

## ENTRY CONDITIONS

# 19-22 August 2021

Closing date for all entries - Thursday 15 July 2021



### 1. QUALIFICATIONS

The AIG Women's 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.

### 2. REGULATIONS

- The Championship will be contested by 144 players (or up to 147, subject to a minimum of 3 playing spots being available at Final Qualifying). In the event of entries exceeding 144 all players with the exception of those exempt under Section 7. will be required to qualify for the Championship. For competitors exempt under Section 6. Final Qualifying will take place on Monday 16 August 2021 at Panmure. The leading qualifiers will make up the field of 144 for the 2021 AIG Women's Open Championship, with a number of alternates as determined under Section 5. a)
- The winner shall be named the 2021 AIG Women's Open Champion.
- The Championship Committee reserves the right to arrange and/or alter starting times.
- Two separate Pro-Am Tournaments will be held on Tuesday 17 August 2021 and Wednesday 18 August 2021. All Professionals entering the Championship will be expected to play, if required, in one of the Pro-Am Tournaments.
- 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 8. h)
- If for any reason a ranking used to identify exempt golfers is not published on Monday 12 July 2021, the Championship Committee will delay the exemption until the ranking is published.
- The Championship Committee reserves the right to amend these Conditions and the decision of the Championship Committee shall, in all matters, be final.

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

- 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 15 July 2021. **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.
- Entry fees will not be refunded unless written notification of withdrawal is received prior to the closing date for entries.
- 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.
- The Championship Draw will be available at the course and on the Championship website [www.aigwomensopen.com](http://www.aigwomensopen.com) from 12 noon (BST) on Tuesday 17 August 2021.
- Entrants will be notified whether or not they are in the exempt category after the closing date for entries.

### 4. REGISTRATION

- Final Qualifying Competitions  
Competitors must register with The R&A by no later than 12 noon (BST) on Sunday 15 August 2021.
- Championship exempt players and those who have qualified must register in person at Carnoustie, no later than 12 noon (BST) on Wednesday 18 August 2021. In exceptional circumstances only, competitors may be permitted to register by telephone to The R&A Championship Office.
- Players who fail to meet the registration deadlines may be removed from the draw and replaced with the first available alternate.

### 5. FINAL QUALIFYING

For competitors who are NOT exempt as set out in section 7. the qualifying procedure shall be as follows:

- Final Qualifying  
For those exempt under Section 6. - One round of 18 holes played at Panmure on Monday 16 August 2021. The places available to make up the Championship field shall be determined by the number entered who are exempt under Section 7. Ties for last places and alternates shall be decided by a hole-by-hole play-off immediately after the last card is returned.
- In the event of play being either delayed or declared null and void for Final Qualifying, additional play will be at the discretion of the Championship Committee and may take place on the day following Final Qualifying.  
A minimum of 3 playing spots in the Championship will be available from Final Qualifying.

### 6. EXEMPTIONS INTO FINAL QUALIFYING

The following players shall be exempt into Final Qualifying:

- First 30 and anyone tying for 30<sup>th</sup> place in the 2020 AIG Women's Open Championship at Royal Troon.
- Top 85 players from the 2021 LET Order of Merit as at Monday 12 July 2021.
- Top 120 players from the 2021 LPGA Race to CME Globe Season on completion of the 2021 Marathon LPGA Classic presented by Dana.
- Playing members of the 2019 Solheim Cup teams.
- Top 25 players from the 2021 JLPGA money list on completion of the 2021 Earth Mondahmin Cup.
- Top 10 players from the 2021 KLPGA money list as at Monday 12 July 2021.
- The 2019 & 2021 R&A Girls' Amateur Champion, provided she is still amateur at the time of and throughout the Championship.
- Playing members of the 2021 Vagliano Trophy teams, provided that each golfer must be an amateur at the time of and throughout the Championship.
- The leading 10 Women's WAGR™ ranked players, not already exempt as at WAGR™ Week 2021/26, provided that each golfer must be an amateur at the time of and throughout the Championship.
- The 2021 Women's Amateur runner-up, provided she is still amateur at the time of and throughout the Championship.
- The 2021 European Ladies' Amateur runner-up, provided she is still amateur at the time of and throughout the Championship.
- The 2021 US Women's Amateur runner-up, provided she is still amateur at the time of and throughout the Championship.
- The top 3 in the 2021 Women's PGA Professional Championship.
- The Women's Golf Silver and Bronze Medallists at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics.
- A minimum of the top 6 players, not already exempt, from the LETAS Santander Golf Tour Zaragoza.
- A minimum of the top 6 players, not already exempt, from the Rose Ladies Series event at JCB Golf & Country Club

### 7. EXEMPTIONS FROM FINAL QUALIFYING

The following players shall be exempt from Final Qualifying:

- Past winners of the Championship, aged 60 or under on 22 August 2021, provided that the player is still an active member of a recognised professional Tour.
- The top 10 and anyone tying for 10<sup>th</sup> place in the 2020 AIG Women's Open Championship at Royal Troon.
- A minimum of the top 10 LET players in the 2020 Final LET Order of Merit.
- The top 5 players, not already exempt, from the 2021 LET Order of Merit as at Thursday 15 July 2021.
- A minimum of the top 25 players in the 2020 LPGA Official Money List.
- The top 25 players, not already exempt, from the 2021 LPGA Race to CME Globe Season as at Thursday 15 July 2021.
- The top 50 players on the 2021 Rolex Rankings Week July 12.
- The top 3 players from the 2021 JLPGA money list on completion of the JLPGA 2021 Suntory Ladies Open.
- The top 2 players from the 2021 JLPGA money list as at Monday 29 June 2021.
- The winners of any recognised LET or LPGA Tour event in 2021. Blank entries will be made on behalf of players qualifying, after the closing date, in this category.
- The winners of the 2020 JLPGA and KLPGA Money List.
- The US Women's Open Champions for 2017 to 2021.
- The ANA Inspiration Champions for 2017 to 2021.
- The KPMG Women's PGA Champions for 2017 to 2021.
- The Evian Championship Champions for 2016 to 2021.

- p) The leading 2 golfers, not already exempt, in the 2021 Suntory Ladies Open.
- q) The 2020 Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific Champion, The 2020 & 2021 Women's Amateur Champion, 2020 & 2021 US Women's Amateur Champion, 2020 & 2021 European Ladies' Amateur Champion, the 2021 August National Women's Amateur Champion, the 2020 (Women's) Mark H McCormack Medal Holder, and the highest Women's WAGR™ ranked GB&I golfer as at Women's WAGR™ Week 2021/25, provided that each must still be an amateur at the time of and throughout the Championship.
- r) Any Player who did not compete in the 2020 AIG Women's Open due to maternity, as approved by The R&A in conjunction with the player's home tour, provided she was otherwise qualified to compete in the previous year's Women's Open.
- s) The 2021 Women's Olympic Golf Gold Medallist.
- t) The balance of the field shall be filled from the Final Qualifying round.

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

Players exempt under categories (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i) who withdraw from the Championship prior to 5.00pm (BST) on Friday 13 August 2021 shall be replaced by the next eligible player in each respective category, thereafter the places from any subsequent withdrawals shall be allocated to Final Qualifying.

## 8. TERMS OF COMPETITION

- 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 Term may be disqualified.
- b) The Championship shall be decided by stroke play over four rounds of 18 holes over Carnoustie 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 21 August and the 4th round on Sunday 22 August. For the final 36 holes, the pairings and starting times shall be determined in accordance with the qualifying scores, 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) 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 relevant qualifying competition or 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) R&A 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 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 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](mailto: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.

## 9. CADDIES

- a) All players are requested to use a caddie for the four days of the Championship. The use of a trolley will not be permitted (excluding practice or qualifying rounds).
- 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 player.
- 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 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.

## 10. INSURANCE

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

## 11. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- a) The winner shall be awarded the Championship Trophy. She shall also receive a Gold Medal and 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. All other amateurs who makes the cut will receive a Bronze Medal.

- 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.

**12. 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.
- c) All professional players who do not qualify for the final 36 holes shall receive expenses of approximately US \$2,500 (exact amount to be confirmed prior to the start of the Championship).

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