings Week March 16.

Ties in 1) and 2) above, will be decided in favour of the highest ranked competitor in the Rolex Rankings at the commencement of the tournament. If two or more competitors have the same Rolex Rankings, or two or more competitors have no Rolex Ranking, then ties will be decided by a card countback. The card countback will use the back 9 holes of the course or 6 or 3 or 2 or 1 hole and if a tie still arises, the last 6 or 3 or 2 or 1 hole of the front 9 holes of the course in the final round. If a tie still arises the same card countback will be used for the 3rd, 2nd and 1st rounds of the tournament. If a tie still arises, places will be determined by the drawing of lots.

Players may be exempt in more than one category unless specifically stated otherwise

6. CONDITIONS OF PLAY

- a) Players must be of the female gender and have been female at birth or have had the female gender assigned. For the avoidance of doubt, The R&A reserves the right to carry out a confidential case-by-case evaluation at any time either prior to or after the Championship if in its reasonable opinion such an evaluation is or becomes necessary. Any player in breach of this condition may be disqualified.
- b) The Championship shall be decided by stroke play over four rounds of 18 holes over Royal Troon in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and in accordance with the Local Rules approved by the Championship Committee.
- c) One round of 18 holes shall be played on each of the first two days for which one draw shall be made. The players returning the 65 lowest scores, and anyone tying for 65th place over the first 36 holes shall qualify for the 3rd round on Saturday 22 August and the 4th round on Sunday 23 August. For the final 36 holes, the pairings and starting times shall be determined in accordance with the total scores after 2nd Round, players with the lowest scores starting last.
- d) In the event of a tie for the Championship after four rounds, the competitors who tie shall play a hole by hole play-off to determine the Champion. Details of the play-off will be posted on the Championship notice board during the event and will be available on request.
- e) The Model Local Rules in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf are in effect for Conforming Driver Heads (MLR G-1), Conforming Golf Balls (MLR G-3), One Ball Rule (MLR G-4) and Groove and Punch Mark Specifications (MLR G-2).
- f) Each player is responsible for playing without undue delay. The pace of play policy detailing Time Allowance and Procedure when groups are out of position will be issued to competitors prior to play together with details of penalties for breach of the policy.
- g) Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect. A player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized, or later approved by the Championship Committee. The Championship Committee will only consider

requests for use of motorized transportation where (i) the player making the request has a qualifying disability and (ii) the need for transportation results from that disability. Any requests by a player to use any form of transportation must be made not less than 60 days in advance of the Championship. All requests must be made in accordance with the procedures outlined in The R&A's Transportation Policy, available on request from The R&A.

h) LGU Championships Limited (The R&A) arranges publicity before and during the Championship in the Press and by live and recorded radio and television broadcasting and filming and on the Internet. Each competitor agrees to make reasonable efforts during the Championship to attend press conferences and to co-operate with the media in support of the Championship including, appearances for The R&A's broadcast partners. Each competitor by entering the Championship and thereby agreeing to these terms and conditions assigns to The R&A and its assignees and licensees the right in perpetuity throughout the world to make, use, exhibit and reproduce in any way now known or hereafter devised (and to authorise others to do so) for commercial and other purposes from time to time and at their discretion, motion pictures, still pictures, live taped or filmed television, sound recordings and any other reproductions of any description of the competitor and/or their caddie made during or in connection with the Championship (including, without limitations, during practice and play) without compensation for the competitor or caddie or the heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the competitor or caddie. The competitor also assigns to The R&A the right to use and reproduce the competitor's and/or their caddie's name, voice, likeness and biographical material in any way now known or hereafter devised, without compensation for the competitor or the heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the competitor or caddie including in circumstances where it may include the logo of a sponsor or patron of the Championship or any subsequent Championship or any other activities undertaken by The R&A. A competitor shall be responsible for ensuring that they hold all the necessary rights to grant the above assignments, including appropriate agreements with their caddies.

The R&A and its assignees and licensees agree that, other than as permitted above, they will not authorise any company contractually associated with The R&A to use the competitor's or caddie's name, voice, likeness and biographical material to endorse a product or service, without first requiring such associated company to obtain the competitor's authorisation.

To comply with certain contractual limitations relating to advertising on television, competitors confirm that they or their caddies will not, without the prior approval of The R&A, display any commercial identification on clothing or equipment other than that customarily affixed to and of the normal size and in the normal position on any such clothing or equipment.

i) Competitors agree to abide by all health and safety and other instructions given by The R&A, IMG and/or the Championship Committee and to generally follow good practice as regards safety on a golf course, including being aware of any risks posed to spectators and shouting "fore" where necessary.

j) All competitors gaining entry to the AIG Women's British Open are subject to the LPGA's Anti-Doping Program and Protocol in force at the time of the Championship. Any competitor found to be in violation of the LPGA's policy may be disqualified and shall be subject to any sanction(s) brought by the LPGA and LET. The LPGA's Anti-Doping Policy, TUE application and procedures, and other relevant information including the applicable Prohibited Substance lists, may be found at <http://www.lpga.com/anti-doping-information> All TUE applications should be submitted to LPGA in accordance with the LPGA TUE Application Procedures and in no event later than 45 days prior to the Championship. If you have any questions about the LPGA's Anti-Doping Policy (which may be referred via The R&A), please contact the LPGA's Legal Counsel at (386) 274 6284 or Matt.Cornwell@LPGA.com

k) All competitors gaining entry to the Championship are subject to The R&A's Anti-Corruption and Betting Policy in force at the date of the Championship.

l) All competitors gaining entry to the Championship are subject to all safety protocols applicable at the Championship in relation to COVID-19 as issued and updated by The R&A and/or its safety advisers from time to time.

m) These terms shall be governed by and be interpreted in accordance with the law of Scotland.

7. CADDIES

a) All players are requested to use a caddie for the four days of the Championship.

b) A competitor shall at all times be liable for the actions of her caddie and shall ensure that the caddie complies with the Terms of Competition as they apply to the caddie.

c) A competitor shall ensure that her caddie wears clothing of a golf type appropriate to the Championship and in particular a caddie shall be required to wear a Championship over-garment or bib of a type and design as shall be supplied by the Championship Committee. Caddies will be required to wear such an over-garment or bib during official practice rounds and during the Championship.

- d) A competitor's caddie may not wear headgear, visors or any other items of clothing which displays a logo other than the official AIG Women's British Open Championship logo unless such logo represents a contract to which the competitor was bound at the commencing date of the Championship.
- e) Caddies must not wear spike sole shoes.

8. INSURANCE

Competitors must hold personal liability insurance covering them to a minimum sum of £1,000,000.

9. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- a) The winner shall be awarded the Championship Trophy. She shall also receive a replica trophy which she shall retain.
- b) The leading amateur, provided she has completed 72 holes, shall receive the Smyth Salver which she will hold for one year. She will also receive a medal. In the event of a tie for the leading amateur, each player will receive a medal. The Smyth Salver shall be awarded to both players and held for an equal period of time by each player.
- c) Prize money shall be allocated to professional golfers. Any prize money, which would have been won by an amateur golfer, shall be allocated to the professional golfer next in order of merit as her prize and all subsequent place monies shall be renumbered accordingly.
- d) In addition to the leading amateur all other amateurs completing 72 holes will receive a prize voucher. All amateur places will be shared.

10. PRIZE FUND (subject to alteration by ties for places)

- a) The published prize fund distribution is based upon 76 players making the cut and being eligible to receive prize money. In the event of less than or more than 76 players making the cut and being eligible for prize money then the prize money distribution will be adjusted accordingly, except for the prize money allocated to the winner which will not change.
- b) Prize monies won by LET or LPGA members will be paid to their respective associations for distribution by them. All monies won by other professionals will be paid direct to the competitor.

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