



121st Women's Western Amateur Championship

Park Ridge Country Club | Park Ridge, IL

July 19 – 24, 2021

Application Information

Entries will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. CST on June 14, 2021.

ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to amateur girls and women who have an up to date 18-hole Handicap Index that does not to exceed 5.4 under the World Handicap System (WHS). Please review the Application Information form before submitting your application. All entries are subject to approval or rejection by the Women's Western Golf Association Committee (hereinafter referred to as "WWGA Committee") at any time before or after the start of play.

THE FIELD

The field may be limited by the WWGA Committee to a maximum of 120 contestants. The WWGA Committee will automatically accept players who are exempt into the field in accordance with the exemption categories listed on **PAGE 6** of this Application Information document, providing there are spaces available. Exempt players are expected to complete the application and pay the full entry fee by the posted deadline, June 14, 2021. Eligible players who are not automatically exempt should submit a completed application, including a golf resume and entry fee by June 14, 2021.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

- All applications must be submitted online at www.womenswesternamateur.com. Incomplete or inaccurate application forms will not be accepted.
- Only one application may be filed per player.
- All applications must be accompanied by the full entry fee of \$275, which includes a \$25 non-refundable application fee. If you are not accepted into the final tournament field, you will receive a refund, minus the \$25 application fee.
- By registering for the Women's Western Amateur Championship, you agree to all the terms and conditions listed in this Application Information Document.

TOURNAMENT ACCEPTANCE

Eligible players qualifying for an exemption into the tournament in categories A, B and C will be notified of their acceptance into the tournament after receipt of the online application and entry fee, provided there are spaces available. All players applying for a D-1 "Special Consideration Exemption" and players that do not meet the exemption criteria will be emailed notification of their status (acceptance or waitlist) by **June 18, 2021**.

WITHDRAWAL

If an entrant who has paid the entire entry fee withdraws before June 25, 2021, the entry fee will be refunded, less the \$25 application fee. If an entrant withdraws for any reason after June 25, 2021, **no refunds** will be given. If you cannot compete and do not officially withdraw **prior** to the tournament, you will be treated as a "no-show" and will



be subject to exclusion from future WWGA Championships. To withdraw your application, contact Madison Banas at banas@wgaesf.org. A withdrawal is not official until you receive a confirmation email.

FORMAT

Official practice rounds will be held on Monday, July 19, 2021. Players must register **prior** to playing their practice round. There will be 36 holes of stroke play qualifying to determine the low 32 players that will qualify for match play. In the event of a tie for the 32nd position, a sudden-elimination playoff shall be held to determine the qualifiers. The playoff will begin as soon as the last player has completed 36 holes of qualifying and all scores are posted. All players in the playoff are required to be at the teeing ground where the playoff is to commence.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS*

Sunday, July 18	TBD	Co-Am hosted by Park Ridge Country Club
Monday, July 19	7:00 AM – 2:00 PM 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM	Player Registration Practice Round Tee Times: Hole 1
Tuesday, July 20	1st Qualifying Round (18 holes, stroke play) 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM 12:15 PM – 1:45 PM	Tee Times: Holes 1 and 10 Tee Times: Holes 1 and 10
Wednesday, July 21	2nd Qualifying Round (18 holes, stroke play) 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM 12:15 PM – 1:45 PM 7:00 PM	Tee Times: Holes 1 and 10 Tee Times: Holes 1 & 10 32 Celebration
Thursday, July 22	Match Play (Round of 32) 7:30 AM – 9:30 AM Match Play (Round of 16) 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Tee Times: Hole 1 Tee Times: Hole 1
Friday, July 23	Match Play (Round of 8) 7:30 AM – 7:54 AM Match Play (Semi-Finals, Round of 4) 12:30 PM – 12:40 PM	Tee Times: Hole 1 Tee Times: Hole 1
Saturday, July 24	Match Play (Finals, Round of 2) 7:30 AM	Tee Time: Hole 1 Trophy Ceremony following play

*All times are approximate and subject to change.



REGISTRATION

All players must register in-person during the posted times and prior to playing a practice round on Monday, July 19. If a player elects to not play a practice round, she must register during the registration times on Monday, July 19, or confirm arrival time in advance by phone (contact Madison Banas at (847) 920 - 8580) and make arrangements to register. Registration will be located in the Park Ridge Country Club clubhouse, and times will be communicated to all entrants by email. A player's place in the tournament may be forfeited if she fails to register.

PRACTICE

Park Ridge Country Club will be available for practice on Monday, July 19; however, each player must register prior to any practice. Practice round tee times will be booked electronically. All players will receive a link on July 1 to register for a practice round tee time.

STARTING TIMES

Pairings and starting times for the first two rounds of qualifying will be available at Player Registration on Monday, July 19, 2021. Pairings will also be displayed online at www.womenswesternamateur.com.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Upon notice of tournament acceptance, participants should book flight reservations into Chicago O'Hare International Airport (approximately 6 miles from Park Ridge Country Club). The host hotel is the **Residence Inn by Marriott - Chicago O'Hare**, and the special tournament rate, \$99.00 for a studio suite and \$129.00 for a two-bedroom suite, will be offered until June 26, 2021, or until the hotel is sold out. Contestants are expected to make their own hotel reservations. Note: Recreational vehicles, campers, motorhomes or the like are not permitted to park on the premises at Park Ridge Country Club.

The Residence Inn by Marriott – Chicago O'Hare is an all-suite hotel, located conveniently near the Chicago O'Hare airport and 4 miles from Park Ridge Country Club. Each room comes with a fully equipped kitchen and pull-out sofa. Hot breakfast and complimentary WIFI are included in the nightly rate. Please click [here](#) to make your hotel reservation and to receive the discounted rate.

Residence Inn by Marriot
7101 Chestnut St.
Rosemont, IL 60018

PRIVATE HOUSING

If you are interested in staying with a host family, affiliated with the Host Club, please indicate it on your entry application. If you decide that you would like to be matched with a host family, please fill out the Form located on www.womenswesternamater.com. If you have any questions about private housing, please contact Madison Banas at banas@wgaesf.org or (847) 920 – 8580.

HEADQUARTERS

All inquiries should be directed to Madison Banas, Western Golf Association, banas@wgaesf.org. During the championship, the WWGA Tournament Headquarters Office will be in the Park Ridge Country Club clubhouse.



121st Women's Western Amateur Championship Committee

WWGA President & Rules Chairman – Cece Durbin, Indian Hill Club | Illinois
Tournament Chairman – Courtney Trimble, Atlanta Athletic Club | Illinois
Assistant Tournament Chairman – Susan Buchanan, Athens Country Club | Georgia
Pairings & Scoring Chairman – Linda Gilley, Flossmoor Country Club | Illinois
Public Relations Chairman – Susan Wagner, TPC Sawgrass | Florida
Hospitality Co-Chairman – Jackie Wacker, Shoreacres | Illinois
Hospitality Co-Chairman – Elsie Nemeth, Knollwood CC | Indiana
Scoreboard Chairman – Spot Lawler, Glen View Club | Illinois
Registration Co-Chairman – Frances Fleckenstein, Lancaster CC | Pennsylvania
Registration Co-Chairman – Barbara Vollmer, Cincinnati Country Club | Ohio
College Coaches Liaison – Judy Anderson, Glen View Club | Illinois
Entry Chairman – Madison Banas, WGA, banas@wgaesf.org

CADDIE POLICY

Players shall walk at all times during a stipulated round in the Championship. A player may provide her own caddie, carry her bag or provide her own non-motorized push cart. A limited number of club caddies are available for the practice round and tournament rounds on a first-come, first-serve basis. A player is not required to employ a caddie for any stage of the Championship, although it is recommended. If you would like to request a Park Ridge Country Club caddie, please check the appropriate box on the online application and follow instructions detailed in your acceptance email to contact the Caddie Manager to make arrangements.

STANDARDS OF PLAYER CONDUCT

In fairness to the field of competition: In both the stroke play and match play portion of the tournament, it is expected and is the responsibility of every player to continue play throughout the tournament until eliminated. The following actions by contestants or caddies will be considered violations of the Code of Conduct: any abusive language, club throwing, cheating, disrespect of volunteers, officials or host families, abuse of the course, leaving the course during your competitive round without permission from a WWGA official, any use of or association with drugs, any abuse of alcohol, not adhering to the dress code during any portion of the tournament, any vandalism at the host hotel, and/or any other conduct not becoming of a Women's Western Amateur contestant. The penalties for Code of Conduct violations, based on the severity of misconduct, may be any or all of the following: a warning, 1 or 2 stroke penalty, disqualification of the player from the tournament, suspension of the player indefinitely from WWGA Championships.

DRESS CODE

Contestants and caddies are always expected to wear golf appropriate attire when using the practice facilities, golf course or when entering the clubhouse. No short shorts, short skorts or skirts, jeans, cut-offs, tank tops, halter tops, bathing suits or the like are permitted. No metal or ceramic spikes are permitted.

RULES OF GOLF

The Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA and The R&A, as modified by the local rules established by the WWGA, will be used. The WWGA Committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions and schedules herein. Changes in the tournament format caused by force majeure shall be within the sole discretion of the WWGA officials. The decisions of the WWGA Committee in any matter shall be final.



PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION; BROADCASTING

By submitting this application, I understand that the WWGA or its designees, may record, film, photograph, or otherwise capture my likeness, image, voice, biography, references to me, my quoted statements, and my play in the Championship (the foregoing, together with my name, my "Appearance"). In consideration of the opportunity to participate in the Championship, by submitting this Application, I grant (and/or have the authority to grant to the WWGA in the case of a parent/guardian of a minor or other authorized representative submitting the Application on my behalf) to the WWGA, and its licensees, successors and assigns, the perpetual, transferable, assignable, worldwide, royalty-free, irrevocable right to use my Appearance, in whole or in part, in all manner (including exhibition, distribution, reproduction, publication, display, broadcast, transmission or otherwise), and media now known or hereafter invented or discovered, and for any purpose whatsoever. The rights granted herein include, without limitation, the right to use the Appearance, or portions thereof, in promotion of the Championship and future championships through any of the foregoing means of distribution, as well as in the design, manufacture and distribution of merchandise related to the Championship or other championships, that include elements of my Appearance. The WWGA is not obligated to use my Appearance in any matter, and materials embodying any aspect of my Appearance do not need to be submitted to me for approval. I release and discharge the WWGA, its licensees, successors and assigns from any claims arising from use of my Appearance, including claims for misrepresentation of me, my character, or my person by any means. As between the WWGA and me, the WWGA shall own all right, title and interest, including the copyright(s), in and to any works created by the WWGA, its licensees, successors and assigns, that include all or a portion of my Appearance. This grant shall be binding on my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and the successors and assigns of the WWGA. I hereby waive all privacy, publicity, defamation, libel, and proprietary rights relating to the Appearance as used by the WWGA in conjunction with these terms. Players are required to cooperate with representatives of the media; however, no pre-Championship activities outside of those activities which are part of the Championship will be required. Authorized representatives of the media will not interfere with the player's Championship play in an unreasonable manner.

AWARDS

- **W.A. Alexander Cup** – Match Play Champion. Champion's name will be inscribed on the trophy.
- **The Finalist Plate** – Match Play Finalist. Awarded to the finalist, beginning in 2021. The Finalist's name will be inscribed on the plate that will travel to all future Women's Western Amateur Championships.
- **Margaret Lenz Trophy** – Medalist. Lowest gross score from the 36-holes of qualifying.
- **Marion Miley Bracelet** – Awarded to the junior player having the lowest combined gross score from the qualifying rounds of the 2021 Women's Western Junior Championship and 2021 Women's Western Amateur Championship.



Women's Western Golf Association 2021 Amateur Championship Exemptions

Exempt players who wish to participate in the Championship must complete an official entry by the posted June 14th, 2021 deadline. Players in one and/or both of the following categories may be eligible for exemption into the 121st Women's Western Amateur Championship, providing: they meet the eligibility requirements under the ELIGIBILITY section of the entry form, and there are spaces available.

- (1) Player qualifies under categories A, B, C or
- (2) Player has received a formal invitation for a D-1 Special Consideration Exemption from the Women's Western Amateur Championship Committee

A. Exemptions based on WWGA Championships

Women's Western Amateur Championship:

- A-1 Any Champion
- A-2 Top 10 finish and ties in stroke play (2020)
- A-3 "Elite Eight" qualifiers in match play (2020)

Women's Western Junior Championship:

- A-4 Champion since 2019.
- A-5 Match Play Runner-Up (2019)
- A-6 Top three and ties in stroke play (2019)

B. Exemptions based on other Championships

- B-1 U.S. Women's Open Qualifiers (2019, 2020)
- B-2 U.S. Women's Amateur Match Play Qualifiers (2020)
- B-3 Canadian Women's Amateur Champion (2019)
- B-4 British Ladies Amateur Champion (2020)
- B-5 Australian Masters of the Amateurs Women's Champion (2020)
- B-6 NCAA DI Women's Individual Champion (2019)
- B-7 NCAA DII Women's Individual Champion (2019)
- B-8 NCAA DIII Women's Individual Champion (2019)
- B-9 Pinehurst North and South Women's Amateur Match Play Champion (2020),
- B-10 Ladies National Golf Association Amateur Champion (2020) (formerly, TRANS)
- B-11 Women's Southern Amateur Match Play Champion (2019)
- B-12 Women's Eastern Amateur Champion (2019)

C. Exemptions based on Rankings

- C-1 Top 300 World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAGR) as of date of entry
- C-2 Top 150 Golfweek/AmateurGolf.com Rankings as of date of entry
- C-3 Top 50 Golfweek or Golfstat Women's DI Collegiate Rankings as of date of entry
- C-4 Top 20 Junior Rankings as of date of entry (Junior Golf Scoreboard, Golfweek, AJGA)

D. Exemptions based on Special Considerations:

- D-1 A limited number of exemptions, based on special considerations and/or written invitation, may be granted by the Committee. Requests for a special consideration exemption may be submitted to the Women's Western Amateur Championship Committee by applying online and choosing the D-1 exemption option.