



# LPGA TOUR

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HANDBOOK & REGULATIONS

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## WELCOME LETTER

Dear LPGA Members,

Welcome to the 2022 LPGA Tour season! This **2022 LPGA Tour Handbook** provides a single-source for important information related to the LPGA Tour, such as the 2022 Regulations, COVID-19 protocols, the Race to the CME Globe – Points Structure and the official rules for the Aon Risk Reward Challenge.

The Regulations have been grouped into the following four parts:

- **Tour and Member Regulations.** This includes Regulations that generally pertain to LPGA Tour Membership such as Dues, Priority List, One-in-Four Requirement, Conflicting Events and Extension of Membership Status (medicals, maternity, etc.)
- **Tournament and Player Regulations.** This includes Regulations that generally pertain to the administration of LPGA Tour tournaments such as Entries and Withdrawals, Money/Points, Pairings, Pro-Am, Caddie and Practice Regulations.
- **Rules of Competition.** This includes Rules of Golf and Regulations specific to the competition/ inside-the-ropes play such as Pace of Play and the Hard Card.
- **Sporting Regulations.** This includes Regulations that apply to anyone participating in the LPGA Tour and/or tournaments, such as the Sponsorship and Endorsement Policy, the Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct and including the Social Media Policy and the Penalties, Appeals, Review and Dispute Resolution.

I encourage everyone to become familiar with the 2022 Regulations as it is the Member's responsibility to know and understand the Regulations.

Additionally, we are happy to re-introduce the LPGA's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion long-term action plan. Our goal at the LPGA is to change the face of golf and make the sport we love more accessible and inclusive. The foundation of this commitment is our DE&I policy, which can be found at [www.lpga.com/diversity-policy](http://www.lpga.com/diversity-policy). I hope all of you will join us in celebrating and promoting the diverse faces that make up our Tour.

Best wishes for a successful 2022 season!



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## KEY REGULATION CHANGES / UPDATES FOR THE 2022 LPGA TOUR SEASON

*Any additional changes/updates will be added to the list as they become final. The 2022 Regulations Modifications Addendum Subsequent to COVID will be posted separately on the Player Portal.*

- The First Reshuffle Tournament is the Cognizant Founders Cup. The Second Reshuffle Tournament is the Dana Open presented by Marathon.
- Non-Members are eligible for the held spots for top-10 finishers in Standard Eligibility Tournaments. Members no longer have to be committed to the tournament to be eligible for these spots in the field. Players qualifying for any held spots (top-10 and winners) must notify LPGA by midnight of the final round of competition if they wish to compete.
- Caddies are mandatory for the 2022 season, except for the Local Qualifying Rounds; Players may carry their bag or use a pushcart for the Local Qualifying Round. If Players have a caddie for the Local Qualifying Round, the caddie must carry the bag.
- Excessive Shot Timing has replaced the In-Position Timing Policy. Players may be timed under Excessive Shot Timing while in and out of position.
- Ties in the Race to CME Globe Points breakdown will be handled using the same method currently used to distribute prize money when there is a tie.
- If a Member under a Medical Extension is eligible to gain entry into Official Tournaments on five consecutive calendar weeks during the same season, she can skip one of such 5 events.
- Options have been added for the Member whose Maternity Extension is interrupted by an additional pregnancy.
- A Member withdrawing late from an event for medical reasons may now get a letter explaining the withdrawal from an on-site physical therapist designated by the LPGA.
- No more than 4 releases will be granted for the same Conflicting Event on the same week. Applies to category #1-14.
- Members will not be granted releases if they have a 1-in-4 Requirement due or are the defending champion of the LPGA event.
- The number of releases on a week of an Official Tournament without a cut has been reduced to 4 with the first 2 of the releases held for Members wishing to compete in their home country.
- To be eligible to win the Vare Trophy, Members must play in a minimum of 60 or 60% of Official Tournament rounds with an individual score; AND play a minimum of 70 or 70% of Official Tournament rounds inclusive of events that do not include an individual score such as the match play and team tournament.



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TOUR AND MEMBER REGULATIONS

The LPGA Tour (including membership), tournaments and competition are governed by the Tour and Member Regulations, Tournament and Player Regulations, The Rules of Competition, and the Sporting Regulations along with the attachments, addendums and other documents referenced therein, collectively referred to as the "Regulations". A Member's participation in the LPGA Tour is subject to the Tour and Member Regulations, and a Member's participation in tournaments is subject to the Tournament and Player Regulations and The Rules of Competition. Participation in the LPGA Tour and the tournaments are both subject to the Sporting Regulations.

The Regulations may be amended or repealed from time to time, as permitted pursuant to the Regulations.

These Tour and Member Regulations shall be read in conjunction with the LPGA Constitution and Bylaws. In the event of a conflict these Tour and Member Regulations shall always prevail to the extent of the inconsistency. Only LPGA may make a determination regarding any such inconsistency.

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## Article I. DEFINITIONS

In these Tour and Membership Regulations, capitalized terms shall have the meanings set forth below or in the Glossary (in the Sporting Regulations), unless the context specifically indicates otherwise.

<b>Class A Member.</b>	A Member who has played in ten (10) Official Tournaments or one-third (1/3) of the total number of Official Tournaments rounded down to the nearest whole number, whichever is less, for four (4) consecutive seasons.
<b>Class B Member.</b>	A Member who is either in her first season on the LPGA Tour or who has not yet become a Class A Member.
<b>International Member.</b>	A Member who is both a citizen and resident of a foreign country who elects this classification, who has been an Active International Member for ten (10) consecutive seasons prior to 2015, and who paid International dues for a minimum of six (6) of the ten (10) seasons in which she was an Active Member.
<b>Rookie</b>	A Member who is in her first year as a Member

## Article II. MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

### A. General Rule

Any individual who fulfills the requirements for age, gender and other eligibility criteria set forth in the Regulations, is eligible for membership, on the condition that such individual executes the Membership Agreement as part of the Membership Application / Registration.

### B. Age

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older as of January 1, 2022 to be eligible for membership. Females between the ages of 15 and 17 ("Minor") may petition for a waiver of the age requirement for eligibility of membership.

Note: If the Minor successfully petitions the LPGA and is granted a waiver for the age requirement, in addition to the other eligibility criteria, the Minor's parent or legal guardian must execute a Minor Addendum and the Minor must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all times (in player housing, during the Pro-Am and when required to be at an Official Tournament function, such as a Pro-Am party, sponsor reception, outside-the-ropes activity, etc.). For the avoidance of doubt, such Minor Member will not be allowed to play in the tournament if she is not accompanied by her parent or authorized guardian.

### C. Gender

All Members are subject to the LPGA Gender Policy, as amended from time to time, which addresses the gender eligibility requirements for LPGA Tour membership. An athlete shall be eligible if they (i) were born female, or (ii) comply with the LPGA Gender Policy. An athlete who fails or refuses to comply with the applicable Regulations shall not be eligible for membership.

### D. Other Criteria.

In addition to any other eligibility criteria set forth in the Regulations, a Member may maintain her eligibility for membership, or a Non-Member may obtain eligibility for membership as follows.

1. **Members Performance Review.** A Member may maintain her eligibility for membership pursuant to Article V below.
2. **Earning Membership Eligibility.** Members that do not maintain their eligibility pursuant to Subsection 1 above, and Non-Members, may become eligible for membership by:
  - a. finishing within the top-10 and ties of the season-ending Epsom Tour Money List, or
  - b. winning an Official Tournament, or
  - c. as a professional non-member, earning a number of Points in Official Tournaments with a cut during the season that is equal to or greater than the number of Points won by the Member who was in 40th place on the Points List as of the conclusion of the last Official Tournament of such season; or
  - d. finishing in the top 45 and ties in the LPGA Q-Series.

An amateur competitor earning membership eligibility at the LPGA Q-Series may defer acceptance of membership until July 1 of the following year. If she does not accept membership on or before July 1, she will forfeit her qualification status and will no longer be eligible for membership based on her finish position at the previous season's LPGA Q-Series.

A Player may not participate in Official Tournaments as an amateur based on her finish position at the LPGA Q-Series. However, she may participate in Official Tournaments as a Non-Member amateur via a sponsor invitation, or any other eligibility category for which she may qualify, such as Rolex Rankings, amateur exemptions, etc.

## Article III. DUES AND INSURANCE

### A. Dues



1. Payment of dues for the 2022 calendar season is required before March 1, 2022. Dues will double (except for the insurance portion of the dues) if not paid by March 1, 2022.
2. Regular membership dues are \$325 per year paid to LPGA. Members paying regular membership dues will be listed on the LPGA Priority List and will be eligible to compete in Co-Sponsored Tournaments.
3. Retired membership dues are \$200 per year paid to LPGA. Members paying retired membership dues will not be listed on the LPGA Priority List and will not be eligible to compete in Co-Sponsored Tournaments.
4. International membership dues are \$475 per year paid to LPGA. A Member paying international membership dues must have been an Active Member for ten (10) consecutive seasons at some point prior to the start of the 2015 season. Of those ten (10) consecutive seasons, the Member must have paid international membership dues for a minimum of six (6) years.
5. Dues for dual Members (Members of both the LPGA Tour and LPGA Professionals) are \$440 per year paid to LPGA through the LPGA Professionals portal.
6. LPGA Tour Player Directors, LPGA and/or World Golf Hall of Fame Members, LPGA Founders, LPGA Honorary Members and Members in good standing for more than forty (40) seasons are exempt from paying dues, except for the liability insurance portion of the dues.

#### B. Insurance.

Mandatory golf liability insurance is \$30 per Member per year paid to LPGA (which is included in the specified dues for those Members who must pay dues).

#### C. Emeritus Member.

A former Member who had been a Member in Good Standing for at least ten (10) seasons, and who subsequently has not been a Member for at least ten (10) seasons. Such Member cannot vote or compete in any Co-Sponsored Tournaments except through re-qualifying as provided in these Regulations. An Emeritus Member shall pay dues in an amount of one-half of the amount otherwise payable by Members.

### Article IV. PRIORITY STATUS CATEGORIES FOR STANDARD ELIGIBILITY TOURNAMENTS

#### A. Definitions.

<b>First Reshuffle Tournament</b>	Cognizant Founders Cup
<b>Second Reshuffle Tournament</b>	Dana Open presented by Marathon
<b>Standard Eligibility Tournament</b>	An Official Tournament whereby the field includes a minimum of 100 Members from the order of their position on the Priority List.

#### B. Priority List.

Subject to approval by LPGA, availability of places in tournament fields as determined by LPGA, and any modified eligibility statement applicable to and posted for a particular tournament, the following order of priority will be used to complete the field for Standard Eligibility Tournaments:

Subject to approval of the LPGA Tour, availability of places in tournament fields as determined by the LPGA, and any modified eligibility statement applicable to and posted for a particular tournament, the following order of priority will be used to complete the field for Standard Eligibility Tournaments:

1. **Top 80:** Members in the top 80 (and ties) on the previous year's season-ending Points List. Priority is based on the order of the list. Ties will be broken by the Members' positions on the Career Money List on the previous-year's season-ending Money List.
2. **Career Top 20:** Members in the top 20 on the Career Money List as of the end of the last Official Tournament of the previous year. Priority is based on the order of the list. To be included in this category (a) the Member must notify the LPGA that she wants to be included in the Career Top 20 category by November 15th of the previous year, (b) if a Member elects to be included in the Career Top 20 category, she will be in this category for one year, (c) a Member may be included in this category only two times in her career, and (d) a Member may only be in the Career Top 20 category or the Career Top 40 category (but not both) in her career.
3. **Major Winner:** Members who have won a Major Championship while a Member during the previous five (5) calendar years or during the current year. Priority is based on the number of such wins during the previous five (5) years. Ties are broken by the Members' positions on the Career Money List as of the end of the previous year.

*(Note: Pursuant to the 2021 COVID-19 Regulations Addendum, Members: (1) whose most recent Major win was in 2016 will be eligible for this category through 2022, (2) whose most recent Major win was in 2017 will be eligible for this category through 2023, (3) whose most recent Major win was in 2018 will be eligible for this category through 2024, and (4) whose most recent Major win was in 2019 will be eligible for this category through 2025.)*

4. **Winner:** Members who have won an Official Tournament while a Member within the last two (2) calendar years or during the current year. Priority is based on the number of Official Tournament wins during the previous two (2) years. Ties are broken by the Members' positions on the Career Money List as of the end of the previous year.  
  
*(Note: Pursuant to the 2021 COVID-19 Regulations Addendum, 2019 Tournament Winners will be eligible for this category through 2022.)*
5. **Multiple Wins:** Members who have won at least two (2) Official Tournaments while a Member in the same calendar year in any of the previous three (3) years. Priority is based on the number of wins during all the previous three years. Ties are broken by the Members' positions on the Career Money List as of the end of the previous year.  
  
*(Note: Pursuant to the 2021 COVID-19 Regulations Addendum, Members: (1) whose most recent year with two wins was in 2018 will be eligible for this category through 2022, (2) whose most recent year with two wins was in 2019 will be eligible for this category through 2023.)*
6. **Three Wins in the Same Season:** Members who have won three (3) or more Official Tournaments while a Member during the same calendar year in any of the previous four (4) years. Priority is based on the number of wins during all the previous four (4) year. Ties are broken by the Members' positions on the Career Money List as of the end of the previous year  
  
*(Note: Pursuant to the 2021 COVID-19 Regulations Addendum, Members: (1) whose most recent year with three wins was in 2017 will be eligible for this category through 2022, (2) whose most recent year with three wins was in 2018 will be eligible for this category through 2023, and (3) whose most recent year with three wins was 2019 will be eligible for this category through 2024.)*
7. **Non-Member Win:** Players who have won at least one (1) Official Tournament as a Non-Member within the previous calendar year or during the current calendar year. Priority is based on the earliest date of such wins. A Player must be eligible for and accept membership to be included in this category.  
  
*(Note: Pursuant to the 2021 COVID-19 Regulations Addendum, Non-members whose most recent year with a win was in 2020 will be eligible for this category through 2022.)*
8. **Current Year Top 80:** Members in the Top 80 of the current season's Points List after the First Reshuffle Tournament with priority based on the order of the Points List. For the remaining Official Tournaments of the season, Members in the Top 80 on the current season's Points List after the Second Reshuffle Tournament. Priority is based on the order of the Points List. Ties are broken by the Members' positions on the current year Priority List as of the Commitment Deadline for each respective Reshuffle Tournament.
9. **Top 10 LPGA Epon Tour:** Top 10 (and ties) on the previous year's season-ending Epon Tour Money List. Priority is based on their position on the list. Ties will be broken by the Members' scoring average as of the end of the previous year. If still tied, refer to the 2022 Epon Tournament and Player Regulations.
10. **Non-Member Top 40:** Non-Member Professionals who, as of the conclusion of the last Official Tournament of the previous calendar year, earned the number of Points during such year in Official Tournaments with a cut, that is equal to or greater than the number of Official Points won by the Member who was in 40<sup>th</sup> place on the Points List at that time. Priority based on the number of Points won in such tournaments. Ties will be broken by the earliest time at which the Non-Member earned the Points necessary to be included in the category. A Player must be eligible for and accept LPGA membership to be included in this category.
11. **Nos. 81-100:** Members finishing Nos. 81-100 (and ties) on the previous year's season-ending Points List. Priority is based on the order of the List. Ties will be broken by the Members' positions on the previous year's season ending Money List.
12. **Career Top 40:** Members in the top 40 on the Career Money List as of the end of the previous year. Priority is based on the order of the List. To be included in this category (a) the Member must notify the LPGA that she wants to be included in the Career Top 40 category by November 15th of the previous year, and (b) if a Member elects to be included in the Career Top 40 category she will be in this category for one year, (c) a Member may be included in this category only one time in her career, and (d) a Member may only be in the Career Top 40 category or the Career Top 20 category (but not both) in her career.
13. **Current-Year Reshuffle** – After the First Reshuffle Tournament, Members in categories 14 through 20 who have earned Points will be re-seeded into category 13. Members placed into category 13 will be ranked in the order of their position on the current season's Points List through the First Reshuffle Tournament. Members will remain in this category until the next reshuffle. After the Second Reshuffle Tournament, Members in categories 13, and 14 through 20, who have earned Points will be re-seeded into category 13. Members placed into category 13 will be ranked in the order of their position on the current season's Points List through the Second Reshuffle Tournament. Members will remain in this category for the remainder of the season. For all reshuffles, ties are broken by the Members' positions on the current-year Priority List as of the Commitment Deadline for each respective Reshuffle Tournament.
14. **Top 45 Q-Series:** Players finishing Nos. 1-45 (and ties) at the previous year's LPGA Q-Series. Ties will be broken in the following order: lowest final round; lowest 7th round; lowest 6th round; lowest 5th round; etc. until the tie is broken. If Players remain tied, ties will be broken by a match of score cards beginning with the 18th hole of the final round and working backwards.

*Note: The Top 45 and ties is a minimum number. The final number will be determined by the LPGA.*

15. **Nos. 101-125:** Members finishing Nos. 101-125 (and ties) on the previous year's season-ending Points List. Priority is based on the order of the list. Ties will be broken by the Members' positions on the previous year's season-ending Money List.
16. **Tournament Winners:** Members who won an Official Tournament while a Member within the previous twenty-one (21) calendar years. Priority is based on the number of wins. Ties are broken by the Members' positions on the Career Money List as of the end of the previous year.
17. **Tournament Winners:** Members who won an Official Tournament while a Member more than twenty-one (21) calendar years prior. Priority is based on the number of wins. Ties are broken by the Members' positions on the Career Money List as of the end of the previous year.
18. **Nos. 126-150:** Members finishing Nos. 126-150 (and ties) on the previous year's season-ending Points List. Priority is based on the order of the list. Ties will be broken by the Members' positions on the previous year's season-ending Money List.
19. **Class A:** Class A Members. Priority will be based on the Members' positions on the Career Money List as of the end of the previous year.

C. **Priority List Notes (LPGA Professionals; & Extension of Membership Status).**

1. **LPGA Professionals Entries:** The champion of the most recent LPGA Professionals National Championship may enter one (1) Standard Eligibility Tournament during her tenure as champion, falling in priority behind category 16. Entry must be received by LPGA prior to the Commitment Deadline for such tournament.
2. **Medical and Family Leave Extensions:** A Member who receives an extension of status for medical or family leave will slot in the Priority List position in accordance with the Extension of Membership Status Addendum as applicable. If upon the Member's return to competition, the Member's position on the Priority List gains her entry into a limited, no-cut field, such Member will only gain access to the tournament if she had been eligible to gain entry into such tournament in the previous season but was unable to compete due to her medical or family leave extension.
3. **Maternity Leave Extensions:** A Member who receives an extension of status for maternity, will slot in the Priority List position in accordance with the Extension of Membership Status Addendum as applicable. If upon the Member's return to competition, the Member's position on the Priority List gains her entry into a limited, no-cut field, such Member will only gain access to the tournament if she had been eligible to gain entry into such tournament during her Maternity Year but was unable to compete due to her maternity extension.
4. **Amateur Players:** An amateur's position on the Priority List will be held until the Player turns professional. If the Player does not turn professional the earlier of either (i) on or before July 1 or (ii) before the Second Reshuffle Tournament, then her Priority List position will fluctuate according to the Regulations.
5. **Provision based on Members in a Maternity Year:** If at the end of her Maternity Year, a Member finishes in a position on the Points List that would place her lower on the following season's Priority List than the position for which she is eligible under the Medical Extension Policy, then she will not be recognized on the Points List for the purposes of determining the order of Members on the following season's Priority List.

*For example, assume Player A's Maternity Year is 2022 and she is ranked in category 1 on the 2022 Priority List. She plays her Maternity Year and finishes #98 on the 2022 Points List which would place her in category 11 on the 2022 Priority List. However, the Medical Extension Policy affords her status in category 1 in 2022. For purposes of the 2022 Priority List, her position at #98 on the Points List would not be recognized, and #99 would become #98, #100 would become #99, #101 would become #100, and so on.*

*Further, assume instead that Player A's Maternity Year is 2022 and she is ranked in category 14 on the 2022 Priority List. She plays her Maternity Year and finishes #80 on the 2022 Points List which would place her in category 1 on the 2022 Priority List. Because the status she earned during her Maternity Year is better than the position for which she is eligible under the Medical Extension Policy, she is placed in the better of the two categories and will be in category 1 on the 2022 Priority List. In this case, no other Member would "fill" her vacated position in category 14.*

D. **Special Entries**

Notwithstanding the above priority order, places may be held each week for the following:

1. **Hall of Fame/Tournament Winners Entries:** Four (4) places will be reserved for LPGA Tour and/or World Golf Hall of Fame Members not otherwise eligible. Priority is based on the number of Official Tournament wins as of the end of the previous season. Any ties will be broken by the Members' positions on the Career Money List as of the end of the previous season.
  - a. If two (2) or more LPGA Tour and/or World Golf Hall of Fame Members enter prior to the Commitment Deadline, remaining places will not be filled. If one (1) place has been filled by a Hall of Fame Member, one (1) place will be reserved for a Member, not otherwise eligible, who has won eight (8) or more Official Tournaments held within the previous twenty (20) seasons, with priority based on the number of wins. If zero (0) places have been filled by Hall of Fame Members, then two (2) places will be reserved for Members, not otherwise eligible, who have won eight (8) or more Official Tournaments held within the previous twenty (20) seasons,

with priority based on the number of wins. Any ties will be broken by the Members' positions on the Career Money List as of the end of the previous season. A Member who has won eight (8) or more tournaments may enter no more than two (2) tournaments a season through this entry criterion.

- b. Members must have committed to the tournament by the Commitment Deadline to be eligible through this category.
2. **Sponsor Invitations:** Two (2) places will be reserved for Sponsor Invites, provided that, additional Invitations may be made available as solely determined by LPGA and set forth on each individual Eligibility Statement.
3. **Local Qualifying:** Two (2) places will be reserved for the Qualifiers from the Local Qualifying Round.
4. **Previous Week Top 10:** Two (2) places will be reserved for Players, not otherwise qualified, who finish within the top 10 and ties of the previous Standard Eligibility Tournament (**Top 10 Event**). If Players are tied for the second position, ties will be broken in the following order: lowest final round; lowest 3rd round; lowest 2nd round; lowest 1st round; match of score cards beginning with the 18th hole of the final round and working backwards. If the tournament immediately following the Top 10 Event is not a Standard Eligibility Tournament, the Players shall then be entitled to places in the field for the very next Standard Eligibility Tournament within the same season. To enter a tournament after the Commitment Deadline in this category, the Player must notify a Rules Official at the site of the immediately preceding tournament of her intention to enter no later than midnight (local time) of the final round of competition at the immediately preceding tournament.
5. **Winner:** One (1) or more places may be reserved for a Player who wins an Official Tournament as noted on the applicable Eligibility Statement. When tournaments are back-to-back, to enter after the Commitment Deadline in this category the Player must notify a Rules Official at the site of the immediately preceding tournament of her intention to enter no later than midnight (local time) of the final round of competition at the immediately preceding tournament.

*Note: If a Standard Eligibility Tournament field does not reach its maximum field size based upon the above listed priority or other applicable Eligibility Statement, then additional Sponsor Invitations may be extended to Players to participate in the tournament as noted on the Eligibility Statement. If the field is still not full, places may be allocated to Epson Tour Professional members provided that, in either case, the total number of Players in the field may not exceed the field size noted on the applicable Eligibility Statement.*

## Article V. PERFORMANCE REVIEW / MAINTAINING STATUS

### A. End of Season Review

1. To determine continuing eligibility for membership on the LPGA Tour, the performance and participation of Members during the current LPGA Tour season shall be reviewed after the last Official Tournament of each season.
2. Members with extensions under the Extension of Membership Status Addendum shall be reviewed by the Office of the Commissioner at the conclusion of their extension and/or after the last Official Tournament of each season as applicable.
3. Depending on the date of membership, Players who gain Class B Membership during the season, or Members who begin the season in category 14 on the Priority List who are adversely affected by the reshuffle (i.e., the number of eligible starts may not have allowed such Member to participate in the required number of tournaments), may be held to modified participation requirements.
4. The Office of the Commissioner shall revoke the membership of any Member who does not satisfy the applicable requirements for performance and participation, except for those Members for whom, because of extenuating circumstances, including but not limited to reasons under the Extension of Membership Status Addendum, the requirements are waived or modified by the Office of the Commissioner for that season.
5. A Member who loses her membership as a result of this review may be reinstated as a Member by successfully completing the LPGA Q-Series (in accordance with these Regulations).

### B. Continuing Eligibility

The below criteria shall be considered by the Office of the Commissioner in determining continuing eligibility for membership. **Each Member is responsible for understanding these requirements and for maintaining awareness of her own playing and performance statistics in relation to these requirements.**

For the purposes of this Section, a Member is considered to have competed in a tournament if she completed the first round of the tournament (excluding the Pro-Am).

1. **Class A Members** – Class A Members do not have any performance or participation requirements to retain membership. To attain Class A Member status, a Class B Member must play in ten (10) Official Tournaments or one-third (1/3) of the total number of Official Tournaments rounded down to the nearest whole number, whichever is less, for four (4) consecutive seasons.
2. **Class B Members** – At the time of the review, Class B Members must have completed the following performance and participation requirements to retain membership:
  - a. **Performance:** Be ranked in categories #1-19 for the immediately following season; AND

- b. **Participation:** If in Priority List categories #1-14, must have participated in a minimum of ten (10) Official Tournaments or one-third (1/3) of the total number of Official Tournaments rounded down to the nearest whole number, whichever is less.

*Note: There are no participation requirements for Members in categories #15-19.*

3. **International Members.** International Members do not have any performance or participation requirements to retain membership.
4. **Effectiveness.** Loss of membership as a result of this review shall become effective immediately after the last Official Tournament prior to the LPGA Q-Series.
5. Any Member who loses her membership as a result of this review may enter the LPGA Qualifying Tournament beginning at the stage for which she is qualified.

## Article VI. ONE-IN-FOUR REQUIREMENT

### A. Definitions.

**Domestic Tournament** A tournament played in the United States, Canada or the Bahamas

### B. Requirement.

1. For every time a Member is in the Top 80 of the season-ending Money List or Points List as applicable for four (4) consecutive seasons, she must play in each Domestic Tournament, for which she is eligible to gain entry during each season of such four (4) consecutive seasons, at least one (1) time during each four (4) season time period (the **1-in-4 Requirement**). Each Domestic Tournament for which a Member fails to comply with this provision shall result in a fine of \$25,000. A Member must complete eighteen (18) holes of tournament play to satisfy the 1-in-4 Requirement for the applicable tournament.
2. If a Member does not satisfy the 1-in-4 Requirement, and she is subsequently fined, the Member must play the tournament for which she received the fine once during the next two (2) seasons; provided, she is able to gain entry into such tournaments. Each Domestic Tournament for which a Member fails to comply with this provision shall result in an additional \$35,000 fine.
3. If a Member plays the tournament once in the next two (2) seasons, such participation does not represent a break in the next consecutive four (4) season period. As such, competing in the tournament (for which she received the fine) within the next two (2) seasons does not fulfill her 1-in-4 Requirement for the next consecutive four (4) seasons.

### C. Possible Exemptions from the 1-in-4 Requirement.

1. **One-time Exemption.** A Member may take a “one-time” exemption from the 1-in-4 Requirement only one (1) time in her career. If a Member takes her one-time exemption, she must compete in the tournament (for which she took the “one-time” exemption) the following season, provided, she is able to gain entry into such tournament. Each Domestic Tournament for which a Member fails to comply with this provision shall result in a \$25,000 fine.
2. **Career Exemption:** Once a Member competes in a minimum of 230 Official Tournaments as a Member, she will be exempt from the 1-in-4 Requirement for the remainder of her career. This exemption will begin the season following the completion of her 230<sup>th</sup> tournament.

*Note: Any 1-in-4 Requirement (which was due, but not satisfied, in the season prior to a Member receiving her career exemption) must be fulfilled in the first season of the career exemption – i.e., If a Member takes a one-time exemption, or receives an extension as outlined below in the season prior to the career exemption taking effect, she will be required to fulfill that obligation, despite meeting the requirements for the career exemption.*

### D. Possible Extensions of the 1-in-4 Requirement.

**Injury/Illness:** A Member may appeal for an extension of the consecutive four (4) season period due to Member's injury or illness.

If a Member is on-site (present at tournament site) at a tournament in which her 1-in-4 Requirement is due, she must affirmatively request an extension in writing by submitting an initial letter of appeal to a Rules Official prior to her first-round tee time.

If a Member is off-site (not present at tournament site) for a tournament in which she is eligible to participate, and her 1-in-4 Requirement is due, she may request an extension in writing by submitting an initial letter of appeal to the Office of the Commissioner prior to her first-round tee time. In the event the Member is not listed on the pairings sheet, she must submit the letter prior to the start of the first round.

After the Member submits the initial letter of appeal, she must then submit letters to the Office of the Commissioner from two (2) appropriately qualified and licensed medical doctors; provided, (i) no more than one (1) letter may be submitted from an LPGA “Medical Director”, and (ii) neither letter may be submitted by a family member of such Member.

Both letters must state/outline, to LPGA's reasonable satisfaction, the diagnosis, timeframe for recovery and evidence that the Member is physically unable to compete due to the injury/illness. Notwithstanding the foregoing, LPGA reserves the right to require that the Member provide additional documents to verify the diagnosis/medical condition.

Both letters must be received by the Office of the Commissioner within thirty (30) days of submitting the initial letter of appeal.



The Office of the Commissioner will notify the Member of its decision within forty-five (45) days of the receipt of both medical letters.

Failure to submit the required letters will result in an automatic denial of the extension and, as a violation pursuant to the 1-in-4 Requirement, a fine of \$25,000. Additionally, the Member will be required to play the tournament for which she received the fine once in the next two (2) seasons.

All materials submitted by a Member and/or her doctor must be submitted in English language.

If a Member receives an extension or uses her "one-time" exemption, such extension/exemption will not count as a break in the next consecutive four (4) season period and the Member will be required to compete in the tournament for which she received the extension or exemption the following season even if the Member subsequently receives a career exemption the following season. If she does not comply with this requirement, she will, as a violation of the 1-in-4 Requirement, incur a fine of \$25,000. If she then fails to compete in such tournament the next season after she incurs the \$25,000 fine, she will be fined an additional \$35,000 for each season, until she participates in such tournament.

## Article VII. CONFLICTING EVENTS

### A. Definitions.

<b>Conflicting Event</b>	Other Professional Event which is scheduled on the day(s) of the official Pro-Am and/or tournament round of an Official Tournament.
<b>Conflicting Event Release</b>	Approval by the Office of the Commissioner to compete in a Conflicting Event.
<b>Other Professional Event</b>	Any golf competition or golf exhibition that is not a Co-Sponsored Tournament or Approved Tournament by the Office of the Commissioner, which involves two (2) or more professional golfers from any tour and for which any such professionals are directly or indirectly compensated (other than reimbursement of reasonable expenses).

### B. Conflicting Event Release.

To contribute to the success of Official Tournaments, Members shall comply with the following with respect to Conflicting Events.

1. A Member who competes in a Conflicting Event without a Conflicting Event Release on a week when the maximum number of releases have been approved shall incur a fine of \$25,000 for each occurrence.
2. A Member who competes in a Conflicting Event without a Conflicting Event Release on a week when the maximum number of releases have NOT been approved shall incur a Major Penalty for the first occurrence. Subsequent occurrences will result in an escalation in penalties.
3. If a Member is granted a Conflicting Event Release, and subsequently does not compete in the Conflicting Event, she will incur a Major Penalty if her action prevented another Member the opportunity to gain a release.

### C. Conflicting Event Release Process.

All Members paying regular dues may participate in a Conflicting Event only by obtaining a Conflicting Event Release from the Office of the Commissioner subject to the following regulations which may be modified and/or conditioned by the Office of the Commissioner at any time, if it is determined to be in the best interest of the LPGA.

1. The Member must notify the Office of the Commissioner in writing of her intention to participate in the Conflicting Event at least forty-five (45) days in advance of the Conflicting Event. A Conflicting Event Release granted on the day of the official Pro-Am will also count as an official Pro-Am withdrawal. Requests which are received late will be reviewed at the discretion of the Office of the Commissioner.
2. Members who begin the season in Priority List categories #1-14 may receive up to three (3) Conflicting Event Releases per season. No more than eight (8) Members in categories #1-14 will be granted Conflicting Event Releases on the same week as an Official Tournament with a cut and no more than four (4) Members in categories #1-14 will be granted Conflicting Event Releases on the same week as an Official Tournament without a cut. Members who begin the season in category 14 may be granted additional releases if they are at or below #155 on the 2022 LPGA Priority List.
3. On the week of an Official Tournament with a cut, four (4) of the eight (8) Conflicting Event Releases will be first reserved for Members wishing to compete in Conflicting Events in their home countries. Such requests will be taken in the order that they are received at LPGA Headquarters, up until forty-five (45) days prior to the Conflicting Event.
  - a. If four (4) such Members do not submit release requests within the stated timeframe, the remaining releases will then be allocated to any Member based on the order that the requests were received at LPGA Headquarters. In the case of identical dates/times, the Office of the Commissioner will draw to determine which notification shall be deemed earliest.
4. On the week of an Official Tournament without a cut, two (2) of the four (4) Conflicting Event Releases will be first reserved for Members wishing to compete in Conflicting Events in their home countries. Such requests will be taken in the order that they are received at LPGA Headquarters, up until forty-five (45) days prior to the Conflicting Event.

- a. If two (2) such Members do not submit release requests within the stated timeframe, the remaining releases will then be allocated to any Member based on the order that the requests were received at LPGA Headquarters. In the case of identical dates/times, the Office of the Commissioner will draw to determine which notification shall be deemed earliest.

*Note: For the purposes of this regulation, home country will be determined by the flag by which the Member is represented on the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings.*

5. No more than four (4) Conflicting Event Releases for Members in Priority List Categories #1-14 will be granted for the same Conflicting Event on a given week.
6. For Conflicting Events opposite a Major Championship, Conflicting Event Releases will only be granted to Members who do not gain entry into the Major Championship by the Commitment Deadline for each respective Major Championship. Exceptions may be made for Members who are required to compete in a national or international championship through a contract with their golf federation or National Olympic Committee.
7. Conflicting Event Releases will not be approved if the Member has a 1-in-4 Requirement due for an Official Tournament on the same week as the Conflicting Event.
8. Conflicting Event Releases will not be approved if the Member is the defending champion of the Official Tournament on the same week as the Conflicting Event.
9. Conflicting Event Release requests for an international-based tour's Conflicting Event being held in the United States, will only be granted to Members who do not gain entry into the Official Tournament at the Commitment Deadline for the Official Tournament.
10. Members who begin the season in Priority List categories #15-19 may receive up to ten (10) Conflicting Event Releases per season, except that the Office of the Commissioner may limit the number of Conflicting Event Releases which may be given for a particular week.
  - a. In the event the Office of the Commissioner limits the number of Conflicting Event Releases, requests will be granted in the order that they are received at LPGA Headquarters. In the case of identical dates/times, the Office of the Commissioner will draw to determine which notification shall be deemed earliest.
11. For Members whose Priority List category changes during the season:
  - a. If a Member begins the season in categories #1-14 and she subsequently moves down to categories #15-19, she will be eligible to apply for additional releases, provided she receives no more than three (3) Conflicting Event Releases while applying from categories #1-14 and no more than ten (10) Conflicting Event Releases for the season.
  - b. If a Member begins the season in categories #15-19 and she subsequently improves her position to categories #1-14, she will be held to the maximum of three (3) Conflicting Event Releases for the season. However, if the Member had been granted more than three (3) Conflicting Event Releases prior to moving into categories #1-14, she may keep those approved Conflicting Event Releases, but may not be granted more (unless she moves back to categories #15-19).
12. A Member who has entered an Official Tournament by the Commitment Deadline, but who is not eligible for a position in that tournament as of the late entry deadline, may be released to compete in a Conflicting Event without the need for a Conflicting Event Release. In this case, the Member must notify a Rules Official that she is withdrawing from the Official Tournament to compete in a Conflicting Event.
13. A Member wishing to participate in a national or international country competition which involves two (2) or more Members (whether compensated or not for such participation) is required to obtain a Conflicting Event Release. A Member in doubt as to whether she needs a Conflicting Event Release for a national or international country competition should contact the Chief Tour Operations Officer.
14. A Member wishing to participate in a Personal Appearance (an exhibition, speaking engagement, promotional event or other forms of personal appearances for which the Member is directly or indirectly compensated other than reimbursement of reasonable expenses) only needs to file for a Conflicting Event Release if the Personal Appearance is televised, expected to generate significant media coverage, or is staged within a 100-mile radius of the current week's Official Tournament. A Member in doubt as to whether she needs a Conflicting Event Releases for a Personal Appearance should contact the Chief Tour Operations Officer.
15. An International Member is not required to obtain a Conflicting Event Release for a Conflicting Event on her "home circuit", if she is a member of her "home circuit" tour, and there is not an Official Tournament also being held in that same country on that same week.
16. A Member, who is also a member of the Legends Tour, may participate in a Legends Tour event on the same week as an Official Tournament without the need to obtain a Conflicting Event Release under any of the following circumstances:
  - a. The Member is not eligible to gain entry into the Official Tournament that week; or
  - b. The Member is not within the top thirty (30) on the Points List as of the Commitment Deadline for the Conflicting Event (Legends Tour event); or
  - c. The Member complies with her official Pro-Am and competition obligations at the Official Tournament.
17. A Member, who is also a member of the Epson Tour is considered a Dual Member and may participate in a Epson Tour tournament on the same week as an Official Tournament without the need to obtain a Conflicting Event Release by following the below guidelines:

- a. Dual Members may commit to both LPGA Tour and Epson Tour tournaments scheduled for the same week. If a Member is in the field for the LPGA Tour tournament as of the Commitment Deadline, and she intends to play the LPGA Tour tournament, she must withdraw from the Epson Tour tournament within 24 hours of the Commitment Deadline for the LPGA Tour tournament. All late withdrawal penalties will apply after this 24-hour period.
  - b. Members who gain entry into the LPGA Tour tournament from the Alternate List after the Commitment Deadline, who subsequently elect to play the Epson Tour tournament, are subject to all late withdrawal penalties.
  - c. Members who are not Dual Members may not compete in a Epson Tour tournament without a Conflicting Event Release, unless the Member is playing a test event per the Extension of Membership Status Addendum.
18. Postponed Rounds. If the final round of an Official Tournament is postponed until the following day, a Member who has made the cut and withdraws from the Official Tournament, and subsequently participates in an Other Professional Event or Personal Appearance on that day, will incur a fine of \$1,000.

## Article VIII. MEMBERSHIP STIPULATIONS

### A. Golf Bags.

Each Member must use a regulation-size tour golf bag during all qualifying, practice, Pro-Am, and tournament rounds in all Co-Sponsored Tournaments. Bags must be a minimum of eight (8) inches in diameter, non-collapsible, and with no attached kickstand. Members who violate this regulation will incur a fine of \$200. Repeated violations may give rise to an Intermediate or Major Penalty. An exception to this regulation may be made for a Member two (2) times each season.

Unless otherwise posted at tournament site, bags should be stored in the designated bag storage area and not in the player locker room. Members who leave their bags in the locker room will incur a fine of \$200 for the first offence and the fine will double for each subsequent offence.

### B. Sponsor Activities.

It is expected that each Active Member will participate in a minimum of three (3) sponsor activities (exclusive of designated Pro-Am parties, skybox visits and paid activities) during each season at the request of the tournament or LPGA. Repeated failures to participate in sponsor activities upon request may result in an Intermediate Penalty.

### C. Admission to Tournaments.

Members and her immediate family (parents, brothers, sisters, husband, partner, and children) may be admitted without charge to Co-Sponsored Tournaments upon presentation of their LPGA credentials or with a general admission ticket subject to tournament conditions.

### D. Rookie.

Each new qualifier for membership in the LPGA Tour, must attend all mandatory rookie orientation meetings in their entirety and complete all assigned rookie hour requirements, unless otherwise determined by LPGA. Any former Member who re-qualified after an absence of at least three (3) years may be required to attend certain meetings at the discretion of LPGA. Failure to attend shall result in a Major Penalty.

### E. Members Caddying in Official Tournaments.

1. A Member may not caddie in any Co-Sponsored Tournament or in any Local Qualifying Round for a Co-Sponsored Tournament. Also, a Member may not caddie in any Epson Tour, LPGA Professionals or LPGA Qualifying Tournament if such event is held during the same week as an Official Tournament in which she is eligible to gain entry.
2. A Member who violates this policy will be subject to a Major Penalty. Additionally, a Member who violates this policy during the same week in which she is competing will be withdrawn from that week's tournament.

Note: A Member may caddie in an Approved Tournament (U.S. Women's Open and the AIG Women's Open) only if she does not gain entry into such Approved Tournament. A Member may caddie a qualifying event for an Approved Tournament only if the qualifying event is not being held on the same course as the Approved Tournament, and the qualifying event is not held during the official Pro-Am or competition days on the same week of an Official Tournament in which such Member is eligible to gain entry.

#### 3. Members Electing "Caddie Status"

- a. A Member may only caddie in a Co-Sponsored Tournament(s) by electing "caddie status".
- b. A Member wishing to elect "caddie status" must write a letter to the Chief Tour Operations Officer prior to the first Official Tournament of the season. The letter must state that 1) the Member wishes to elect "caddie status" for the current season; and 2) she agrees to forfeit her position on the Priority List and not compete in any Co-Sponsored Tournament(s) during the season in which she elects "caddie status".
- c. A Member wishing to change her "status" from Player to caddie after the start of the season must first receive approval from the Office of the Commissioner by submitting a written request to the Commissioner that sets forth the reason for the request to change status. If approved, the Member must then submit a letter to the Chief Tour Operations Officer pursuant to Section 2 above and shall be subject to this Caddie Assignments Section in its entirety.



- d. A Member with “caddie status” will not be listed on the Priority List and may not compete in any Co-Sponsored Tournament(s) from the time she elects “caddie status” through the end of the season.
- e. If a Member with “caddie status” gains entry into an Approved Tournament, her money will be considered unofficial for purposes of the Money List and she will not be allocated Points. If a Member with “caddie status” wins an Approved Tournament, the win will be considered official, and she will be eligible to accept status on the Priority List in the designated winner’s category. At that time, the Member will have the opportunity to cease “caddie status” and restore her playing privileges.
- f. While on-site at a Co-Sponsored Tournament, a Member electing “caddie status” must: (a) only use her caddie credential, (b) comply with all Caddie Regulations, policies and procedures, and (c) participate in and accept only those benefits and privileges that are available to caddies.
- g. A Member electing “caddie status” may compete in the LPGA Qualifying Tournament.
- h. Members violating this policy will be subject to a Major Penalty as defined in these Regulations.

## Article IX. MEDIA RIGHTS

### A. Ownership.

The Tour and tournaments are the exclusive property of LPGA, which owns exclusively all rights associated therewith including, without limitation, the rights to organize, exploit, broadcast and reproduce the tournaments and Player’s data provided to the tournament. These rights include all images, sounds and data (including without limitation the scoring and player performance data and statistics), generated, captured or created at, during or otherwise in connection with a tournament or any other event conducted in conjunction with a tournament (“**Recordings**”), regardless of ownership of the capturing device, and includes without limitation, all Recordings of the on-course competition, interviews, engagement activities, activities ancillary to the competition, and any other Recordings captured inside, outside or around the course during a tournament and any adaptations, derivative or creative works to, and of the Recordings, copyrightable or otherwise (collectively, “**Tournament Materials**”). All data, including without limitation scoring, results, and player performance data and statistics produced from the tournaments or link to such tournaments, are the exclusive property of LPGA and may be used commercially by LPGA.

### B. Consent to Recordings.

By becoming a member and/or participating in a tournament, each participant agrees to be filmed, broadcasted, photographed, identified, interviewed and otherwise recorded during such tournament and assigns to LPGA, with full title guarantee and without time limitation, all rights of any nature in any such Recordings.

### C. Use of Your Likeness.

By becoming a member and/or participating in a tournament, each participant further explicitly agrees that their image (including without limitation, your name, nickname, statistics, voice, biographical information and/or other data) and/or any Recordings taken of them (or other representations), including without limitation the third-party logos and branding displayed on their attire and equipment captured in such Recordings (collectively “**Likeness**”) may be used, through all forms of media worldwide, by LPGA and its licensees, successors and assigns, without prior approval (unless specifically stated below) for the purposes listed below.

1. **Promotion by LPGA.** By LPGA, for its own purposes including, but not limited to, advertising, promoting and publicizing the LPGA Tour, tournament(s), youth programs and marketing programs (such as, #RAISEOURGAME), players individually and collectively and the sport of golf.
2. **Promotion of Tournaments.** By LPGA and its licensees for the purposes of advertising, promoting and publicizing the tournaments.
3. **Broadcast.** By LPGA and its licensees in the live or delayed transmission or other exploitation of the tournaments or as a part of a program, film or motion picture, or other audio-visual materials, and the advertising and promotion thereof.
4. **LPGA Commercial Programs.** By LPGA and its licensees to create, operate and promote video games and betting platforms for the LPGA Tour, including but not limited to in computer assisted and computer/video related games embodied in or on any device or medium in the form of software, firmware and/or hardware which may be utilized directly or indirectly for the reproduction of visual images with or without sound of tournaments (real or simulated) but always referring to the LPGA.
5. **Historical Use.** By LPGA and its licensees for the purposes of part of current or historical records, films or publications of or concerning the LPGA, LPGA Tour and tournaments.
6. **Sport Coverage.** By LPGA and its licensees for the purposes of the international media coverage of the relevant Event, or otherwise in promotion of the sport of golf in the news, or in special, informational or other programs.
7. **Entitlement Sponsor.** By a company that has entered into an agreement with Organization for the right to include their name/brand in the title of the Tour (“**Entitlement Sponsor**”), only for reasonable promotional and publicity purposes during the term of their agreement with Organization and then only for the purposes of advertising their association with the Tour (not a specific player). Such use will not suggest that you endorse a particular product or service of the Entitlement Sponsor or otherwise unless previously agreed by both you

and Organization. Where an Entitlement Sponsor wishes to use your Likeness, it will ensure that at least two (2) other members of the Event are shown in the same promotion with roughly equal prominence unless you and Organization jointly waive this in writing

All participants must refrain from any action that is likely to interfere with LPGA and its licensees, successors and assigns recording, production, reproduction, publication, dissemination, or other exploitation of the rights granted herein.

**D. Member Participation in Non-LPGA Distributed Golf Programs.**

**Distributed Golf Program.** Any golf contest, golf exhibition, or golf display that is broadcast, streamed, or otherwise distributed, in whole or in part, live or recorded, via any form of audio and/or visual medium of distribution, anywhere in the world.

**Wholly Instructional Program.** A Distributed Golf Program in which the content consists entirely of discussions or demonstrations of golf rules or golf techniques, intended solely for instructional purposes, to the exclusion of any live or recorded depiction or reproduction of a golf competition or golf contest of any kind.

Without the prior written consent of the Commissioner, no Member shall (i) participate in any live or recorded Distributed Golf Program, or (ii) consent to the use of their Likeness in the promotion or advertising of any Distributed Golf Program; provided, however, that these restrictions shall not apply to LPGA Co-Sponsored, coordinated, or Approved Tournaments, to any other golf events or activities related thereto, to Wholly Instructional Programs, or to personal appearances on interview or guest shows. If approved by the Commissioner, a Member desiring to participate in any Distributed Golf Program covered by this rule may be required by the Commissioner, as a condition of such approval, to obtain in advance a binding written assurance from the sponsor, host, promoter, media producer, or media distributor, and/or from other parties involved, that (x) the Distributed Golf Program will not be broadcast, streamed, or otherwise distributed, in whole or in part, live or recorded, via any form of audio and/or visual medium of distribution, anywhere in the world, (y) the Member's Likeness will not be used in the promotion or marketing of such Distributed Golf Program, and/or that (z) the Distributed Golf Program will be distributed, or the Member's Likeness will be used, only on such conditions as are approved in advance and in writing by the Commissioner. The Commissioner will give special consideration to Distributed Golf Programs that are confirmed to be held for exclusively charitable purposes, to the exclusion of any commercial purpose of any kind.

Although Wholly Instructional Programs are exempted from the scope of this rule, any Member participating in a Wholly Instructional Program is nonetheless required to obtain from the Commissioner the advanced written agreement from the producer of the program or other appropriate party that the program will not be shown at the same time as any scheduled broadcast (e.g., major network, cable network, syndication) of an LPGA Co-Sponsored, coordinated, or Approved Tournament.

## ADDENDUM - EXTENSION OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS

### Article I. DEFINITIONS

<b>Extension Season</b>	The LPGA Tour season that immediately follows a Member's Medical Season.
<b>Extension Status</b>	The Priority List position given to a Member in her Extension Season and/or Second Extension Season.
<b>Extension Tournament</b>	An Official Tournament for which a Member is qualified to play and earn official money or Points as applicable in her Extension Season and/or second Extension Season.
<b>Family Medical Leave Extension Season</b>	The LPGA Tour season that immediately follows the Family Medical Leave Season.
<b>Family Medical Leave Season</b>	The LPGA Tour season in which a Member is granted a Family Medical Leave Extension.
<b>Included Tournament</b>	An Official Tournament or other professional golf tournament; except for the LPGA Qualifying Tournament and unofficial Pro-Am or exhibition tournaments with a duration of less than three (3) days.
<b>Major Medical Extension</b>	An extension of a Member's Priority List position due to injury or illness which prevented the Member from competing for the entire current LPGA Tour season.
<b>Maternity Extension</b>	The period of time necessary to conduct all Maternity Tournaments following the date the Member returns to competitive play after her Maternity Year.
<b>Maternity Tournaments</b>	The number of Official Tournaments to be conducted during the season in which the Member returns to competition following her Maternity Year.
<b>Maternity Year.</b>	The calendar year for which the Member requests an extension of Priority List status for purposes of maternity. The Member's Priority List status as of January 1 <sup>st</sup> of her Maternity Year shall determine her status upon return to competition pursuant to the <u>Extension of Membership Status Addendum</u> .
<b>Medical Season</b>	The LPGA Tour season in which a Member is granted a Minor or Major Medical Extension.
<b>Medical Tournament</b>	The number of Official Tournaments to be conducted during the season in which the Member returns to competition for her Major Medical Extension.
<b>Minor Medical Extension</b>	An extension of a Member's Priority List position due to injury or illness which does not qualify as a Major Medical Extension.
<b>Missed Tournament</b>	An Official Tournament missed due to a Member's injury or illness. The Member must have qualified for entry into the field for the tournament to count as a Missed Tournament.
<b>Second Extension Season</b>	The LPGA Tour season that immediately follows a Member's Extension Season.

### Article II. MEDICAL EXTENSION POLICY

Policy of the Office of the Commissioner with respect to requests for extension of status due to illness or injury:

#### A. Rules of Eligibility for a Minor Medical Extension.

1. A Member may only apply for a Minor Medical Extension if she was unable to compete in a minimum of five (5) consecutive Missed Tournaments due to the same injury or illness within the same season. After five (5) consecutive Missed Tournaments, a Member must (a) submit the request for an extension of status (i.e., Minor Medical Extension) in writing to the Office of the Commissioner; and (b) submit two (2) letters from unaffiliated, appropriately qualified and licensed medical physicians who are not related to the Member by birth or marriage. (Letters from chiropractors, physical therapists, acupuncturists, etc. will only be considered as supplemental to the two (2) required letters from licensed medical physicians.)

*Note: No more than one (1) letter may be submitted from an LPGA Medical Director*

2. The request for a Minor Medical Extension and the physician letters must be received by the Office of the Commissioner within sixty (60) days after the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) consecutive Missed Tournament. Once all documentation is received, the request will be reviewed. A letter addressing whether the Minor Medical Extension has been granted and/or a request for additional documentation will then be sent to the Member within thirty (30) days of receipt.
3. A Member granted a Minor Medical Extension may participate in an Included Tournament when (a) her timeframe for recovery has passed or (b) prior to her timeframe for recovery.

#### B. Rules of Eligibility for a Major Medical Extension.

1. A Member may only apply for a Major Medical Extension if she has not played in any Included Tournaments during the current LPGA Tour season. A Member receiving a Major Medical Extension may not return to play during her Medical Season, nor may she play in any Included Tournament.

2. A request for a Major Medical Extension can be made after five (5) consecutive Missed Tournaments due to the same injury or illness within the same season. Requests for a Major Medical Extension must be received by LPGA prior to the LPGA Qualifying Tournament. A Member must (a) submit a request in writing; and (b) submit two (2) letters from unaffiliated, appropriately qualified and licensed medical physicians who are not related to the Member by birth or marriage. (Letters from chiropractors, physical therapists, acupuncturists, etc. will only be considered supplemental to the two (2) required letters from medical physicians.)

*Note: No more than one (1) letter may be submitted from an LPGA Medical Director.*

3. If a Member receives a Major Medical Extension and later decides to return to play in an Included Tournament(s) during her Medical Season, her Major Medical Extension will automatically be revoked and will no longer be valid. She may then reapply for a Minor Medical Extension for the same injury/illness.

#### C. Rules of Eligibility for both a Minor and Major Medical Extension.

1. All letters must be written in English and state/outline, to the LPGA's reasonable satisfaction, (a) the diagnosis; (b) a timeframe for recovery; (c) evidence that the Member was physically unable to compete due to the injury/illness. If the two (2) physicians recommend different timeframes for recovery, the LPGA will accept and record the longer of the two (2) timeframes as the official date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, LPGA reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to require that the Member provide additional documentation to verify the diagnosis/medical condition and/or be required to see a licensed medical physician of LPGA's choosing to confirm diagnosis/medical condition and timeframe for recovery.
2. If the Member is not ready to return to competition by the timeframe for recovery recorded by the LPGA, she must submit a follow-up letter from one (1) of the original physicians who submitted a letter for the Minor or Major Medical Extension requests. The letter must (a) include the new timeframe for recovery; and (b) be submitted to LPGA before the original timeframe for recovery expires. LPGA reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to require the Member to submit an additional letter to verify the new timeframe for recovery and/or be required to see a licensed medical physician of LPGA's choosing to confirm the new timeframe for recovery.
3. If the Member is unable to return to competition during her Extension Season, her status may be further extended for a Second Extension Season. An extension of the Member's status may not carry beyond the Second Extension Season except under extraordinary circumstances, as solely determined by LPGA.
4. In the case of a sustained illness or reoccurring injury, the Member may petition the Office of the Commissioner to either extend her Medical Extension period or request a second and/or separate medical extension for the same illness or injury. Granting of such extensions will be done on a case-by-case basis in LPGA's sole discretion.
5. To determine if she is ready to return to competition, the Member may participate in a maximum of three (3) "test events" within her timeframe for recovery and prior to returning to LPGA competition. A test event may be any Included Tournament, which is not an Official Tournament. If the Member believes she is not ready to return to LPGA competition after participating in a test event, and she does not intend to return to competition by the official timeframe for recovery date, she must submit a follow-up letter as described Section C.2 of this Medical Extension Policy.

A Member who has used one or more of her test events prior to being granted a new timeframe for recovery may petition the Office of the Commissioner for one or more additional test events. Granting of such additional test events will be done on a case-by-case basis in LPGA's sole discretion.

*Note: The Member must notify the LPGA in writing of her intention to play in a test event prior to competing in such event. If the Member competes in a test event and fails to notify LPGA of her intent to play in such event, Missed Tournaments will no longer be counted.*

6. If a Member has both an approved Medical Extension and approved Maternity Extension, she may return to competition under the timing outlined in the Maternity Extension Policy, even if her return date is later than the timeframe for recovery noted for her Medical Extension.
7. A Member granted a Minor or Major Medical Extension may be considered "inactive" for her Medical Season. The Member's inactive status during her Medical Season will not be considered a break in either (a) the four (4) season consecutive requirement for the achievement of Class A Member status or (b) the consecutive season requirement for vestiture in the LPGA retirement plan.

#### D. Calculating Missed Tournaments.

1. Missed Tournaments are calculated until the Member returns to play during her Medical Season or the end of the current LPGA Tour season – whichever comes first. If the Member is also a member of the Epson Tour, LET and/or LETAS, when events are held on more than one tour on the same week, the Member must elect for which tour she wants her Missed Tournaments counted each week. Members in this situation should contact LPGA Tour Operations.
2. Once a Member competes in an Included Tournament, Missed Tournaments will no longer be calculated, unless the Member has notified the LPGA, in writing, that she is competing in a test event in accordance with the regulations.
3. Once the number of Missed Tournaments has been calculated, the number of Extension Tournaments is determined.
4. The number of Missed Tournaments shall equal the number of Extension Tournaments for the Member.

5. A Member is deemed to have participated in an Extension Tournament once she begins the first round of the tournament.
6. During the Member's Extension and/or Second Extension Season, when a Member is eligible for Extension Tournaments on five consecutive calendar weeks within the same season, the Member must compete in four (4) of the five (5) Extension Tournaments. If a Member does not compete in four (4) of the five (5) consecutive Extension Tournaments, each tournament below the minimum of four (4) will count as an Extension Tournament played. For the purposes of counting consecutive weeks for Members with Medical Extensions on more than one Tour, Extension Tournaments across each Tour will be included.

#### E. Determining Extension Status for a Minor Medical Extension.

Once her timeframe for recovery has passed, a Member's Extension Season will begin at her first eligible Extension Tournament. If the Member is seeded in categories #14-19 at the start of her Medical Extension Season, her Extension Season status will be held until her first Extension Tournament.

Upon returning to play, a Member granted a Minor Medical Extension will initially be placed on the Priority List in the following manner:

1. Returning to Play in Medical Season:
  - a. A Member returning to play during her Medical Season will be placed in the Priority List position that most closely approximates the position for which she was in before her first Missed Tournament.
    - Exception: A Member will not be repositioned into category 8, unless she satisfies the criteria of category 8 upon her return to play. If she does not satisfy the criteria for category 8, she will be placed in the position that most closely approximated the position for which she was eligible prior to achieving status in category 8.
2. Returning to Play in Extension Season:
  - a. A Member returning to play during her Extension Season will be placed on the Priority List in the position that most closely approximates the position for which she was in at the beginning of her Medical Season, or as a result of status earned in another Priority List category, whichever is higher except for category 8.
  - b. A Member whose Priority List position has been determined by Section 21.a. above will be seeded in such Priority List position for her Extension Tournaments, or until she has elected to end her Medical Extension. However, please note that the Member's position on the Priority List may fluctuate based on the reshuffle as outlined in the regulations.
3. Returning to Play in Second Extension Season:
  - a. If a Member does not qualify to play in enough tournaments during her Extension Season to complete her Extension Tournaments, she may complete her Extension Tournaments during the Second Extension Season. Play in Extension Tournaments may not extend beyond the Second Extension Season.
  - b. A Member continuing to play in her Second Extension Season will be placed in the position that most closely approximates the position for which she was eligible at the beginning of her Extension Season.

#### F. Determining Extension Status for a Major Medical Extension.

1. A Member returning to play on a Major Medical Extension will be placed in the Priority List position that most closely approximates the position which she was in at the beginning of her Medical Season.
2. However, the Member's position on the Priority List may fluctuate based on the reshuffle as outlined in the regulations.
3. The Member's Extension Season will begin on the first day of Tournament Week of the first Official Tournament once her timeframe for recovery has passed and will end with the final round of the last Medical Tournament. (Official Tournaments will be counted consecutively during the Extension Season). If the Member has also been granted a Major Medical Extension on the Epon Tour, LET, and/or LETAS her Major Medical Extension for each tour will begin on the same date regardless of on which tour she first returns to competition.

#### G. Recalculating Status at the end of the Major Medical Extension.

1. Once the Member has completed her Major Medical Extension, the Member's Priority List status for the remainder of the season or for the following season, as applicable, will be determined in the following manner:
2. The total number of Points earned during her Extension Season will be retroactively applied to the season-ending Points List of the season in which she played in the first event of her Extension Season.
3. The Member will then be reseeded accordingly on the current season's Priority List, or in another applicable category based on the regulations, whichever is higher.
4. If upon completion of Medical Tournaments, the Commitment Deadline for an Official Tournament(s) has already passed, the Member will be seeded in such tournament based on her temporary amended Medical Season Points List position at the time of the Commitment Deadline for such tournament.



5. If the Member would not have maintained any status on the current season's Priority List, then she will be classified as a lost card, removed from the Priority List and will not be reseeded in a reshuffle category from Points earned during her Extension Season.

#### H. Recalculating Status at the end of the Minor Medical Extension.

1. Please note that a Member whose Minor Medical was originally granted based on the Money List will be reseeded based on the Points List position that most closely approximates her final Money List position. For example, a Player whose final Money List position is #100 will be reseeded at the position most closely approximating #100 on the Points List. Once the Member has played in all her Extension Tournaments, or she has voluntarily ended her Minor Medical Extension, the Member's Priority List status for the remainder of tournaments during her Extension Season or Second Extension Season will be determined by (a) her amended Medical Season Points List position, or (b) as a result of her status in another Priority List category, whichever is higher.
2. If upon completion of Extension Tournaments, the Commitment Deadline for an Official Tournament(s) has already passed, the Member will be seeded in such tournament based on her temporary amended Medical Season Money List position at the time of the Commitment Deadline for such tournament.
3. In the case of a tie on the Points List, Members who did not receive Medical Extensions will take priority over Members who were reseeded via the Points List at the end of the Member's Minor Medical Extension.
4. Should ties exist between Members on Minor Medical Extensions, such ties will be broken by the Members' rank on the most recent season-ending Money List.
5. A Member receiving a Minor Medical Extension may participate in the LPGA Qualifying Tournament (beginning at the stage for which she is eligible based on the criteria for the qualifying tournament) during her Medical Season, Extension Season and/or Second Extension Season.
6. For the Member who completes her Minor Medical Extension in her Extension Season:
  - a. The Points that the Member earned during her Medical Season will be added to the Points that the Member earned during her Extension Season.
  - b. The sum of the Points earned during her Medical Season and Extension Season will be retroactively applied to the season-ending Points List of the Member's Medical Season to determine where the Member would have finished on that list (Amended Medical Season Points List position)
  - c. The Member will then be reseeded accordingly on the current season's Priority List.
  - d. In the event the Member would not have maintained any status on the current season's Priority List, she will be classified as a lost card, and she will not be reseeded in a reshuffle category from Points earned during her Extension Season.
7. For the Member who completes her Minor Medical Extension in her Second Extension Season:
  - a. The Points that the Member earned during her Medical Season will be added to the Points earned during her Extension Season and to the Points earned during the Second Extension Season.
  - b. The sum of the Points earned during her Medical Season, Extension Season and Second Extension Season will be retroactively applied to the season-ending Points List of the Member's Medical Season to determine where the Member would have finished on that list.
  - c. The Member will then be reseeded accordingly on the current season's Priority List.
  - d. In the event the Member would not have maintained any status on the current season's Priority List, she will be classified as a lost card, and she will not be reseeded in a reshuffle category from Points earned during her Second Extension Season.
8. For the Member who elects to not complete her Minor Medical Extension:
  - a. A Member may voluntarily end her Medical Extension at any time during her Medical Season, Extension Season or Second Extension Season.
  - b. A Member electing to end her Medical Extension will be reseeded on the Priority List based on (a) her amended Medical Season Points or (b) another Priority List category she had previously earned, whichever is higher.
  - c. Once a Member elects to end her Medical Extension, Extension Tournaments are no longer calculated.

### Article III. MATERNITY EXTENSION POLICY

Policy with respect to requests for extension of status (including waiver of performance and participation review) due to maternity:

#### A. Electing a Maternity Year.

1. A Member is eligible to elect as her Maternity Year either the calendar year (i) in which she gives birth, or (ii) immediately following the year in which she gives birth. Birth shall mean the physical birth of a baby by the Member. A Member giving birth between January 1 and January 15 shall have the option to elect the previous calendar year as her Maternity Year.

2. A Member must notify LPGA on or before December 31st of the year in which she gives birth, of the season the Member elects to designate as her Maternity Year. Note that, Members who give birth on or after December 31<sup>st</sup>, shall have an additional grace period to notify LPGA of their Maternity Year election, which must be received on or before the earlier of (a) the first day of Tournament Week of the first Official Tournament of the season, or (b) January 15th.
3. Notification of a Member's Maternity Year election must be made in writing to Tour Operations and shall include (a) a certification of the child's birthdate; and (b) a letter indicating the Member's Maternity Year election.
4. A Member may compete in Official Tournaments during her Maternity Year, with no restrictions on the number of tournaments she may play. However, if the Member competes in less than ten (10) Official Tournaments during her Maternity Year, she will be considered "inactive" for her Maternity Year.

*Note that, the Member's inactive status during her Maternity Year will not be considered a break in either (a) the four (4) season consecutive requirement for the achievement of Class A Membership status, or (b) the consecutive season requirement for vesting in the LPGA retirement plan; but as an "inactive" Member, the Member may not vote and may not be eligible for certain LPGA statistical or other awards.*

#### B. Test Events.

1. During her Maternity Year or at any time thereafter, but prior to returning to LPGA competition, the Member may compete in a maximum of three (3) "test events". A "test event" may be any Included Tournament but may not be an Official Tournament.
2. The Member must notify LPGA in writing of her intention to play in a test event prior to the start of the first scheduled round of such event. If the Member competes in (i) a test event and fails to notify LPGA prior to participation in such event, or (ii) more than three (3) test events then her Maternity Extension will begin as of the first day of Tournament Week of such unapproved test event.
3. A Member who has used one or more of her test events prior to being granted a new timeframe for recovery may petition the Office of the Commissioner for one or more additional test events. Granting of such additional test events will be done on a case-by-case basis in LPGA's sole discretion.

#### C. Returning to Competition.

1. A Member that elects to take a Maternity Year must return to LPGA competition and commence her Maternity Extension within two (2) years from the date of the baby's birth. If she does not return to competition within this timeframe, she will be automatically placed on the Priority List for her Maternity Extension per Section C.2 below; provided, the Member may voluntarily waive her Maternity Extension by written notice to Tour Operations.
2. Upon returning to competition following her Maternity Year, the Member will be seeded for purposes of her Maternity Extension at the Priority List position that most closely approximates the position she held on January 1st of her Maternity Year, or in the actual Priority List position earned during her Maternity Year, whichever is higher.
3. If the Member voluntarily waives her Maternity Extension, her membership status will be determined in accordance with these Regulations.
4. Members returning to competition after a Maternity Year will not be placed in a reshuffle category. As such, the Member will be seeded in the applicable Priority List position throughout her Maternity Extension.
5. Upon returning to competition, the Member's Maternity Extension will begin on the first day of Tournament Week of the first Official Tournament into which she is eligible to gain entry (or on the day she first participates in a Local Qualifying Round) and will end with the final round of the last Maternity Tournament. (Official Tournaments will be counted consecutively during the Maternity Extension.) If the Member has also been granted maternity on the Epon Tour, LET, and/or LETAS, her Maternity Extension Year for each tour will begin at the same time regardless of on which tour she first returns to competition.

A Member may not compete in Official Tournaments that are scheduled to occur following her Maternity Tournaments based upon her Maternity Extension status. She may, however, compete in such events through another earned Priority List position.

*For example, assume Player A returns to competition for her Maternity Extension in 2022, and 32 Official Tournaments are scheduled to occur in 2022. Thus, upon returning to competition, Player A's Maternity Extension will start the first day of Tournament Week of the first Official Tournament into which she is eligible to gain entry and will end on the final round of the 32<sup>nd</sup> consecutive Official Tournament. The 32 tournaments are the Member's "Maternity Tournaments".*

*In the above example, the Member may not use her Maternity Extension status to gain entry into any Official Tournaments that will occur after the 32 Maternity Tournaments (regardless of when the Commitment Deadlines occur), but she may gain entry through another status that she achieved during or prior to her Maternity Extension.*

*Note: While this Maternity Extension Policy addresses Member Priority List position based on Maternity status, the Member's actual status remains subject to and may fluctuate in accordance with these Regulations (for example, as a result of medical reseeds, Points list reshuffles, etc.)*

#### D. Recalculating Status after Maternity Extension.

1. Once the Member has completed her Maternity Extension, the Member's Priority List status for the remainder of the season or for the following season, as applicable, will be determined in the following manner:
  - a. The total number of Points earned during her Maternity Extension will be retroactively applied to the season-ending Points List of the season in which she played in the first tournament of her Maternity Extension.
  - b. The Member will then be reseeded accordingly on the current season's Priority List, or in another applicable category based on the regulations, whichever is higher.
  - c. If upon completion of her Maternity Extension, the Commitment Deadline for an Official Tournament(s) has already passed, the Member will be seeded in such tournament based on her temporary amended Maternity Extension Points List position at the time of the Commitment Deadline for such tournament.
  - d. If the Member would not have maintained any status on the current season's Priority List, then she will be classified as a lost card, removed from the Priority List and will not be reseeded in a reshuffle category from Points earned during her Maternity Extension.

#### E. Maternity Extension Interrupted by Medical/Maternity Reasons.

If a Member begins but is unable to complete her Maternity Extension due to medical reasons or another pregnancy, the Member's Maternity Extension will be addressed in the following manner:

1. If the Maternity Extension is interrupted due to medical reasons (other than pregnancy) and the Member has satisfied the requirements for a Medical Extension under the regulations, then her Maternity Extension will be frozen as of the first day of Tournament Week of her first Missed Tournament.
2. While the Member's Maternity Extension is frozen, Missed Tournaments will be counted in accordance with the Medical Extension Policy.
3. Prior to returning to competition, the Member will be eligible to compete in test events as outlined in the Medical Extension Policy.
4. Upon returning to competition, the Member has two (2) options to resume play. The Member can resume play at the Priority List position that most closely approximates the position she was in before her first Missed Tournament and may either:
  - (i) complete her Maternity Extension under the Maternity Extension Policy; or
  - (ii) compete under the Medical Extension Policy.

Member must notify the Chief Tour Operations Officer prior to the end of her timeframe for recovery.

**Exception:** In either case of Section 4 (i) or (ii) above, the Member returning to play will not be repositioned into category 8, unless she otherwise satisfies the criteria of category 8 upon her return to play. If she does not satisfy the criteria for category 8, she will be placed in the position that most closely approximated the position for which she was eligible prior to achieving status in category 8.

If the Member chooses option (i), she will be reseeded at the end of her Maternity Extension according to the procedures outlined in Section E above.

If the Member chooses option (ii), she will be reseeded in the following manner:

The number of Official Points earned in Maternity Tournaments during her Maternity Extension will be added to the Official Points earned in the applicable Extension Tournaments. The sum of these Points will be retroactively applied to the season-ending Points List of the season in which she played in the first Maternity Tournament. The Member will then be reseeded accordingly on the current season's Priority List, or in another category, whichever is higher. If the Member would not have maintained any status on the current season's Priority List, then she will be classified as a lost card, removed from the Priority List and will not be reseeded in a reshuffle category from Points earned during her Maternity Extension and/or Extension Tournaments.

*Note: Given the differences in the timing of the maternity and medical policies, the above does not contemplate each and every possible scenario. Applicable Extension Tournaments in Section 4 (ii) above will be determined by the Chief Tour Operations Officer within the context, rules and timing of both the Medical Extension and Maternity Policies.*

5. If the Maternity Extension is interrupted due to another pregnancy, the Member has two (2) options if she has started her Maternity Extension.

**Option #1:** The Member may elect to complete her Maternity Extension and then proceed with the new pregnancy under this Maternity Extension Policy.

**Option #2:** The Member may discontinue tournament play and voluntarily freeze her Maternity Extension. To do this, the Member must (i) make the election of her new Maternity Year at the same time she voluntarily freezes her Maternity Extension; and (ii) make the request to Tour Operations in accordance with Section B of this Medical Extension Policy. Once she has made this election, she may not change it.



When the Member is ready to return to competition after the birth of her child, the Member will resume play under her original Maternity Extension until the applicable number of Maternity Tournaments are conducted, at which time she will be reseeded according to Section E of this Maternity Extension Policy.

If the Member has not started her Maternity Extension, she has two (2) options:

**Option #1:** The Member may elect to extend the start date of her Maternity Extension based on the date of birth of the new child. In this case, when she returns to competition after the birth of the new child to start her Maternity Extension, she would maintain the same approximate Priority List position as her original Maternity Year.

**Option #2:** The Member may elect an additional Maternity Year with status she earned previous to the status used for her original Maternity Year. In this case, the Member could compete during her new Maternity Year with such status (i.e., tournament winners, Class A, etc.). When she returns to competition with two (2) years of the new baby's birth, she would then be seeded in the same approximate Priority List position as her original Maternity Year for her Maternity Extension. For clarity, the Member may not take an additional Maternity Year with the same status as the original Maternity Year.

#### F. Medical Policy Alternative.

A Member that is pregnant or has given birth but is not eligible to elect a Maternity Year according to this Maternity Extension Policy, may apply for a Medical Extension due to pregnancy under the Medical Extension Policy.

### Article IV. ADOPTION AND SURROGACY POLICY

Policy with respect to requests for extension of status (including waiver of performance and participation review) due to maternity in cases of adoption and surrogacy:

#### A. Electing a Maternity Year.

1. A Member is eligible to elect as her Maternity Year either the calendar year (i) in which the baby is born or the child is adopted, or (ii) immediately following the year in which the baby is born or the child is adopted. If the child is born or adopted between January 1 and January 15, the Member shall have the option to elect the previous calendar year as her Maternity Year.
2. A Member must notify LPGA on or before December 31st of the year in which the baby is born or the child is adopted, which calendar year the Member elects to designate as her Maternity Year. Note that, Members whose surrogate gives birth or who adopts on or after December 31st, shall have an additional grace period to notify LPGA of their Maternity Year election, which must be received by the LPGA on or before the earlier of (a) the first day of Tournament Week of the first Official Tournament of the season, or (b) January 15th.
3. Notification of a Member's Maternity Year election must be made in writing to Tour Operations and shall include (a) a certification of the child's birthdate or a letter of adoption; and (b) a letter indicating the Member's Maternity Year election.
4. A Member electing Maternity under this Adoption and Surrogacy Policy may compete in no more than ten (10) Official Tournaments. If the Member competes in less than ten (10) Official Tournaments during her Maternity Year, she will be considered "inactive" for her Maternity Year.

*Note: The Member's inactive status during her Maternity Year will not be considered a break in either (a) the four (4) season consecutive requirement for the achievement of Class A Membership status, or (b) the consecutive season requirement for vesting in the LPGA retirement plan; but as an "inactive" Member, the Member may not vote and may not be eligible for certain LPGA statistical or other awards.*

#### B. Returning to Competition.

1. A Member that elects to take a Maternity Year must return to competition and commence her Maternity Extension within two (2) years from the date of the baby's birth or the child's adoption date. If she does not return to competition within this timeframe, she will be automatically placed on the Priority List for her Maternity Extension per Section D.3 of this Adoption and Surrogacy Policy; provided, the Member may voluntarily waive her Maternity Extension by written notice to Tour Operations.
2. If the Member voluntarily waives her Maternity Extension, her membership status will be determined in accordance with these Regulations.
3. Upon returning to competition following her Maternity Year, the Member will be seeded for purposes of her Maternity Extension at the Priority List position that most closely approximates the position she held on January 1st of her Maternity Year, or in the actual Priority List position earned during her Maternity Year, whichever is higher.
4. Members returning to competition after a Maternity Year will not be placed in a reshuffle category. As such, the Member will be seeded in the applicable Priority List position throughout her Maternity Extension.
5. Upon returning to competition, the Member's Maternity Extension will begin on the first day of Tournament Week of the first Official Tournament into which she is eligible to gain entry (or on the day she first participates in a Local Qualifying Round) and will end with the final round of the last Maternity Tournament. (Official Tournaments will be counted consecutively during the Maternity Extension.) If the Member has also been granted maternity on the Epsom Tour, LET, and/or LETAS, her Maternity Extension Year for each tour will begin at the same time regardless of on which tour she first returns to competition. A Member may not compete in Official Tournaments that

are scheduled to occur following her Maternity Tournaments based upon her Maternity Extension status. She may, however, compete in such tournaments through another earned Priority List position.

*For example, assume Player A returns to competition for her Maternity Extension in 2022, and 32 Official Tournaments are scheduled to occur in 2022. Thus, upon returning to competition, Player A's Maternity Extension will start the first day of Tournament Week of the first Official Tournament into which she is eligible to gain entry and will end on the final round of the 32<sup>nd</sup> consecutive Official Tournament. The 32 tournaments are the Member's "Maternity Tournaments".*

*In the above example, the Member may not use her Maternity Extension status to gain entry into any Official Tournaments that will occur after the 32 Maternity Tournaments (regardless of when the Commitment Deadlines occur), but she may gain entry through another status that she achieved during or prior to her Maternity Extension.*

*Note: While this Maternity Extension Policy addresses Member Priority List position based on Maternity status, the Member's actual status remains subject to and may fluctuate in accordance with these Regulations (for example, as a result of medical reseeds, reshuffles, etc.)*

#### C. Recalculating Status after Maternity Extension.

Once the Member has completed her Maternity Extension, the Member's Priority List status for the remainder of the season or for the following season, as applicable, will be determined in the following manner:

1. The total number of Points earned during her Maternity Extension will be retroactively applied to the season-ending Points List of the season in which she played in the first tournament of her Maternity Extension.
2. The Member will then be reseeded accordingly on the current season's Priority List, or in another category, whichever is higher.
3. If upon completion of her Maternity Extension, the Commitment Deadline for an Official Tournament(s) has already passed, the Member will be seeded in such tournament based on her temporary amended Maternity Extension Points List position at the time of the Commitment Deadline for such tournament.
4. If the Member would not have maintained any status on the current season's Priority List, then she will be classified as a lost card, removed from the Priority List and will not be reseeded in a reshuffle category from Points earned during her Maternity Extension.

#### D. Maternity Extension Interrupted by Medical/Maternity Reasons.

If a Member begins but is unable to complete her Maternity Extension due to medical reasons, another pregnancy either by the Member or a surrogate, or the adoption of another child, the Member's Maternity Extension will be addressed in the following manner:

1. If the Maternity Extension is interrupted due to medical reasons (other than pregnancy, surrogacy or adoption) and the Member has satisfied the requirements for a Medical Extension under the Medical Extension Policy, her Maternity Extension will be frozen as of the first day of Tournament Week of her first Missed Tournament.
  - a. While the Member's Maternity Extension is frozen, Missed Tournaments will be counted in accordance with the Medical Extension Policy.
  - b. Prior to returning to competition, the Member will be eligible to compete in test events as outlined in the Medical Extension Policy.
  - c. Upon returning to competition, the Member has two (2) options to resume play. The Member can resume play at the Priority List position that most closely approximates the position she was in before her first Missed Tournament and may either:
    - (i) complete her Maternity Extension under the Medical Extension Policy; or
    - (ii) compete under the Medical Extension Policy.

Member must notify the Chief Tour Operations Officer prior to the end of her timeframe for recovery.

*Exception:* In either case of (i) or (ii) above, the Member returning to play will not be repositioned into category 8, unless she satisfies the criteria of category 8 upon her return to play. If she does not satisfy the criteria for category 8, she will be placed in the position that most closely approximated the position for which she was eligible prior to achieving status in category 8.

If the Member chooses option (i), she will be reseeded at the end of her Maternity Extension according to the procedures outlined in Section C of this Adoption and Surrogacy Policy above.

If the Member chooses option (ii), she will be reseeded in the following manner:

The number of Points earned in Maternity Tournaments during her Maternity Extension will be added to the Points earned in the applicable Extension Tournaments. The sum of these Points will be retroactively applied to the season-ending Points List of the season in which she played in the first Maternity Tournament. The Member will then be reseeded accordingly on the current season's Priority List, or in another category, whichever is higher. If the Member would not have maintained any status

on the current season's Priority List, then she will be classified as a lost card, removed from the Priority List and will not be reseeded in a reshuffle category from Points earned during her Maternity Extension and/or Extension Tournaments.

*Note: Given the differences in the timing of the maternity and medical policies, the above does not contemplate each and every possible scenario. Applicable Extension Tournaments in (ii) above will be determined by the Chief Tour Operations Officer within the context, rules and timing of both the medical and maternity policies.*

2. If the Maternity Extension is interrupted due to another pregnancy, surrogacy or adoption, the Member has two (2) options.

**Option #1:** The Member may elect to complete her Maternity Extension and then proceed with the new pregnancy, surrogacy or adoption under this Adoption and Surrogacy Policy.

**Option #2:** The Member may discontinue tournament play and voluntarily freeze her Maternity Extension. To do this, the Member must (i) make the election of her new Maternity Year at the same time she voluntarily freezes her Maternity Extension; and (ii) make the request to Tour Operations in accordance with Section A of this Adoption and Surrogacy Policy. Once she has made this election, she may not change it.

When the Member is ready to return to competition after the birth of her child, the Member will resume play under her original Maternity Extension until her Maternity Extension period has elapsed, at which time she will be reseeded according to Section C of this Adoption and Surrogacy Policy.

## Article V. FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE EXTENSION POLICY

Policy of the Office of the Commissioner with respect to a request for extension of status due to being a primary caregiver of a family member with a serious health condition:

### A. Family Medical Event.

1. For purposes of this policy, a “**serious health condition**” is any illness, injury, impairment or physical or mental condition that has rendered the person incapacitated (i.e., unable to work, attend school or perform regular daily activities) and requires continuing treatment by a health care provider, with the period of incapacity being either permanent or not likely to be remedied for at least three months.
2. “**Family member**” shall include: (a) a son or a daughter, including a biological child, an adopted child, a foster child, a step-child, a legal ward or a child for whom the player is standing in place of a parent; (b) a parent, including a biological parent, a step-parent or a person who stood in the place of a parent when the player was a child; or (c) a spouse, including a legal or domestic partner, (d) sibling.
3. A Member may request extension of status by reason of being a primary caregiver of a family member who has a serious health condition. Such a request for family medical leave extension of status must be made in writing to the Office of the Commissioner by October 31 of the year prior to the season to which the extension will apply, provided, however, that a Member who has played in ten (10) or more Included Tournaments in that season shall not be eligible for such extension.
4. Such request for extension must be accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the Office of the Commissioner that (a) the person to be cared for has a serious health condition (a detailed report from a physician will be necessary to establish this); (b) the person to be cared for is a family member; and (c) the Member will be a primary caregiver of such person.
5. An extension by the Office of the Commissioner of a Member's status due to being a primary caregiver of a family member with a serious health condition shall be limited to granting a one-season continuation of the most closely approximated Priority List position the Member held as of January 1 of the current season for the next season only.
6. An extension of status by reason of a serious health condition of a particular family member may only carry over beyond the one (1) season for which the extension was granted if approved by the Office of the Commissioner. Additional medical documentation may be required, and an additional extension will be limited to cases of extenuating and/or unavoidable circumstances.
7. A Member granted a Family Medical Leave Extension may be considered “inactive” for her Family Medical Leave Season. The Member's inactive status during her Family Medical Leave Season will not be considered a break in either (a) the four (4) season consecutive requirement for the achievement of Class A Member status; or (b) the consecutive season requirement for vestiture in the LPGA retirement plan.

A Member who receives such an extension of status for the next season will lose it if, after the extension is granted, she plays in any Included Tournament (other than the LPGA Qualifying Tournament) during the season, except that she may accept (and must accept, in the case of an LPGA tournament a sponsor invitation for any tournament at which she is the defending champion

## ADDENDUM - LPGA TOUR AWARDS

### A. Hall of Fame – LPGA and World Golf Halls of Fame

In 1950, the Women's Golf Hall of Fame was established in Augusta, Georgia, with seven original inductees. At the 1967 Annual Meeting it was determined that membership in the newly founded LPGA Tour Hall of Fame would be limited to members of the LPGA, and that all LPGA players who were members of the Women's Golf Hall of Fame would be automatically inducted. In 1997, the LPGA Tour Hall of Fame became part of the World Golf Hall of Fame which is housed in St. Augustine, FL.

#### 1. LPGA Hall of Fame Criteria:

- a. Must be a Member
- b. Must have won at least one (1) of the following – an LPGA major championship, the Vare Trophy or the Rolex Player of the Year award
- c. Must have accumulated a total of twenty-seven (27) Hall of Fame points, which are awarded as follows: (Players do receive Hall of Fame points for wins as a Non-member)
  - i. One (1) point for each Official Tournament win
  - ii. Two (2) points for each LPGA major championship win
  - iii. One (1) point for each Vare Trophy
  - iv. One (1) point for each Rolex Player of the Year award
  - v. One (1) point for each Olympic Gold Medal

#### 2. LPGA Hall of Fame Honorary Member Criteria:

At the discretion of the LPGA Hall of Fame Committee, and with the support the LPGA Board of Directors, individuals may be named as Honorary members of the LPGA Hall of Fame. The members of the LPGA Hall of Fame Committee will be named by the LPGA Commissioner and will include the Commissioner, LPGA Player President, a minimum of three (3) LPGA Hall of Fame Members and a minimum of one (1) Member who is not an LPGA Hall of Fame Member.

### B. Rolex Player of the Year

The LPGA Player of the Year Award was established in 1966 to recognize the player who, during a current LPGA Tour season, has the most consistent and outstanding record. Points are awarded to those Members finishing in the first ten (10) positions in Official Tournaments. In the event of ties among the first ten (10) positions, each tying Member will receive the designated point value.

Points: 1<sup>st</sup> place – 30 pts.; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 12 pts.; 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9 pts.; 4<sup>th</sup> – 7 pts.; 5<sup>th</sup> – 6 pts.; 6<sup>th</sup> – 5 pts.; 7<sup>th</sup> – 4 pts.; 8<sup>th</sup> – 3 pts.; 9<sup>th</sup> – 2 pts.; 10<sup>th</sup> – 1 pt. Point totals double for the five (5) Major Championships.

**Note:** In the case of a tie in Player of the Year points after the final Official Tournament, each applicable Member will receive the Player of the Year award.

### C. Rolex Louise Suggs Rookie of the Year

The LPGA Rookie of the Year Award was established in 1962 by the LPGA. This honor is given annually to a first-year Member based on her tournament performance and playing ability in all Major Championships and Official Tournaments through the last Official Tournament of the year.

In the event of ties in any position 1<sup>st</sup> – 40<sup>th</sup>, each tying Member will receive the designated point value. Points totals double for the five (5) major championships.

Points: 1<sup>st</sup> place – 150 pts.; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 80 pts.; 3<sup>rd</sup> – 75 pts.; 4<sup>th</sup> – 70 pts.; 5<sup>th</sup> – 65 pts.; 6<sup>th</sup> – 62 pts.; 7<sup>th</sup> – 59 pts.; 8<sup>th</sup> – 56 pts.; 9<sup>th</sup> – 53 pts.; 10<sup>th</sup> – 50 pts.; 11<sup>th</sup> – 48 pts.; 12<sup>th</sup> – 46 pts.; 13<sup>th</sup> – 44 pts.; 14<sup>th</sup> – 42 pts.; 15<sup>th</sup> – 40 pts.; 16<sup>th</sup> – 38 pts.; 17<sup>th</sup> – 36 pts.; 18<sup>th</sup> – 34 pts.; 19<sup>th</sup> – 32 pts.; 20<sup>th</sup> – 30 pts.; 21<sup>st</sup> – 29 pts.; 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28 pts.; 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27 pts.; 24<sup>th</sup> – 26 pts.; 25<sup>th</sup> – 25 pts.; 26<sup>th</sup> – 24 pts.; 27<sup>th</sup> – 23 pts.; 28<sup>th</sup> – 22 pts.; 29<sup>th</sup> – 21 pts.; 30<sup>th</sup> – 20 pts.; 31<sup>st</sup> – 19 pts.; 32<sup>nd</sup> – 18 pts.; 33<sup>rd</sup> – 17 pts.; 34<sup>th</sup> – 16 pts.; 35<sup>th</sup> – 15 pts.; 36<sup>th</sup> – 14 pts.; 37<sup>th</sup> – 13 pts.; 38<sup>th</sup> – 12 pts.; 39<sup>th</sup> – 11 pts.; 40<sup>th</sup> – 10 pts.; and position 41 through each Member making the cut receives 5 points each.

**Note:** In the case of a tie in Rookie of the Year points after the final Official Tournament, each applicable Member will receive the Rookie of the Year award.

### D. Vare Trophy

The Vare Trophy was presented to the LPGA by Betty Jameson in 1952, in honor of the great American player Glenna Collett Vare. Miss Jameson requested that this trophy be awarded to the Member with the lowest scoring average at the end of each season.

Vare Trophy scoring averages are computed on the basis of a Member's total yearly score in Official Tournaments divided by the number of official rounds she played during a season.

To be eligible to win the Vare Trophy, a Member must 1) compete in a minimum of sixty (60) or 60% of Official Tournament rounds with an individual score, whichever is less, during the season; AND 2) compete in a minimum of seventy (70) or 70% of total Official Tournament rounds, whichever is less, during the season. For clarity, Official Tournament rounds for events without an individual score (such as partner tournaments, match play, etc.) count towards the requirement in 2) above. In seasons that include the Olympic Games, rounds played in such Olympic Games will also count towards the requirement in 2) above.

*Note: In the case of a tie, each applicable Member will receive the Vare Trophy.*

#### E. The Patty Berg Award

In August 1978, the Board of Directors announced the creation of the Patty Berg Award which is given to a worthy recipient selected for outstanding contribution to women's golf. It is the only award for which Non-members are eligible and an annual presentation is not required. Its selection committee is composed, by appointment from the Office of the Commissioner, of an LPGA Hall of Fame member, a past president of the LPGA Tour Player Executive Committee, an LPGA tournament sponsor, an LPGA Board Member and a media representative.

#### F. The Commissioner's Award

The Commissioner's Award, introduced in 1991 by the LPGA and awarded by the Commissioner, honors a person or organization who has contributed uniquely to the LPGA and its members, who has furthered the cause of women's golf, and whose character and standards are of the highest order.

#### G. Heather Farr Perseverance Award

In celebration of her life, the LPGA has established an annual award in Heather Farr's name. The Heather Farr Perseverance Award recognizes a Member, selected by her peer who, through her hard work, dedication, and love of the game of golf, has demonstrated determination, perseverance, and spirit in fulfilling her goals as a player.

#### H. Founders' Award

The Founders' Award is given to the Member who, in the opinion of her peers, best exemplifies the spirit, ideals and values of the LPGA through her behavior and deeds. The award was originally established by Mousie Powell for her husband, a legendary Hollywood actor.



## RACE TO THE CME GLOBE - POINTS STRUCTURE 2022

### BASIC OUTLINE

The *Race to the CME Globe* is a season-long points competition in which LPGA Members accumulate points in every Official LPGA Tournament to gain entry into the season-ending CME Group Tour Championship. The Member who wins the CME Group Tour Championship will be named the "Race to the CME Globe Champion."

### SEASON

The LPGA's 2022 *Race to the CME Globe* competition begins with the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions in Florida and continues through the event held immediately prior to the CME Group Tour Championship. The *Race to the CME Globe* concludes with the CME Group Tour Championship in Naples, Florida.

### POINTS ELIGIBILITY

Points will be awarded to Members at all Official Tournaments in the following manner:

- For all events with a cut, points will be awarded to Members who make the cut.
- For all events without a cut, points will be awarded to Members who complete all rounds of the tournament.
- For the Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational, points will be awarded to Members who make the cut; point values are for each player on the team.

Note 1: A Member who makes the first cut, but not the second cut in an event with two cuts, will be awarded CME points in accordance with her finish after the second cut.

Note 2: A Member who withdraws or is disqualified prior to the conclusion of an event will not be awarded any points.

Note 3: Points will not be allocated to Members who compete as a Sponsor Invite in Official Tournaments without a cut, unless the Member wins the Official Tournament or unless otherwise noted in the Regulations.

Note 4: Non-Members are not eligible to earn official points, unless the Non-Member wins the Official Tournament and subsequently accepts LPGA Membership.

### POINTS DISTRIBUTION

The winner of each Official Tournament will receive 500 *Race to the CME Globe* points.

The five Major Championships will carry 30% more value and the winner of each Major Championship will receive 650 *Race to the CME Globe* points.

For the Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational, points will be awarded to Members who make the cut; point values are for each player on the team.

Note 5: Points for finish positions held by Non-Members and by Members competing as Sponsor Invites in no-cut events will not be reallocated to the pool or allocated down to the next Member.

Note 6: Ties – Points will be distributed to those Members in tying positions using the same method currently used to distribute prize money when there is a tie. That is, the total points for each tying position will be averaged by all players in the tying position and that average will be distributed to each Member in the tying position.



## POINT DISTRIBUTION BY FINISH POSITION

The table below shows the specific number of points awarded to each position in each type of LPGA tournament:

Finish Position	LPGA Official Events	LPGA Major Championship Events	Dow Great Lakes	Finish Position	LPGA Official Events	LPGA Major Championship Events	Dow Great Lakes
			Bay Invitational (per each player on team)				Bay Invitational (per each player on team)
1	500	650	410	41	14	18.2	-
2	320	416	205	42	13	16.9	-
3	230	299	132.5	43	12	15.6	-
4	180	234	95	44	11	14.3	-
5	145	188.5	77.5	45	10	13	-
6	120	156	67.5	46	9.5	12.35	-
7	100	130	58.5	47	9	11.7	-
8	90	117	54	48	8.5	11.05	-
9	80	104	50	49	8	10.4	-
10	75	97.5	46	50	7.5	9.75	-
11	70	91	42	51	7	9.1	-
12	65	84.5	38	52	6.5	8.45	-
13	60	78	34	53	6	7.8	-
14	57	74.1	30	54	5.5	7.15	-
15	55	71.5	26	55	5	6.5	-
16	53	68.9	23.5	56	4.8	6.24	-
17	51	66.3	21.5	57	4.6	5.98	-
18	49	63.7	19.5	58	4.4	5.72	-
19	47	61.1	17.5	59	4.2	5.46	-
20	45	58.5	15.5	60	4	5.2	-
21	43	55.9	13.5	61	3.8	4.94	-
22	41	53.3	11.5	62	3.6	4.68	-
23	39	50.7	9.75	63	3.4	4.42	-
24	37	48.1	8.75	64	3.2	4.16	-
25	35	45.5	7.75	65	3	3.9	-
26	33	42.9	6.75	66	2.8	3.64	-
27	31	40.3	5.75	67	2.6	3.38	-
28	29	37.7	4.9	68	2.4	3.12	-
29	27	35.1	4.5	69	2.2	2.86	-
30	25	32.5	4.1	70	2	2.6	-
31	24	31.2	3.7	71	1.9	2.47	-
32	23	29.9	3.3	72	1.8	2.34	-
33	22	28.6	2.9	73	1.7	2.21	-
34	21	27.3	2.5	74	1.6	2.08	-
35	20	26	2.1	75	1.5	1.95	-
36	19	24.7	1.85	76	1.4	1.82	-
37	18	23.4	1.65	77	1.3	1.69	-
38	17	22.1	1.45	78	1.2	1.56	-
39	16	20.8	1.25	79	1.1	1.43	-
40	15	19.5	1.05	80+	1	1.3	-

*Note 7:* Finish positions 80 and higher carry the same point value.

*Note 8:* Race to CME Globe Points will be calculated to three decimal places.

### CME GROUP TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

The *CME Group Tour Championship* field will be determined as follows:

60 Members (plus ties) on the *Race to the CME Globe* Points List, ranked in the order of their position on the standings at the conclusion of the event held immediately prior to the CME Group Tour Championship

The winner of the *CME Group Tour Championship* will be named the winner of the *Race to the CME Globe*

Please note: Points will be allocated at the CME Group Tour Championship solely for the purpose of determining Priority List status for the following season.





## AON RISK REWARD CHALLENGE OFFICIAL RULES

### OVERVIEW

At selected LPGA Tour official tournaments (each, a “Tournament”) during the 2022 LPGA Tour season (“Term”), the Administrator has designated a hole as the Aon Risk Reward Challenge (“ARRC”) hole, as set forth in **Exhibit 1** attached hereto, highlighting holes that require insightful and strategic decision-making to score well.

The LPGA member with the lowest average score relative to par across all ARRC holes at the end of the season will be awarded one (1) grand prize of \$1 Million US Dollars (“Grand Prize”).

### ELIGIBILITY

The ARRC is only open to current members of the LPGA Tour in good standing (as determined by LPGA) (each a “Member”). To be eligible to win the Grand Prize, a Member must have completed a minimum of forty (40) competition rounds (as a Member) from the 2022 Aon Risk Reward Challenge Schedule (as set forth in **Exhibit 1**) during the Term. If a non-member becomes a Member during the Term, she will be eligible to participate in the ARRC, effective as of the date she becomes of Member; provided that, her scores recorded on the ARRC hole(s) as a non-member will not be applied retroactively.

By participating in the ARRC, each Member agrees to accept and be bound by all terms of these Official Rules and the decisions of Administrator and/or Sponsor, which shall be final.

### CHALLENGE RULES

The ARRC begins at the *2022 Hilton Grand Vacation Tournament of Champions* (scheduled for January 20-23, 2022) and ends at the conclusion of the Tournament immediately preceding the *2022 CME Group Tour Championship*. Each Member’s best two (2) scores on the ARRC hole at each Tournament (“Qualifying Scores”) will be counted for purposes of determining the ARRC Grand Prize winner. The best two (2) scores will count regardless of whether a Member makes the cut in the Tournament (i.e. Members who make the cut will have more opportunities to card their best two (2) scores, while Members who miss the cut will be limited to two (2) chances).

If a player is disqualified or withdraws from a Tournament before the completion of thirty-six (36) holes, her scores on the ARRC hole for that Tournament will not be counted. If a player is disqualified or withdraws from a Tournament after having officially completed thirty-six (36) holes, her scores on the ARRC hole for that Tournament will be counted. However, if a player is disqualified after having completed thirty-six (36) holes due to a breach in round one (1) or round two (2), her scores will not be counted.

### SCORING

The scoring calculation used to determine the ARRC Grand Prize winner will be the eligible Member’s average score relative to par of all Qualifying Scores. In the event an ARRC hole is used in a playoff to determine the winner of a Tournament, the scoring results for those playoff holes **will not** be included for the ARRC scoring calculation.

The ARRC scoring average will be calculated to three (3) decimal places.

If there is a tie at the conclusion of the initial ARRC scoring calculation, then those Qualifying Scores from all commonly-played ARRC holes by the tied Members will be compared based on their average score relative to par. If a tie remains after the calculation described in the preceding sentence, the average of the Qualifying Scores from the Members still tied will be compared for the commonly-played ARRC holes in chronological order starting from the most recently played Tournament (i.e. last Tournament first, etc.) and working backwards until one Member has a lower average score than all other tied Members. If a tie still remains, the average of all scores from commonly-played ARRC holes by the tied Members will be compared for the commonly-played ARRC holes in chronological order starting from the most recently played Tournament with the same number of rounds completed by the tied Members, and working backwards until one Member has a lower average score than all other tied Members. In the event that this tie-breaker process does not result in a Grand Prize winner, the Administrator will determine the winner.

### PRIZING

The Grand Prize consists of One Million U.S. Dollars (\$1,000,000) (approximate retail value (“ARV”) of the Grand Prize is: \$1,000,000). There are no other prizes (e.g., for second or third place). The reporting and payment of any tax liabilities incurred by the Grand Prize winner as a result of this challenge is the sole responsibility of such winner. The ARRC Grand Prize winner may, in the discretion of Administrator, be required to complete an affidavit of eligibility, prize acceptance and liability/publicity release, and IRS Form W9.

### RELEASE

By participating in the ARRC each Member grants to Administrator, Sponsor and each of their licensees, and its and their successors, assigns and sub-licensees the right and permission to use Member’s name, image, and likeness for advertising, promotional and/or publicity purposes in connection with the ARRC. Member releases and agrees to hold harmless Sponsor, Administrator and their respective parent, subsidiaries, affiliates, suppliers, distributors, advertising and promotion agencies, and each of their respective officers, directors, members, shareholders, employees, independent contractors, agents, representatives, successors and assigns (collectively, “Released Entities”) from any and all liability for damages, losses or injury resulting from participation in the ARRC, acceptance of a prize or errors in these Official Rules, including but not limited to, invasion of privacy (under appropriation, intrusion,

public disclosure of private facts, false light in the public eye or other legal theory), defamation, slander, libel, violation of right of publicity, infringement of trademark, copyright or other intellectual property rights.

## **GENERAL RULES**

Administrator reserves the right at its sole discretion to disqualify any individual who tampers or attempts to tamper with the competition process or the operation of the ARRC; violates the Official Rules; or acts in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner, or with intent to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other person or fellow player. Failure by Administrator to enforce any term of these Official Rules shall not constitute a waiver of that term. If, for any reason, the ARRC is not capable of completion as planned, including infection by computer virus, bugs, weather, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes beyond the control of Administrator which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the ARRC, then Administrator reserves the right at its sole discretion to cancel the ARRC and Administrator may (but is not obligated to) determine the applicable winner from among all eligible scores received prior to cancellation.

## **GOVERNING LAW**

The ARRC is subject to all applicable federal, state, provincial, territorial, municipal and local laws and regulations. Issues concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Official Rules shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. All disputes arising out of or connected with the ARRC will be resolved individually, and without resort to class action, exclusively by a state or federal court located in Volusia County, Florida. All judgments or awards shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket damages (excluding attorneys' fees) associated with participation in the ARRC and shall not include any indirect, punitive, incidental and/or consequential damages.

## **SPONSOR**

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## **ADMINISTRATOR**

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**EXHIBIT 1**

**2022 AON RISK REWARD CHALLENGE SCHEDULE<sup>1</sup>**

	<b>TOURNAMENT</b>	<b>COURSE</b>	<b>HOLE</b>	<b>PAR</b>
1	Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions presented by Insurance Office of America	Lake Nona Golf & Country Club	15	5
2	Gainbridge LPGA at Boca Rio	Boca Rio Golf Club	16	5
3	LPGA Drive On Championship	Crown Colony Country Club	13	4
4	HSBC Women's World Championship	Sentosa Golf Club – New Tanjong Course	13	5
5	Honda LPGA Thailand	Siam Country Club – Old Course	15	4
6	JTBC Classic presented by Barbasol	Aviara Golf Club	16	4
7	The Chevron Championship	Misson Hills Country Club, Dinah Shore Course	18	5
8	LOTTE Championship	Hoakalei Country Club	11	5
9	DIO Implant LA Open	Wilshire Country Club	15	5
10	Palos Verdes Championship presented by Bank of America	Palos Verdes Golf Club	16	5
11	Cognizant Founders Cup	Montclair Country Club	12	5
12	U.S. Women's Open	Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club	TBD	TBD
13	ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer	Stockton Seaview Hotel & Golf Club – Bay Course	18	5
14	Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give	Blythefield Country Club	14	5
15	KPMG Women's PGA Championship	Congressional CC	11	5
16	The Amundi Evian Championship	Evian Resort Golf Club	18	5
17	Trust Golf Women's Scottish Open	Dundonald Links	14	5
18	AIG Women's Open	Muirfield	TBD	TBD
19	CP Women's Open	Ottawa Hunt & Golf Club	18	5
20	Dana Open presented by Marathon	Highland Meadows Golf Club	17	5
21	Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G	Kenwood Country Club	TBD	TBD
22	Portland Classic	TBD	TBD	TBD
23	Walmart NW Arkansas Championship	Pinnacle Country Club	14	5
24	Volunteers of America Classic	Old American Golf Club	17	5
25	LPGA MEDIHEAL Championship	The Saticoy Club	TBD	TBD
26	Buick LPGA Shanghai	Qizhong Garden Golf Club	17	5
27	BMW Ladies Championship	TBD	TBD	TBD
28	Taiwan Swinging Skirts LPGA	Miramar Golf Club	8	4
29	TOTO Japan Classic	Seta Golf Club	17	5
30	Pelican Women's Championship	Pelican Golf Club	14	5

<sup>1</sup> Subject to change



TOURNAMENT AND PLAYER REGULATIONS

The LPGA Tour (including membership), tournaments and competition are governed by the Tour and Member Regulations, Tournament and Player Regulations, The Rules of Competition and the Sporting Regulations along with the attachments, addendums, policies and other documents referenced therein, collectively referred to as the "Regulations." Participation in an Official Tournament is subject to the Regulations.

The Regulations may be amended or repealed from time to time, as permitted pursuant to the Regulations.

These Tournament and Player Regulations shall be read in conjunction with the Eligibility Statement for the specific tournament.

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## Article I. DEFINITIONS

In these Tournament and Player Regulations, capitalized terms shall have the meanings set forth below in the Glossary (in the Sporting Regulations), unless the context specifically indicates otherwise.

## Article II. ELIGIBILITY FOR PLAY

### A. General Rule.

Any Player who fulfills the requirements for age, gender and other eligibility criteria set forth in the Regulations, is eligible for participation in Official Tournaments, on the condition that such Player, if a Non-Member, executes the Tournament Entry Agreement as part of the Tournament Entry for the applicable Tournament, or if a Member executes the Membership Agreement as part of the Membership Application / Registration.

### B. Eligible Players.

1. Members and Non-Members who satisfy all applicable provisions of the Regulations are eligible to participate in Official Tournaments.
2. An LPGA Professionals Member who is active in LPGA Professionals Class A or B, who is not a Member, may enter one (1) Official Co-Sponsored Tournament each calendar year falling in behind category 19 on the Priority List. Entries must be received prior to the Commitment Deadline, and they will be accepted in the order that they are received. An LPGA Professionals Member may only enter the Co-Sponsored Tournament closest to her place of employment. This provision does not apply to a Major Championship.
3. Eligible Players will be subject to and must comply with the LPGA Anti-Doping Program and Integrity Program. Members wishing to compete in an Official Tournament must first complete the mandatory integrity training. Members may be withdrawn from an Official Tournament if the training has not been completed.

### C. Ineligible Players.

1. Any Player who is serving a suspension under the LPGA Anti-Doping Program or Integrity Program, or otherwise is not in compliance with the LPGA Anti-Doping Program or Integrity Program, shall not be eligible to participate in any Official Tournament.
2. Any Player who is serving a suspension from the LPGA or Epson Tour for any reason shall not be eligible to participate in any Official Tournament.
3. Any Member whose membership is reinstated after having been suspended will be subject to review under the criteria applicable to her class of membership as stated in the Tour and Member Regulations.

### D. Minors.

1. To be eligible for a tournament, players seventeen (17) years of age or younger at the time they enter a tournament ("**Minor Player**") are subject to the following:
  - a. The Minor Player's parent or legal guardian must execute a Minor Addendum to the Tournament Entry Agreement.
  - b. The Minor must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all times (in player housing, during the Pro-Am and when required to be at an Official Tournament function, such as a Pro-Am party, sponsor reception, outside-the-ropes activity, etc.). For the avoidance of doubt, such Minor Player will not be allowed to play in the tournament if she is not accompanied by her parent or authorized guardian.

### E. Gender Policy.

1. All Players are subject to the LPGA Gender Policy, as amended from time to time, which addresses the gender eligibility requirements for entry into and participation in tournaments. An athlete shall be eligible if they (i) were born female, or (ii) comply with the LPGA Gender Policy. An athlete who fails or refuses to comply with the applicable Regulations shall not be eligible for entry or participation in a tournament.

### F. Ties within the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings.

1. For determining entry into Co-Sponsored Tournaments based on the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings ("**Rankings**"), if there is a tie(s) for the final Rankings spot(s), the tie will be broken by the following criteria, in order:
2. Total official Rolex World Golf Ranking points earned in the most recent 52-week period as of the cut-off for determining players from the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings.
3. Total official Rolex World Golf Ranking points earned in the most recent 13-week period, as of the cut-off for determining players from the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings.

### G. Ties within the Points List

1. For determining entry into Co-Sponsored Tournaments based on the Points List, if there is a tie(s) for the final spot(s) in the field based on Points, the tie will be broken by the following criteria, in order:
  - a. Member's position on the current-year Money List as of the cut-off for determining Members from the Points List.

- b. Member's position on the official Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings as of the cut-off for determining Members from the Points List.

#### H. Sponsor Invitations.

1. All female professional golfers, including Members and LPGA Professionals Members, are eligible to participate as Sponsor Invites in a maximum of six (6) Official Tournaments in one (1) season. Amateur players may accept a maximum of six (6) sponsor invitations per season. Amateurs must have a World Handicap System index of 2.0 or less established at a golf course(s) with yardage of 6,200 yards or more.
  - However, competing in a Local Qualifying Round pursuant to a sponsor invitation is considered as participation in a tournament as a sponsor invitation for purposes of determining the maximum number of sponsor invitations.
2. Invitations to the U.S. Women's Open and the AIG Women's Open do not count against the six (6) tournaments in which any Player may participate as a Sponsor Invite.
3. For Co-Sponsored Tournaments with a cut, the tournament must notify LPGA of its sponsor invitations by the Sponsor Invitation Deadline as noted on the Eligibility Statement, or within one hour of the completion of the Local Qualifying Round (whichever is later). In the event a Sponsor Invite withdraws prior to the Sponsor Invitation Deadline, the tournament may replace such Sponsor Invite with another Sponsor Invite up until the Sponsor Invitation Deadline listed on the Eligibility Statement.
4. For all Co-Sponsored Tournaments with no cut, the tournament must notify the LPGA of its sponsor invitations by Sponsor Invitation Deadline as noted on the Eligibility Statement, unless otherwise determined by LPGA. If the Sponsor Invite withdraws (either before or after the invitation deadline), alternates will first be determined by the tournament. If there is not a Sponsor Invite available, then the spot will be filled by the next available Member from the Alternate List.

#### I. Insurance.

Every entrant in LPGA Co-Sponsored Tournaments must have liability coverage in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit bodily injury/property damage for each occurrence, with LPGA and its subsidiary, affiliated and related entities named as additional insured at no cost thereto. This insurance is included with the payment of a Member's annual dues and is included in the tournament entry fee for Non-Members.

### Article III. CONDUCT OF TOURNAMENTS

#### A. Entering a Tournament.

1. **Process:** Members wishing to enter a Co-Sponsored Tournament must either commit via the Portal or call LPGA Headquarters, Monday – Friday from 8:30am-5:30pm ET. Non-Members must enter using the online entry link provided by LPGA.  
*\*\*\*Voice mail messages left on any answering machine will not constitute an official commitment and it is the sole responsibility of the Member to confirm that her commitments have been processed and accepted.*
2. **Timing:** Unless otherwise posted, commitments must be made prior to the Commitment Deadline as stated on the published Eligibility Statement – typically 5:00pm ET on the Tuesday the week prior to the tournament. Exception – A Player competing as a Sponsor Invite, or through a spot held for the winner or a top-10 finisher, will be committed to such event when identified and in accordance with the applicable Eligibility Statement.
3. **Late Entries:** Members wishing to enter a Co-Sponsored Tournament after the Commitment Deadline must contact the Advance Official for the tournament she wishes to enter before Monday (of Tournament Week) at 5:00pm local time (at tournament site). Late entries will be accepted in the order that they are received by the Advance Official and placed immediately after any remaining Members on the Alternate List and before any additional Sponsor Invites or Epson Tour members.
4. Members entering a tournament late may enter and play in the Local Qualifying Round provided the late entry is received prior to the entry deadline for the Local Qualifying Round. Members gaining entry into the event after having late entered will be assessed a penalty of \$200 in addition to the standard entry fee.

#### B. Amateur Players.

Prior to playing the 1<sup>st</sup> round, each amateur must submit a Confirmation of Status for Amateur Players Form to the Rules Officials, confirming such Player's status as an amateur or notifying the Tour of the amateur's intent to compete as a professional in such Tournament

#### C. Withdrawing from a Tournament Prior to the Commitment Deadline.

1. **Process:** Players may withdraw from Co-Sponsored Tournaments through the Portal or by calling LPGA Headquarters, Monday through Friday, from 8:30am – 5:30pm ET. Members may withdraw for any reason prior to the Commitment Deadline.  
*\*\*\*Voice mail messages left on any mobile phone or answering machine will not constitute an official withdrawal. Additionally, attempted withdrawals made by any person (i.e., player agent, caddie, family member, etc.) other than the Member will not constitute an official withdrawal.*



2. Timing: Unless otherwise posted, withdrawals may be made without penalty prior to the Commitment Deadline for each Co-Sponsored Tournament.

**D. Withdrawing from a Tournament After the Commitment Deadline – Late Withdrawals (both off-site and on-site).**

1. Withdrawals made after the Commitment Deadline will be considered late withdrawals.
  - a. Players may only withdraw after the Commitment Deadline for reasons of injury or other disability which requires medical attention, or serious personal emergency, such as the funeral or serious illness of a family member or close personal friend.

*\*Members Only:* Upon withdrawal, the Member must notify LPGA of the reason for the withdrawal and within fifteen (15) days of the withdrawal, submit written evidence supporting such reason to the Chief Tour Operations Officer. For withdrawals related to injury or illness, if reasonable, a Member must receive medical attention within forty-eight (48) hours of the withdrawal. The Member's letter must include additional documentation from an appropriately qualified and licensed medical physician, or the on-site physical therapist(s) designated by LPGA substantiating the nature of the ailment and prescribed treatment. Letters from chiropractors, outside physical therapists, acupuncturists, etc. will not be accepted.

*Note: Fatigue will not be considered a valid reason for withdrawal.*

2. While on-site (present at tournament site), a Player may late withdraw from the current week's tournament by speaking directly with a Rules Official.
3. While off-site (has not traveled to the current week's tournament site), a Player may late withdraw from the current week's tournament by calling a Rules Official at the tournament site, or by calling LPGA Tournament Operations at LPGA Headquarters. Email withdrawals will not be accepted.
4. To late withdraw for a tournament other than the current week's event, a Player must call either LPGA Tournament Operations at LPGA Headquarters or the Advance Official for the tournament from which the Player wishes to withdraw. Contact information for the Advance Official is listed on the Tournament Fact Sheet.
5. Players who are on the Alternate List may remove themselves from the list via the Portal both before and after the Commitment Deadline.

**E. Penalties for Late Withdrawals (on-site and off-site) within the Season.**

1. All Members will receive one free late withdrawal if the first late withdrawal is received prior to 5:00pm ET on the Friday immediately following the Commitment Deadline. Members who withdraw after 5:00pm ET on the Friday immediately following the Commitment Deadline, or who are withdrawn per Article III Section G 6 (i), or are disqualified for failing to arrive on the tee as required, from a Co-Sponsored Tournament are subject to the following fines:
  - First, second and third late withdrawal = \$1,000.
  - Fourth and subsequent late withdrawals = \$5,000 for each occurrence
2. Members who withdraw from the current week's Co-Sponsored Tournament after play starts and before the completion of 36 holes are subject to the following fines:
  - First, second and third late withdrawal = \$1,000
  - Four (4) or more late withdrawals = \$5,000 for each occurrence.
3. A Player who begins play in an Official Tournament may only withdraw during a round because of injury or other disability which requires medical attention, or serious personal emergency. Upon withdrawing, the Player must notify a Rules Official immediately upon discontinuing play during the round and give the reason for the withdrawal. Failure to notify a Rules Official will result in a fine of five-hundred dollars (\$500).

A Member must also, within a period of fifteen (15) days of the withdrawal, submit written evidence supporting such reason to the Chief Tour Operations Officer.

For withdrawals related to injury or illness, a Member's letter must include additional documentation from an appropriately qualified and licensed medical physician, or the on-site physical therapist(s) designated by the LPGA substantiating the nature of the ailment and prescribed treatment. (Letters from chiropractors, outside physical therapists, acupuncturists, etc. will not be accepted.) Failure to do so will result in a fine as a late withdrawal.

4. A Player who has withdrawn or has been disqualified from a tournament may not use the practice facilities at the tournament site during the week of the tournament. Such Player will be subject to a fine of five-hundred dollars (\$500).
5. If a Player withdraws either before or during any round of an Official Tournament for any reason, and the round is canceled, the Player is deemed to have withdrawn from the tournament and she is no longer eligible to compete in the tournament.

**F. Penalties for Late Withdrawals from International Co-Sponsored Tournaments.**



When a Member withdraws from an International Co-Sponsored Tournament after the late withdrawal deadline and before the completion of thirty-six (36) holes the late withdrawal fine shall be two-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$2,500), plus any costs incurred by LPGA or tournament due to the withdrawal.

Appeals of all late withdrawal fines must be submitted pursuant to Penalties, Appeals, Review And Dispute Resolution Policy of the Sporting Regulations. Medical appeals must be accompanied by documented medical proof (limited to an insurance claim form, a copy of the medical bill for services received at that time, or a doctor's report).

This regulation applies to the following tournaments – Honda LPGA Thailand, HSBC Women's World Championship, Buick Shanghai LPGA, BMW Ladies Championship, Swinging Skirts LPGA Taiwan Championship, TOTO Japan Classic. Additional tournaments may be included in this provision if added to the LPGA Tour schedule after the publication of the Regulations.

#### G. Alternate.

Players who have withdrawn from a tournament will be replaced in the tournament field by the next available Player on the Alternate List. Alternates for the field each week will not be contacted by LPGA. It is the Players' responsibility to be aware of their priority and Alternate List status. Players with questions about their status should contact LPGA Headquarters or the LPGA Advance Rules Official. There is no penalty for removing your name from the Alternate List at any time, provided you have not already gained entry into the tournament field.

#### H. Registration And Entry Fees.

1. Co-Sponsored Tournaments: Players participating in a Co-Sponsored Tournament should register on-site before playing the tournament course in practice, Pro-Am or tournament play. Registration will be considered complete once the Player writes her initials next to her name on the tournament registration sign-in sheet and provides a local phone number and the name of her caddie. Players who have not registered or contacted a Rules Official on site within thirty (30) minutes of their first-round starting time established by the Rules Committee will be withdrawn and replaced by Alternates.
2. The entry fee for a Co-Sponsored Tournament is typically two hundred dollars (\$200). Amateurs and Non-Member professionals (except for Epson Tour Members) shall pay a thirty-dollar (\$30) insurance fee in addition to the standard entry fee.
3. Entry fees for Non-Members must be paid via the online Portal after the Commitment Deadline and prior to the start of Tournament Week.
4. **Entry fees must be paid by credit card ONLY.**
5. LPGA Members and Epson Tour Members must log onto the Portal and enter valid credit card information. Except for the U.S. Women's Open and the AIG Women's Open, entry fees for LPGA Members and Epson Tour Members will be automatically charged to the credit card on file after the first round of each tournament.
6. If the entry fee transaction fails for any reason, the LPGA Member or Epson Tour Member must log back into the Portal, enter a valid credit card and pay the entry fee listed on her transaction page.
7. Failure to pay an entry fee through the Portal within two (2) weeks after the tournament for which the entry fee was due will result in a fine of \$100 for each occurrence. Repeated failure to successfully pay an entry fee may result in a violation of The Code of Conduct.
8. Entry fees (but not Local Qualifying Round entry fees) will be refunded only if a Player withdraws prior to the start of her first round of the tournament.

### Article IV. PRIZE MONEY AND POINTS

#### A. Official.

Except as otherwise provided for in these Regulations, official prize money is money won in Official Tournaments and official Points are points earned in Official Tournaments. Prize money in Co-Sponsored Tournaments shall be distributed in accordance with the formula adopted by LPGA, unless otherwise determined by LPGA for particular tournaments. Points will be distributed in all Official Tournaments in accordance with the Race to CME Globe Point breakdown.

#### B. Non-Members.

Any money or Points won/earned by a Non-Member Professional in an Official Tournament shall be unofficial. If a Non-Member wins an Official Tournament, meets all other eligible criteria of membership, and accepts membership at the conclusion of that Official Tournament, she will earn official money and Points from the tournament she won and from any tournament she participates in after becoming a Member. Amateur players are not eligible for money and points either official or unofficial.

#### C. Unofficial.

Any money or Points won in circumstances other than those described above shall be considered unofficial, including without limitation:

1. Any prize money or Points won/earned in a tournament which does not satisfy the criteria of an Official Tournament.

2. Any money or Points won/earned in a tournament played as a partnership with only one (1) score (unless otherwise determined by the Office of the Commissioner).
3. Any money or Points won/earned in Pro-Am events (unless otherwise determined by the Office of the Commissioner).
4. Any prize money added by the tournament for distribution to professional players missing the cut.
5. Certain prize money or Points won/earned by Members in Official Tournaments as determined by the Office of the Commissioner to be unofficial.
6. Any money distributed to a Member who has withdrawn from an Official Tournament after having made the cut in such tournament and any money distributed to a Member who has withdrawn from an Official Tournament without a cut after having started play in such tournament.
7. Any money or Points won/earned by a Member, in an Official Tournament without a cut, if such Member gained entry into the field after the late entry deadline and was not ranked #1-5 on the Alternate List for each respective tournament as of the late entry deadline.

#### D. Sponsor Invite Money and Points.

1. Prize money and Points earned by a Member participating as a Sponsor Invite in Official Tournaments with a cut will be considered official for the current season's Money List/Points List.
2. Prize money and Points earned by a Member participating as a Sponsor's Invite in Official Tournaments without a cut will be considered unofficial for the current year's Money List/Points List.
  - a. However, If the Member wins the tournament, the win will be considered an official LPGA win, and it will be counted towards qualification for the LPGA and World Golf Halls of Fame. The Member's prize money and Points will also be official for the current season's Money List/Points List.
  - b. If the Member fails to properly commit to the event, but is granted a Sponsor Invite, her money and Points will be official if she would have gained entry into the event had she committed to the event by the Commitment Deadline.
3. Prize money Points earned by a Member qualifying to participate in Official Tournaments without a cut through eligibility criteria from a tour other than the LPGA, will be considered unofficial for the current year's Money List/Points List.
  - a. However, if the Member wins the tournament, the win will be considered an official LPGA win, and it will be counted towards qualification for the LPGA and World Golf Halls of Fame. The Member's prize money and Points will also be official for the current season's Money List/Points List.
4. For purposes of tracking whether money and Points become official, Members who receive Sponsor Invites or qualify via another tour's eligibility category into Official Tournaments without a cut will be tracked on the Alternate List until the last Player in the starting times has hit her first tee shot in the first round of the tournament.
  - a. If such Member would have officially gained entry into the field from the Alternate List by the late entry deadline for the tournament, her earnings and Points will be considered official on the current season's Money list and Points List.
  - b. If such Member would have officially gained entry into the field from the Alternate List after the late entry deadline, her earnings and Points will be considered official only if she was one of the first five (5) Alternates on the Alternate List as of the late entry deadline.

#### E. Prize Money for Withdrawal after the Cut.

1. In Co-Sponsored Tournaments with cuts, a Member who withdraws after having made the cut shall be awarded prize money as follows, provided that the purse distribution is determined and distributed by LPGA. (*Note: This regulation may not apply to the AIG Women's Open, the U.S. Women's Open and other designated tournaments.*)
  - The Member shall receive last-place prize money;
  - The prize money won by the Member shall be deemed unofficial; and
  - No Points will be awarded.
2. In Official Tournaments without a cut, a Member who starts the tournament, but withdraws prior to the completion of the tournament, shall be awarded prize money as follows, provided that the purse distribution is determined and distributed by LPGA.
  - The Member shall receive last-place prize money;
  - The prize money won by the Member shall be deemed unofficial; and
  - No Points will be awarded.
3. Disqualified Players. A Player who has been disqualified from a Co-Sponsored Tournament is not eligible to receive any prize money.

### Article V. PAIRINGS, STARTING TIMES and STATISTICS

#### A. Pairings.

The Rules Committee will pair all Players and make starting times for the Tournament. The Rules Committee may alter the sequences of pairings and starting times depending on weather conditions, available daylight, TV broadcast times and other unusual circumstances. If a Pro-Am is conducted, the tournament has the full responsibility for amateur pairings.

A Player who is disqualified for failing to arrive on the tee as required will be replaced by the first Alternate from the Alternate List. If the first Alternate is not available, she will be replaced by the next available Alternate on the Alternate List until the next starting time is called, or in the case of the last starting time, a starting interval has expired. It is the responsibility of the Alternate to be available to replace the disqualified Player immediately upon disqualification.

## B. Starting Times.

1. **Starting Times** – In each Standard Eligibility Tournament, unless otherwise posted and determined by LPGA, all Players will be paired in either an “A” time, a “B” time or a “C” time. Players who fit the criteria for more than one time will receive the starting time for which they qualify in the following order – A, B, C. A Member who has won an Official Tournament and is ranked in Priority List categories #1-12, and is not in an “A” time, will be placed in a “B” time. Additionally, one Player not otherwise qualified for “B” each week in Official Tournaments using the “A”, “B”, “C” tee-time configuration may be included in “B” times.

A maximum of forty-eight (48) Members will receive “A” starting times based on the following order of priority:

LPGA and/or World Golf Hall of Fame Members

- Members who have won an Official Tournament in the previous or current season
- Members within the top 25 of the Rolex Women’s World Golf Rankings
- Members within the top 25 on the Career Money List
- Members from the Points List

Twenty-four (24) Players will receive “C” times based on the following order of priority:

- Sponsor Invites
- Qualifiers (from the Local Qualifying Round)
- (Through the 7<sup>th</sup> tournament of the 2022 LPGA Tour season) Members from the current-year Priority List working from the bottom of the list up.
- (After the 7<sup>th</sup> tournament of the 2022 LPGA Tour season) Members from the current-year Points List working from the bottom of the list up.

Remaining players will receive “B” times

*Note: The previous year’s List Points List will be used for the first seven (7) tournaments to determine “A” pairings. After the 7<sup>th</sup> tournament of the 2022 LPGA Tour season, the current-year Points List will be used.*

- When the Pro-Am is the day before the scheduled first round, best efforts will be used to not place Members with Pro-Am tee times after 1:00 PM local time in the morning wave for the first round of the tournament. If the Pro-Am is a 9/9 format, best efforts will be used to not place Members with Pro-Am tee times after 3:00 PM local time in the morning wave for the first round of the tournament.

## C. Statistics.

Statistics will be tallied by volunteers at most Official Tournaments. For events when volunteers are unable to collect statistics or when KPMG Performance Insights stat cards are being used, Players and/or their caddies must keep statistics on the designated “stat card.” Stat cards must be returned, along with the score card, after every tournament round. A Player who violates this regulation will incur a fine of \$100 for each occurrence. Statistics are official for all completed official rounds. A round is considered official when the player has completed a stipulated round and has properly returned the scorecard for such round.

*Note: A Player must be an Active Member to (a) be officially ranked in published LPGA statistical categories; and (b) be eligible for designated statistical awards.*

## Article VI. CADDIE ASSIGNMENTS

### A. Player Responsibility.

1. Each Player is responsible for the actions of her caddie during the tournament. A caddie who violates any Regulation, or whose actions or conduct reflects unfavorably upon the Tour, will subject his/her Player to penalties and/or fines as determined by the Tour.

### B. Caddie Requirements.

1. Any caddie participating in a Co-Sponsored Tournament, must be a registered caddie with the Tour. LPGA reserves the right to approve or deny the application for caddie registration and may revoke a caddie registration in its sole discretion.
2. All Players in Co-Sponsored Tournaments shall use caddies during the Local Qualifying Round and all practice rounds, Pro-Am rounds and competition rounds, unless a Rules Official grants permission to waive this rule. After 5:00PM, a Player may practice on the golf course without a caddie when practice putting only.
3. Members are responsible for securing an LPGA-issued caddie credential for their caddies. Failure to secure a credential for a caddie will result in a fine of \$250.

#### C. Local Caddies.

1. A Player may bring her own caddie or request a local caddie through the tournament office. Only Players who request a local caddie through the tournament office will be assigned one.
2. The following regulations must be followed when requesting a local caddie:
  - a. The Player must state the day she wants the local caddie to be available. If no day is stated, the local caddie will be available beginning Monday of Tournament Week. Payment is expected for each day from Monday (or another day if stated) through the Player's last round.
  - b. Alternates not yet in the tournament will be given a local caddie under the same guidelines only if enough caddies are available.
  - c. A Player requesting a caddie shall take the caddie assigned to her by the caddie chairman. If the caddie is unsatisfactory, the Player may be assigned another caddie by the caddie chairman.
  - d. Local caddies shall be paid according to guidelines as determined by the tournament. Guidelines will be outlined on the Tournament Fact Sheet.

#### D. Non-Members Caddying.

A Non-Member may not caddie or continue to caddie in a Local Qualifying Round for any Co-Sponsored Tournament for which she gains entry. Additionally, a Non-Member may not caddie in a Co-Sponsored Tournament in which she is also a Player.

A Non-Member who violates this policy will be withdrawn from the applicable tournament as both caddie and Player.

### Article VII. ACCESS INSIDE THE ROPES

#### A. Inside-the-Ropes.

The following applies to anyone access the "Inside-the-ropes" area, which includes the tournament course and practice facilities.

#### B. Player Support Team.

1. **Practice Rounds** - A Player may be accompanied by a maximum of three (3) properly credentialed people "inside-the-ropes" during any practice round.
2. **Pro-Am Rounds** - A Player may be accompanied by a maximum of two (2) properly credentialed people during a Pro-Am round.
3. **Practice Putting Green** - A Player may be accompanied by only one (1) person on the practice putting green at any given time to retrieve pitch and run shots (no lofted shots) and/or to assist the Player in a teaching capacity (i.e., helping the player with alignment, putting stroke technique, etc.). Retrieving putts is not permitted.
4. Suspended Members are strictly prohibited from being "inside-the-ropes" at any time. A suspended Member who violates this regulation will be removed from the tournament site.
5. **Fine.** Players who violate this regulation will incur a fine of \$500.

#### C. Penalties.

1. If any person "inside-the-ropes" adversely affect the Player's interaction with Pro-Am partners or with the practice by another Player during practice rounds or on the practice facilities, the following penalties will apply -
  - a. **First complaint** - Warning to both the Player and the person Inside-the-Ropes
  - b. **Second complaint** - A fine of \$500 to the Player and a temporary suspension of "inside-the-ropes" privileges to the person (length of suspension to be determined by LPGA in its sole discretion).
  - c. **Third and subsequent complaints** will be handled on a case-by-case basis by LPGA.

### Article VIII. PRO-AM EVENTS

#### A. Regulations for Pro-Ams.

The following regulations apply to all Players in a Pro-Am:

1. All Professional Players entered in the final field must compete in and complete the Pro-Am for that tournament if they are (a) a Pro-Am tournament selection; (b) the defending champion; or (c) qualify via the standard Pro-Am selection criteria, unless they choose to take a Pro-Am withdrawal.
2. Any Professional Player in the final field may play as the Professional of a Pro-Am team.
3. Professional Players who are not eligible to compete in the tournament may be the Professional Player of a Pro-Am team only with the specific approval of LPGA.
4. An amateur may play in the spot reserved for a Professional unless such amateur is under the age of 18.
5. Tournaments may, on a case-by-case basis, allow Professionals to play in an amateur position on a Pro-Am team.
6. Members will qualify to play in the Pro-Am according to their position on the Points List. Unless otherwise posted, the previous season-ending Points List shall be used to qualify Members for the first seven (7) tournaments of the current season, and the current season's Points List shall be used for the remaining tournaments. If there are not enough Members on the Points List to fill all the professional Pro-Am spots, Members may be assigned to the Pro-Am based on their position on the Priority List.
7. A tournament may select up to 20 Players in the final field including LPGA and/or World Golf Hall of Fame Members, not otherwise qualified, to participate in the Pro-Am as a "sponsor selection". If selected by the tournament to participate in the Pro-Am, all Players, except LPGA Hall and/or World Golf Hall of Fame Members, are required to either play in the Pro-Am or take a Pro-Am withdrawal. Hall of Fame members may elect to not play in the Pro-Am as a sponsor selection without the need to take a Pro-Am withdrawal.
8. Players chosen as sponsor selections will be included in the Pro-Am pairings at the time of their release. Thereafter, replacements will be made according to the Regulations.

#### B. Pro-Am Withdrawals – All Co-Sponsored Tournaments.

The following regulations regarding Pro-Am withdrawals will govern all Professional Players (including Alternates) in the Pro-Am at Co-Sponsored Tournaments:

1. A Player may withdraw from one (1) Pro-Am per season without penalty. If a Player withdraws from a Pro-Am either before or during the round, it will be considered a Pro-Am withdrawal.
2. If a Player withdraws for a second time in a season, the Player shall incur a fine of one-thousand dollars (\$1000). If for any reason the fine is waived, the withdrawal will still count as the second Pro-Am withdrawal. An appeal for the second Pro-Am withdrawal must be submitted in accordance with the Penalties, Appeals, Review And Dispute Resolution Policy of the Sporting Regulations.
3. Three (3) or more withdrawals from Pro-Ams within a season will result in the Player's withdrawal from the tournament with no appeals accepted.
4. A tournament may grant a Pro-Am withdrawal to any Player at her request, provided it is the first withdrawal for the season. The Player must make the request directly to the tournament AND notify the Advance Official, and the request must be granted before the Pro-Am pairings have been posted by LPGA. If the request is granted by the tournament, the Player may use the practice facilities on the day of the Pro-Am. The withdrawal, if granted, will count as a Pro-Am withdrawal.
5. Once Pro-Am pairings have been posted, a Player may only withdraw from a Pro-Am by speaking to a Rules Official.
6. Any Player who withdraws from a Pro-Am after the official pairings have been posted, and who uses the practice facilities or plays on the tournament course on her scheduled Pro-Am day, will be subject to a fine of \$500.  
**Exception:** The fine may be waived for a Player who, while practicing prior to the Pro-Am, establishes to the satisfaction of a Rules Official that she was unable to play due to medical reasons. A Player needing to "test" her ability to compete in the Pro-Am through limited practice, must first notify a Rules Official. Medical documentation may also be requested.
7. A Player who begins play in a Pro-Am, and subsequently withdraws from play for any reason, must notify a Rules Official immediately upon discontinuing play during the round. Failure to notify a Rules Official will result in a fine of five-hundred dollars (\$500). Such withdrawal will also constitute a Pro-Am withdrawal, and the Player may also be subject to a penalty under Section B. 6, above.
8. If a Player withdraws either before or during any Pro-Am for any reason, and the round is canceled, the Player is deemed to have withdrawn from the Pro-Am and she is no longer eligible to compete in the Pro-Am.
9. A Player who arrives to the tee within five (5) minutes of her designated Pro-Am starting time can proceed in the Pro-Am with no penalty.
10. A Player who is more than five (5) minutes late for her designated Pro-Am starting time and who does not arrive at her Pro-Am group prior to the time the first player of her Pro-Am team tee's off on the second hole, will be disqualified from the Pro-Am and withdrawn from that week's tournament.

**However,** a Player who is more than five (5) minutes late for her designated Pro-Am starting time, but who arrives at her Pro-Am group prior to the time the first player of her Pro-Am team tee's off on the second hole, will incur a fine of five-thousand dollar (\$5000) for her first offense;

and she will be disqualified for each offense thereafter. If a Player does not want to accept the fine, she will be disqualified from the Pro-Am and withdrawn from that week's tournament.

*Note: For Pro-Ams with the 9/9 format, (as with 18-hole Pro-Ams), it is the sole responsibility of the Player to ensure that she is on her starting tee at the designated published time. Pro-Am groups will not wait for their Player to arrive when making the turn.*

11. A Member who withdraws from the Pro-Am may not participate in any Other Professional Event or Personal Appearance on the day of such Pro-Am event unless the Member has been granted a Conflicting Event Release pursuant to the Tour and Member Regulations. A Conflicting Event Release on the day of a Pro-Am will also count as a Pro-Am withdrawal. If the Other Professional Event or Personal Appearance is within a 100-mile radius of the current week's tournament, the Member must also secure permission from the current week's tournament per Article IX Player Stipulations Section (A).

#### C. Pro-Am Regulations in Official Pro-Am without a Cut.

In addition to the above regulations, the following regulations will govern all Players (including Alternates) in Pro-Ams at tournaments without a cut:

1. A Player may withdraw from the Pro-Am only by providing a Rules Official with written medical documentation from a medical doctor stating that such withdrawal is warranted. The withdrawal will be counted as a Pro-Am withdrawal.
2. *Note: Documentation from a physical therapist and/or a chiropractor will not be accepted.*
3. A Member who withdraws without providing a Rules Official with written medical documentation will incur a fine of \$2,500.
4. Any Player (including an Alternate) who withdraws from the Pro-Am, but practices or plays on the tournament course on her scheduled Pro-Am day will incur a fine of \$1,000.
5. A Player who for any reason has withdrawn from the Pro-Am at the same domestic or international tournament with no cut in three (3) consecutive seasons shall be withdrawn from the tournament.

#### D. Pro-Am Alternates.

1. Members for Pro-Am events will be scheduled as Alternates and will be ranked in the order of the previous season-ending Points List for the first seven (7) tournaments of the current season. The current season's Points List shall be used for the remaining tournaments and, if needed, the Priority List. **Exception:** LPGA and/or World Golf Hall of Fame Members will not be assigned as Alternates for the Pro-Am. In the event there are not enough Members to fill alternating slots, Non-Members (who are professionals) may be scheduled as Pro-Am Alternates.
2. Alternates should "check in" with the Rules Office before their designated time bracket.
3. Alternating times do not fluctuate due to delays in tee times or suspensions due to weather or other reasons.
4. "Check in" will become official once the Alternate has signed the alternate sign-in sheet located in the Rules Office. Players should sign in, make note of their location during their alternating time slot, and provide a cell phone number where they can be reached during such time.
5. Once an Alternate is assigned an official starting time within her designated time bracket, she is no longer considered an Alternate, and she must report to the tee at the specified tee time.
6. An Alternate officially assigned to replace a Player who subsequently arrives to play pursuant to Article VIII, Sec. B. 9 Pro-Am Withdrawals above will have fulfilled her Pro-Am obligation and, as such, will not return to the Pro-Am Alternate List.

#### E. Lost Clubs.

If a Player's clubs are lost during travel to any Co-Sponsored Tournament, the Player may choose to not play in the Pro-Am by informing a Rules Official (prior to her scheduled Pro-Am tee time) that her clubs are missing, and that she is opting to not participate in the Pro-Am. A Player choosing this option may not practice at the on-site facilities; or

The Player may choose to take a Pro-Am withdrawal by informing a Rules Official (prior to her scheduled Pro-Am tee time) that her clubs are missing, and that she is opting to take her Pro-Am withdrawal. A Player choosing this option may practice at the on-site facilities, but she may not play the tournament course.

However, if an Alternate is not available, the Player must walk with her Pro-Am team. She will not be assessed a Pro-Am withdrawal and she may practice at the on-site facilities.

Additionally, if multiple Players lose their clubs, and there are not enough Alternates to fill all such Players' Pro-Am times, all Players losing their clubs will be asked by the Advance Official to share in delivering the Pro-Am experience, either by walking with the group, playing with rental clubs, etc. In this case, the Players will be permitted to practice and will not be assessed a Pro-Am withdrawal.

#### F. Pro-Am Party Attendance.



1. A Member must attend the designated or required Pro-Am party at a minimum of one-third (1/3) of the Official Tournaments in which she plays.
2. Members who do not attend the required number of Pro-Am parties will be subject to a fine of \$500 for each missed Pro-Am party.
3. Additionally, Players must attend the required Pro-Am party at all domestic and international tournaments with no cut, which attendance shall be in addition to the number of Pro-Am parties a Member is required to attend pursuant to Section F.1 above.
4. The penalty for failure to attend the required Pro-Am party at a domestic and/or international tournament with no cut is a fine of \$1,000.

## Article IX. PLAYER STIPULATIONS

### A. Tournament Approval within 100-mile Radius.

1. For the purposes of this Regulation, the current week's tournament begins on Monday at 8:00 AM and extends through Sunday at 5:00 PM local time at tournament site.
2. A Member may participate in an Other Professional Event or make a Personal Appearance within a 100-mile radius of the current week's Official Tournament only with the written permission of the tournament. Permission from the tournament must be presented to the Office of the Commissioner thirty (30) days in advance of the tournament. This radius may be expanded at the discretion of the Office of the Commissioner if deemed in the best interests of LPGA.
3. Members Only. If participation in the Other Professional Event or Personal Appearance within a 100-mile radius of the current week's Official Tournament conflicts with the Pro-Am or tournament round, the Member must also secure an approved Conflicting Event Release pursuant to the Tour and Member Regulations.
4. Members wishing to schedule Pro-Am competitions during Tournament Week within the 100-mile radius must also request and receive permission from the tournament. Permission must be presented to the Office of the Commissioner thirty (30) days in advance of the tournament.
5. A Member who violates this regulation will incur a Major Penalty.

### B. No Guarantee for Appearance.

Players may not accept excessive expense or other money (other than standard prize money) or excessive non-cash compensation for playing in an Official Tournament unless authorized by the Office of the Commissioner. If verified that a Player has accepted excessive expense or other money (other than standard prize money) or excessive non-cash compensation after the tournament has started, the Player shall be disqualified from the tournament. If verified prior to the start of the tournament, the Player's entry for the tournament shall be rejected or revoked. Additionally, a Member who violates this provision shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action by the Office of the Commissioner.

### C. No Financial Interest by One Player in Another.

A Player shall not have any financial interest, either direct or indirect, in the performance or the winnings of another Player in any Official Tournament, whether through purse-splitting, prize money "insurance," financial assistance, bets or otherwise. A Player who violates this provision shall be suspended from participating in a minimum of the next four (4) Co-Sponsored Tournaments for which she is qualified to play.

### D. Parking Facilities, Pets, Locker Room.

1. Players are only allowed one (1) vehicle in the designated player parking lot (including for herself, family, caddie, etc.) at any one time, unless otherwise posted. A Player shall not give her player credentials to anyone. A Player who violates this policy will incur a fine of \$500.
2. Parking campers or mobile homes overnight on the premises of the tournament site is prohibited. A Player who violates this rule will incur a fine of \$500.
3. Pets are permitted at tournament site throughout Tournament Week in accordance with the host club's policies. At no time may a pet be in the clubhouse or locker room, or in any area where food is prepared or served. Pets may not be inside-the-ropes and may only be walked outside-the-ropes during competition if permitted by the host club. LPGA reserves the right to remove any pet who in any way disturbs the competition, another competitor or spectator. A Player who violates this rule will incur a fine of \$100 for each occurrence.

*Note: This Regulation does not apply to Service Animals that are trained to do work or perform a task for a person with a disability. LPGA may accommodate a Service Animal for a Player or Player's family member, subject to the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") accommodation policy. Please also note that Service Animals are working animals, and dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as Service Animals under the ADA.*

4. Players shall not take advantage of club and tournament facilities by bringing friends, guests or family into the locker room or sponsor hospitality area at any time during Tournament Week unless the area is designated for such guests. A Player who violates this rule will incur a fine of \$100.
  - Exceptions may apply for Players under the age of 18.

5. Players shall not remove food from the locker room or hospitality areas for consumption by those other than themselves. A Player who violates this rule will incur a fine of \$100.

#### E. Use of Golf Carts.

1. Friends and family members of Players may not use golf carts at any Co-Sponsored Tournament, unless (a) approved by a Rules Official at that tournament; or (b) when they are participating as a member of a Pro-Am group.
2. Friends and family members of Players may use scooters outside the ropes as arranged through the tournament office or on their own.

#### F. Tournament Transportation.

A Player may request tournament transportation through the transportation committee at a tournament only for herself or another Player. If she is accompanied by someone other than a Player, that person may ride in the same car provided there is room and that no other Player is inconvenienced. A Player may only request tournament transportation prior to 10:30pm local time. Any special requests are at the discretion of the tournament based on volunteer availability. A Player may not request/require special transportation for herself and/or her family.

#### G. Courtesy Cars.

Players may be eligible to receive courtesy cars at Official Tournaments. Courtesy cars must be returned in the same condition in which they were received. Cars must be returned to the location designated by the tournament, must be free of garbage, and gas levels should be the same upon return as when the car was received. Additionally, the Player will be responsible for any costs incurred by the tournament to clean cars which are not returned in their original state.

Accidents must be reported immediately. If a courtesy car is damaged or abused in any way (by the Player or any other person driving the car/or operating as a passenger), such Player must pay for all damages and may lose all courtesy car privileges for the remainder of the season. A second violation will result in a Major Penalty and may result in permanent loss of courtesy car privileges.

Alcohol consumption by any person in a courtesy car is strictly prohibited.

### Article X. SUSPENSION OF PLAY GUIDELINES

#### A. Suspension of Play Situations.

In situations involving the suspension of play due to factors such as inclement weather, air quality, security, local health or other emergencies etc., the first priority regarding competition is to make every effort to complete all scheduled rounds. Every reasonable effort will be made to achieve this objective by Sunday which could include playing 36 holes on the final day. If this cannot be accomplished, play may be extended to Monday if conditions and the weather forecast permit.

If play is suspended, every effort will be made to resume play the same day, even when that round cannot be completed before dark. If it is impossible for the entire field to finish a scheduled round, there are two (2) options:

1. To cancel the round and play it in its entirety the next day; or
2. To finish the suspended round when conditions permit.

If less than fifty percent (50%) of the starting field completes play on a scheduled day of competition, the round may be canceled. The decision to cancel a round will be at the discretion of the Rules Committee.

#### B. Extending Play to Monday.

In making the decision to extend play beyond Sunday or to reduce the tournament to fewer than 54/72 holes, the Lead and/or Advance Official discusses the situation with various constituents, including LPGA senior staff, the tournament director, title sponsor, golf course superintendent, on-site weather forecaster, television, local authorities as applicable and other members of the Rules Committee.

1. In the case of suspended play, the objective is to complete as many rounds as possible at the scheduled time and ultimately to finish the tournament on the originally scheduled day.
2. In an effort to complete the tournament by Sunday/Monday, the Rules Committee may, at its discretion, reduce the size of the field. If the field is reduced, eliminated players who would have otherwise played in the final 18/36 holes will receive the appropriate share of official prize money and Points in accordance with their respective positions. The Rules Committee will use best efforts to reduce the field by as few players as possible to ensure the completion of the tournament. However, the Rules Committee shall not reduce the field to less than fifty (50) players plus those players tied for 50<sup>th</sup> place under any circumstances.
3. If conditions exist which prevent 54/72 holes from being completed by Sunday, play may be extended to Monday provided the course conditions and weather forecast permit it.
4. If conditions exist which make the completion of 54/72 holes impossible, the next priority is to complete 36/54 holes. To complete 36/54 holes, play may be extended to Monday provided the course conditions and weather forecast permit it.

5. If conditions exist which make the completion of 54 holes impossible, the next priority is to complete 36 holes. A minimum of 36 holes must be completed for a tournament to be considered official.

C. **Extending Play Beyond Sunday/Monday.**

In the event of a suspension during the final round being played on Sunday/Monday when more than half of the Players have completed play, the final round may be completed on Monday/Tuesday, but no later. If play cannot be completed on Monday/Tuesday, scores will revert to the last completed round.

## Article XI. MEDIA RIGHTS

*\*Members are subject to the Media Rights Article in the Tour and Member Regulations.*

A. **Ownership.**

The LPGA Tour and tournaments are the exclusive property of LPGA, which owns exclusively all rights associated therewith including, without limitation, the rights to organize, exploit, broadcast and reproduce the tournaments and Player data provided to the tournament. These rights include all images, sounds and data (including without limitation the scoring and player performance data and statistics), generated, captured or created at, during or otherwise in connection with a tournament ("**Recordings**"), regardless of ownership of the capturing device, and includes without limitation, all Recordings of the on-course competition, interviews, engagement activities, activities ancillary to the competition, and any other Recordings captured inside, outside or around the course during a Tournament and any adaptations, or creative works to, and of the Recordings, copyrightable or otherwise (collectively, "**Tournament Materials**"). All data, including without limitation scoring, results, and player performance data and statistics produced from the tournaments or link to such tournaments, are the exclusive property of LPGA and may be used commercially by LPGA.

B. **Consent to Recordings.**

By participating in a tournament, each participant agrees to be filmed, broadcasted, photographed, identified, interviewed and otherwise recorded during such tournament and assigns to LPGA, with full title guarantee and without time limitation, all rights of any nature in any such Recordings.

C. **Use of Your Likeness.**

By participating in a tournament, each participant further explicitly agrees that their image (including your name, nickname, statistics, voice, biographical information and/or other data) and/or any Recordings taken of them (or other representations), including without limitation the third-party logos and branding displayed on their attire and equipment captured in such Recordings (collectively "**Likeness**") may be used, through all forms of media worldwide, by LPGA and its licensees, successors and assigns, without prior approval (unless specifically stated below) for the purposes listed below.

1. **Promotion by LPGA.** By LPGA, for its own purposes including, but not limited to, advertising, promoting and publicizing the Tour, tournaments, youth programs (such as Girls Golf) and marketing programs (such as, #DRIVEON), players individually and collectively and the sport of golf.
2. **Promotion of Tournaments.** By LPGA and its licensees for the purposes of advertising, promoting and publicizing the tournaments.
3. **Broadcast.** By LPGA and its licensees in the live or delayed transmission or other exploitation of the tournaments or as a part of a program, film or motion picture, or other audio-visual materials, and the advertising and promotion thereof.
4. **Historical Use.** By LPGA and its licensees for the purposes of part of current or historical records, films or publications of or concerning the LPGA, LPGA Tour and tournaments.
5. **Sport Coverage.** By LPGA and its licensees for the purposes of the international media coverage of the relevant Event, or otherwise in promotion of sport of golf in the news, or in special, informational or other programs.

All participants must refrain from any action that is likely to interfere with LPGA and its licensees, successors and assigns recording, production, reproduction, publication, dissemination, or other exploitation of the rights granted herein

## ADDENDUM - LPGA CADDIE REGULATIONS

Persons who apply and are accepted as registered caddies must abide by the Regulations from the first day of the Tournament Week, until midnight of the day the final results are posted.

All additional caddie regulations or notices made available on the Portal or at the caddie check-in area of each Official Tournament shall be incorporated herein by reference.

### A. Tournament Registration.

1. When permitted to bring their own caddies, Players shall provide the caddie's full name to the tournament at registration. All caddies must present photo identification.
2. All caddies not employed by a Player in advance of any given tournament may obtain a bag through the local Caddie Chairman/Caddie Master.
3. Caddie privileges at a tournament extend only to those caddies registered and employed at the specific tournament. Caddies not otherwise employed at the tournament, and those under suspension (if permitted on tournament site), must abide by all rules governing spectators.

### B. Caddie Credentials.

1. A caddie can obtain an LPGA caddie credential only if his/her player orders a caddie credential via the Portal. If a caddie does not have an LPGA-issued caddie credential, he/she must secure a local caddie badge from the Caddie Master upon registration by the Player. Caddie credentials from other professional golf tours are not acceptable.
2. Caddie credentials/badges are non-transferable.
3. A caddie credential grants access only to the tournament grounds and caddie area. Caddies cannot enter an area reserved by the tournament for other credential holders without proper authorization.

### C. Uniform & Dress Code.

1. Caddies shall wear uniforms and caddie credentials/identification badges as prescribed by LPGA and tournament. Uniforms shall be determined with consideration given to the heat index and other environmental conditions.
2. In addition to any prescribed uniform, caddies shall at all times comply with the following LPGA caddie dress code, unless otherwise modified by LPGA in its sole discretion.
  - a. Unless otherwise stated/posted on tournament site, caddies may wear shorts, skirts or skorts when on tournament site property. Shorts must be hemmed and of an appropriate length. T-shirts, jeans, culottes, swimming trunks, cut-off shorts, gym shorts and cargo-style shorts are not permitted. Caddies shall wear flat, smooth, closed-toe, rubber-sole (preferably tennis or basketball) shoes. Golf shoes with spikes/nubs (metal, plastic, rubber, etc.), "duck" shoes, flip-flops, sandals or other open-toed shoes are not allowed. Acceptable colors for shorts and shoes shall be determined at the discretion of LPGA.
3. Caddies' clothing must also conform to the Player Sponsorship and Endorsement Policy in effect from time to time.

### D. Caddie Etiquette.

1. Caddies shall not have or consume alcoholic beverages, including without limitation beer, while "inside-the-ropes" at tournament site.
2. The Caddie Chairman and/or Caddie Master will supervise caddies and identify an area for caddies to rest while not on duty.
3. Caddies are not permitted to walk on the greens when checking hole locations. When not actively caddying during a Local Qualifying Round, Pro-Am or tournament round, caddies are not allowed "inside-the-ropes" on any hole that has been played or is being played, until the final group has completed play on that hole for that day. During practice rounds, caddies may walk on the greens to chart information provided this does not interfere with the practice of any Player.
4. Unless otherwise posted on tournament site, caddies are not permitted on practice greens, except to retrieve pitch and run shots (no lofted shots) and/or to assist the Player in a teaching capacity (i.e., helping the Player with alignment, putting stroke technique, etc.). Retrieving putts is not permitted.
5. At no time may a caddie lie or sit on a putting green.
6. Caddies may not use a club to pick golf balls out of the hole on either the golf course or on the practice putting green. Caddies will assist in maintaining the course by replacing divots and raking bunkers as soon as practical after their Player has played.
7. Caddies must carry their Player's clubs. Pull carts and the like are not permitted.
8. No cell phones are to be used "inside-the-ropes".
9. During Tournament Week, caddies shall not play (hit shot or putts) the tournament golf course, nor shall they use the practice facilities while at the tournament site. (Exception: A caddie may participate in the Pro-Am event.)

10. A caddie shall not park in the Player's parking lot or any other area prohibited to caddies. A Player parking credential/pass is not valid unless a Player is in the car or the caddie has been approved by LPGA to park a Player's car.
11. Caddies may not park campers or mobile homes overnight on the premises of the tournament site.
12. Caddies may only use tournament transportation if their Player accompanies them, or if the tournament has offered transportation to caddies. Caddies shall not request transportation through the tournament transportation committee, and they must not take a seat needed for another Player.
13. Caddies shall not drive courtesy cars without the express permission of the tournament and after signing the required liability forms.
14. When check cashing is available, LPGA caddies may cash checks drawn on Members' accounts up to a limit of \$1,500.00 (unless posted otherwise) per check. Caddies may NOT cash third-party checks, Government-issued photo identification (i.e., driver's license or state photo I.D.) with a signature must be shown to the finance committee when cashing any check.
15. Caddies shall not engage in conduct unbecoming a professional caddie, as determined in the sole discretion of LPGA. In addition, caddies shall not engage in any conduct that is prohibited for Players under the LPGA Tour Anti-Doping Program.
16. Caddies shall comply with the Integrity Program.

#### E. Violations.

1. A caddie who violates any Regulation, including without limitation these Caddie Regulations, or whose actions or conduct reflects unfavorably upon LPGA, will subject his/her Player to penalties and the caddie will be subject to losing his/her registration as a caddie on the LPGA Tour, depending on the conduct.
2. Fines levied against a Player for a caddie's minor, intermediate and major violation must be paid by the Player within fifteen (15) days of the imposition of the fine. If the fine is not paid within fifteen (15) days, the caddie's registration will be suspended until the fine is paid. Penalties levied against a Player for a caddie's minor, intermediate and/or major violation shall be determined by LPGA, in its sole discretion.

##### a. Minor Violations:

Minor violations include, but are not limited to, the following instances: uniform violations, interference with player practice rounds, walking on greens to check hole locations on the day of a competition round, hospitality violations, practice putting green violations, hitting shots and/or playing the tournament course during the week of the tournament. As a result of a minor violation, a caddie's Player shall receive a fine of \$100.00.

##### b. Intermediate Violations:

Intermediate violations include, but are not limited to, the following instances: parking in the player lot or any other unauthorized area on tournament site, parking campers or mobile homes on tournament site and/or requesting tournament transportation without the accompaniment of a Player.

As a result of an intermediate violation, a caddie's Player shall receive a fine of \$250, and/or the caddie will receive a penalty of suspension, ranging from a minimum of one (1) Official Tournament up to a maximum of two (2) Official Tournaments.

A suspension for an intermediate violation shall become effective at the Official Tournament immediately following the imposition of the suspension, unless the suspension was imposed after the deadline for committing for the next Official Tournament. In this case, the suspension shall become effective at the subsequent Official Tournament.

##### c. Major Violations:

Major violations include, but are not limited to, the following instances: drunk and/or disorderly conduct, inappropriate language while at tournament site, misappropriation of tournament property, and/or driving a tournament courtesy car (when not allowed under the Regulations).

As a result of a major violation, a caddie's Player shall receive a fine of \$500 and/or a caddie shall receive a penalty of suspension ranging from a minimum of two (2) Official Tournaments up to a maximum of a lifetime suspension. A suspension for a major violation shall become effective immediately after notice of the suspension is given to the caddie

## ADDENDUM – 2022 LPGA LOCAL QUALIFYING ROUND REGULATIONS

1. Two (2) places in each Standard Eligibility Tournament may be available through a Local Qualifying Round that is generally held the Monday or Tuesday of Tournament Week. In the case of tournaments which finish on Saturday, the Local Qualifying Round will generally be held on Sunday. Qualifying may be held either at the tournament site, or at a different location with the approval of the Office of the Commissioner.
2. The Local Qualifying Round will be open to all female professionals, as well as a maximum of three (3) Players who are invited to participate by the Tournament. Amateurs must have a World Handicap System index of 2.0 or less established at a golf course with yardage of 6,200 yards or more.
3. Entries for the Local Qualifying Round will be taken through the LPGA Portal app. The entry deadline is 5:00 PM ET on the Friday immediately prior to the scheduled Local Qualifying Round.

Please note: For Official Tournaments with a Wednesday first round, the entry deadline will be 5:00PM ET on the Thursday immediately prior to the scheduled Local Qualifying Round.

4. Any LPGA Member wishing to enter the Local Qualifying Round must first commit to play in the Tournament per LPGA Tour Regulations. The LPGA Member must then also enter the Local Qualifying Round by the entry deadline for the Local Qualifying Round.
5. The total number of tournament entries for the Local Qualifying Round will be determined by LPGA. The field size for each Local Qualifying Round will be posted approximately thirty (30) days prior to the Local Qualifying Round.
6. The field for the Local Qualifying Round will be filled in the following order:
  - a. Three (3) Sponsor Invites as determined by the Tournament.
  - b. LPGA Members ranked in order of the 2022 LPGA Priority List as of the Commitment Deadline for the respective Tournament.
  - c. Epon Tour Professional Members ranked in order of the 2022 Epon Priority List as of the Commitment Deadline for the respective Tournament.
  - d. LPGA Professionals Class A or Class B Members in the order of entries received.
  - e. PGA of America Members in the order of entries received.
  - f. All other female professionals in the order of entries received.
7. If conditions prohibit the completion of the Local Qualifying Round, the Local Qualifying Round may be canceled and the two (2) qualifying spots will be filled by LPGA Members entered in the Local Qualifying Round according to their position on the 2022 LPGA Priority List at the time of the Commitment Deadline (not the Local Qualifying Round deadline) for the Official Tournament for which the Local Qualifying Round is being held. If less than two (2) Members are entered in the Local Qualifying Round, the remaining spots will be filled by Epon Tour Professional Members according to their position on the 2022 Epon Priority List at the time of the Commitment Deadline (not Local Qualifying Round deadline) for the Official Tournament for which the Local Qualifying Round is being held. If the spots are still not filled, they will then be filled by the Sponsor Invites entered in the Local Qualifying Round. Order of the Sponsor Invites to be determined by the Tournament.
8. Availability of a practice round for the Local Qualifying Round is not guaranteed. When available, the practice round may have a fee, as determined by the course hosting the Local Qualifying Round. When a Local Qualifying Round is held at the Tournament course, LPGA Tour Members must abide by the current-year LPGA Regulations with respect to Advance Practice. All other Players entered in the Local Qualifying Round may not practice the week prior to the respective Tournament until 12:00 AM local time on the Saturday preceding the respective Tournament Week. This stipulation is not in effect when there is no Official Tournament the week immediately preceding the respective Tournament Week.
9. Players are not required to have a caddie for the Local Qualifying Round. Players may carry their bag or use a pull carts. If the Player has a Caddie, the Caddie must carry the bag. Caddies shall wear smooth, rubber-soled shoes (duck shoes are not considered to be smooth, rubber-soled shoes). Golf shoes of any type will not be permitted.



## ADDENDUM - PRACTICE REGULATIONS

### A. Advance Practice.

1. Players may not Advance Practice on the tournament course of any Co-Sponsored or Approved Tournament the week before such tournament if there is another Official Tournament being played during the week the Player wishes to Advance Practice. This regulation applies from 8:00 AM on Monday through 12:00AM Saturday (local time at the Advance Practice site) the tournament being played. It does not apply to the use of the practice facilities or to walking the golf course.
2. If a Player is eligible to enter but has not committed to the Tournament being played by the Commitment Deadline for such tournament or the Player withdraws, or she is disqualified from such Tournament, she may not Advance Practice on the Tournament course of the following week.

### B. Exceptions.

The following Players are exempt from the Advance Practice Section above:

1. All Players playing in, but failing to make the cut, in the tournament being held.
2. Members who were ineligible to gain entry, or did not gain entry into, the tournament being played.
3. Members who are committed to play in the tournament being held who have fulfilled all Member obligations including attending the designated Pro-Am party and playing in the Pro-Am.
4. Non-Members who must participate in a qualifying round, who are Sponsor Invites, or who are otherwise qualified for the tournament, may Advance Practice on the tournament course after 12:00AM Saturday (local time at the advance practice site) during the week preceding the Tournament.
5. Players not exempt for the U.S. Women's Open or the AIG Women's Open (only applies to the Official Tournament the week immediately preceding each respective tournament)
6. Players who are eligible for Advance Practice above must have the express permission of the host club.
7. Players violating this Regulation shall incur a fine of one-thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each occurrence.

### C. Practice Rounds.

1. A Player cannot start on the tournament back nine between 8:00AM and 12:00PM unless the Player is joining a group who is making the turn, or she is replacing a group which has decided to not make the turn. Turn groups may include no more than three (3) players. A Player violating this regulation will receive a fine of \$500 for the first occurrence and the fine will double for each subsequent occurrence.
2. Foursomes are not allowed prior to 12:30 PM.
3. Players are expected to use common courtesy while playing a practice round, including the following:
  - Hit only two (2) shots into a green during a practice round;
  - If you are not in the Pro-Am, do not take a spot on the driving range when Players in the Pro-Am are trying to warm up.
4. The course and practice facilities are deemed to be officially closed during designated player meetings. Players violating this regulation will incur a fine of \$1,000.
5. Players not committed to the tournament may not practice at the site during Tournament Week without the specific approval of an LPGA Tournament Official.
6. Any additional practice regulations posted on-site shall be incorporated herein by reference.

### D. Practice During Day of Pro-Am.

1. If the Pro-Am is played the day before the first round of the tournament, Players who are not paired in the Pro-Am may practice on the course ahead of the first Pro-Am starting time. Players may not practice on the course after the Pro-Am, unless otherwise noted.
2. If a tournament has two (2) consecutive Pro-Am days, Players may practice before and after the first day of the Pro-Am.
3. If the second day of the Pro-Am is scheduled before the first round of the tournament, Players may only practice before the Pro-Am.
4. If the second day of the Pro-Am is not scheduled the day before the first round of the tournament, Players may practice both before and after the second day of the Pro-Am.
5. When not allowed to practice after the Pro-Am, a Player and/or caddie may walk the course inside the ropes provided they do not walk on or test the condition of any putting green.
6. At no time, can a Player who is practicing on the course on the day of the Pro-Am interfere with the grounds crew or Pro-Am competition (i.e., being on the same hole as the first or last Pro-Am team). The penalty for violating this regulation is a fine of \$100.

7. A Player may hit two chip shots and a reasonable number of putts after the completion of a hole in a Pro-Am round. If a group is waiting, no practice is permitted. No practice is permitted on a Player's last hole of a Pro-Am round. A fine of \$200 will be assessed for violation of this regulation.

E. Alternates.

Alternates may use the practice facilities during the week of the tournament, but they must practice during off-peak times and they must not occupy a spot that would otherwise be used by a Player in the field. Alternates using the practice facilities during peak (busy) times will incur a fine of \$500.



## RULES OF COMPETITION

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The Regulations may be amended or repealed from time to time, as permitted pursuant to the Regulations.

These Rules of Competition shall be read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf.

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### Article I. DEFINITIONS

In these Rules of Competition, defined terms shall have the meanings set forth below or in the Glossary (in the Sporting Regulations), unless the context specifically indicates otherwise.

<b>Hard Card</b>	See LPGA Rules of Play
<b>Local Rule(s)</b>	Modification(s) of a Rule or an additional Rule that the Rules Committee adopts for all tournament or a particular competition.
<b>Local Model Rule(s)</b>	Are model forms of Local Rules that cover those situations or issues that arise often. R&A: <a href="https://www.randa.org/en/rog/2019/rules/committee-procedures/8">https://www.randa.org/en/rog/2019/rules/committee-procedures/8</a> USGA: <a href="https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules/rules-2019/rules-of-golf/rules-and-interpretations.html#!ruletype=cp&amp;section=rule&amp;rulenum=8">https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules/rules-2019/rules-of-golf/rules-and-interpretations.html#!ruletype=cp&amp;section=rule&amp;rulenum=8</a>
<b>LPGA Rules of Play</b>	Also referred to as the “Hard Card”, outlines the Local Rules (including Local Model Rules) and Terms of Competition applicable to all Tournaments (unless amended by the Supplementary Local Rules of Play)
<b>Plus Time</b>	When the average time it takes a Player to hit a shot on a hole exceeds thirty (30) seconds.
<b>Rules of Golf</b>	The rules for golf approved by the United States Golf Association (USGA) and The R&A R&A: <a href="https://www.randa.org/en/rog/2019/pages/the-rules-of-golf">https://www.randa.org/en/rog/2019/pages/the-rules-of-golf</a> USGA: <a href="https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules/rules-2019/rules-of-golf/rules-and-interpretations.html#!ruletype=fr&amp;section=rule&amp;rulenum=1">https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules/rules-2019/rules-of-golf/rules-and-interpretations.html#!ruletype=fr&amp;section=rule&amp;rulenum=1</a>

### Article II. RULES

The Rules of Golf as supplemented and amended by the Regulations, LPGA Rules of Play, the Supplemental Rules of Play, Pace of Play Policy, and any other rules which are deemed necessary for the conduct of the tournament (including rules applicable to international Co-Sponsored tournaments)

and which are drafted or approved by the Rules Committee (collectively “**Rules**”) shall govern the inside-the-ropes competition/play for all Official Tournaments. A Player’s participation in any tournament competition is subject to and governed by these Rules.

### Article III. ENFORCEMENT

Any decision taken by a Rules Official(s) on matters related to the Rules are final and not appealable (unless specifically stated otherwise in the Rules).

### Article IV. TIES

#### A. Tournaments with a Cut

1. **Official Cut** – An LPGA cut (after 36 or 54 holes) is official when the following round’s pairings have been electronically published by the Rules Committee. No additions to the field will be made after the cut is official. If a Player’s breach of Rule 3.3b (3) is discovered after the cut is official, and the addition of penalty strokes results in her 36/54-hole score being higher than the cut score, the Player will be withdrawn from the field and she will be ineligible for prize money and Points.

#### B. Ties

1. **Play-Off or Ties** – In the event of a tie for first place in a Co-Sponsored Tournament; the winner shall be determined by a hole-by-hole play-off, unless otherwise approved by the Office of the Commissioner. The play-off will begin immediately after the final stroke of the last regulation round and after the scorecards have been declared official. Unless otherwise determined by the Rules Committee, the order of play will be based off the Players’ final round starting times with the Player with the earliest starting time teeing off first. For Players with identical starting times, the order will revert to the order in which the Players teed off during the final round of the competition within their starting time. Players who started the final round on #1 will be ordered ahead of those Players with the same starting times off #10.

### Article V. SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO DANGEROUS SITUATIONS.

1. Play may be suspended for dangerous situations. When play is suspended, if the Players in a match or group are between the play of two (2) holes, they shall not resume play until the Rules Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole in a dangerous situation, they shall discontinue play immediately and shall not thereafter resume play until the Rules Committee has ordered a resumption of play. **Penalty for violation is disqualification.**
2. Practice Areas during Suspension. All practice areas shall be closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Rules Committee has declared them open for use. **Penalty for violation is twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500).**

*NOTE: A suspension for a dangerous situation shall be signaled by one prolonged siren or horn blast. All other types of suspension shall be signaled by several short intermittent siren or horn blasts. Resumption of play shall be signaled by two prolonged siren or horn blasts.*



## ADDENDUM - LPGA RULES OF PLAY (HARD CARD)

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A Rules Limited and, where applicable, by the following Local Rules, and Terms of the Competition, subject to changes for particular tournaments by the LPGA Rules Committee. The following Local Rules apply and can be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2019. Unless otherwise specified, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

### SECTION 1- LOCAL RULES

#### 1. USE OF SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT:

- a. **DRIVER HEADS:** List of Conforming Driver Heads: Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect. Penalty for Breach – Disqualification.
- b. **GROOVE AND PUNCH MARK SPECIFICATIONS:** Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect. Penalty for Breach – Disqualification.
- c. **GOLF BALLS:** List of Conforming Golf Balls: Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect. Penalty for Breach – Disqualification.
- d. **TRANSPORTATION:** Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect. Rule 4.3a is modified as follows: During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation, except when authorized or later approved by the LPGA Rules Committee. A player operating under a stroke and distance penalty is always authorized.
- e. **PROHIBITING CERTAIN TYPES OF SHOES:** Model Local Rule G-7 is in effect. Penalty for breach of Local Rule: First Breach – General Penalty. Second Breach – Disqualification.
- f. **REPLACEMENT OF A CLUB THAT IS BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED:** Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.
- g. **PROHIBITING CLUBS LONGER THAN 46 INCHES:** Model Local Rule G-10 is in effect. Penalty for Breach – Disqualification.

2. **OUT OF BOUNDS:** Rule 18.2. Defined by course-side points of white stakes, perimeter fence posts/fencing/walls at ground level, course-side edge of roadways and curbing, and white lines tying into any boundary. A ball that crosses any road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

3. **PENALTY AREAS:** Rule 17. Red penalty areas with an opposite side relief option will be indicated on the applicable “Notice to Players” with Model Local Rule B-2.1. **Note:** When the edge of a red penalty area coincides with the boundary of the course, Model Local Rule B-2.2 is in effect and amends the first paragraph of Model Local Rule B-2.1.

4. **BALL PLAYED FROM OUTSIDE RELIEF AREA WHEN TAKING BACK-ON-THE-LINE RELIEF:** Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect.

#### 5. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS:

- a. White-lined areas (except dropping zones), and green-lined areas marked for gallery crosswalks;
- b. French drains (trenches filled with rocks or stones);
- c. Newly trenched areas, even if not marked;
- d. Seams of cut turf, for lie of ball or area of intended swing ONLY. All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief under Rule 16.1b. Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect;
- e. Painted lines or dots on the putting green or in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less are to be treated as ground under repair from which relief is allowed under Rule 16.1 (for example, yardage, putting green reference dots, driving distance markings, etc.) for lie of ball or area of intended swing ONLY. Model Local Rule F-21.1 is in effect;
- f. White-lined areas of ground under repair and the roads or paths they tie into are treated as a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1. Model Local Rule F-3.1 is in effect.
- g. Damage, including the hole, made by a movable obstruction (microphones, stakes, signs, tripods, tables, chairs, etc.) may be treated as ground under repair by the Committee (but no relief for stance).

#### 6. INTEGRAL OBJECTS:

- a. Retaining walls and pilings when located within penalty areas;
- b. Tree wrappings, electrical wires, cables, television equipment, antennae and lightning rods when closely attached to trees;
- c. Gates attached to objects defining out of bounds.
- d. Bunker liners. Note: An exposed liner may be treated as GUR by the Committee (but no relief for stance).
- e. Sponsor displays located within penalty areas. Lines or cables anchoring them are temporary immovable obstructions.

7. **TEMPORARY WATER ON PUTTING GREEN:** Model Local Rule J-2 is in effect. If temporary water exists on the putting green the Committee may:

- a. Squeegee the putting green until the players are near the putting green; or,
- b. Squeegee the line of play when the player’s ball lies on the green; or,
- c. Allow the player to proceed under Rule 16.1d; or,
- d. Any combination of a, b and c above.

8. **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO THE PUTTING GREEN:** Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect and is modified as follows: For a ball in the general area, relief is allowed only when both the ball and the immovable obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less.

9. **LIMITING WHEN STROKE MADE FROM PUTTING GREEN MUST BE REPLAYED:** Model Local Rule D-7 is in effect and modifies Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b.

10. **TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect. Either side relief for line of sight interference ONLY: Either side relief is available for all TIOs, unless specified on the “Notice to Players”. If the player has line of sight interference and is entitled to relief, the player may take relief on the other side of the TIO in accordance with e(2) of the Model Local Rule F-23. Taking relief on the other side is not allowed if the player is taking relief from physical interference only using the procedures in Rule 16.1.

11. **TEMPORARY POWER LINES AND CABLES:** Model Local Rule F-22 is in effect.

12. **STOPPING PLAY AND RESUMING PLAY:** Rule 5.7, as modified by Model Local Rule J-1.

- a. **METHODS FOR STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY:** An **immediate suspension for a dangerous situation** will be signaled by **one prolonged siren or horn blast**. All other types of suspension will be signaled by several, intermittent horn blasts. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short horn blasts. Penalty for breach – **Disqualification**.
- b. **PRACTICE AREAS DURING SUSPENSION:** During a suspension for a dangerous situation, all practice areas will be closed until the Rules Committee has declared them open for use. During other suspensions, practice is permitted on designated practice areas ONLY. Refer to the LPGA Tournament and Player Regulations.



**13. PRACTICE BEFORE OR BETWEEN ROUNDS, OR AT PUTTING GREEN OF HOLE JUST COMPLETED PROHIBITED:**

- a. Before or Between Rounds in Stroke Play: Model Local Rule I-1.2 is in effect. A player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 5.2b is modified as follows. Players must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds.
- b. Practice Between Two Holes: Model Local Rule I-2 is in effect. Rule 5.5b is modified as follows: Between two holes, a player must not: i) make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed, or ii) test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball.

**14. PACE OF PLAY:** Rule 5.6b, Prompt Pace of Play as modified by Model Local Rule K-2 and further by the LPGA Pace of Play Policy, which is posted at all tournaments.

**15. DEFINING EDGES OF PUTTING GREENS/AREAS CUT TO FAIRWAY HEIGHT OR LESS/BUNKERS:** If necessary, green or blue paint will be used. The line is considered on the putting green, on the area cut to fairway height or less, or in the bunker.

**SECTION 2- TERMS OF COMPETITION**

**16. TIME OF STARTING:** A player is at her starting point when she is within the roped/painted area of her starting tee, including the starter's tent. When both paint and ropes are present, paint defines the starting area.

**17. RETURNING SCORECARD:** Rule 3.3b. A player has returned her scorecard to the Committee when she completely leaves the roped/painted area of the scoring tent or leaves the scoring trailer, unless otherwise specified on the LPGA "Notice to Players". When both paint and ropes are present, paint defines the scoring area.

**18. WHEN COMPETITION IS FINAL:** An LPGA competition is final when it has been electronically closed by the Rules Committee on the tournament software program.

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The Regulations may be amended or repealed from time to time, as permitted pursuant to the Regulations.

These Sporting Regulations include without limitation, the Glossary, Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct, the Sponsorship and Endorsement Policy, the Nationality Policy, the Penalties, Appeals, Reviews and Dispute Resolution Policy, the LPGA Integrity Program Manual and the LPGA Anti-Doping Protocol.

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**Article I. APPLICABILITY**

**A. Regulations.**

Each Player agrees to abide by the Regulations and resolve any dispute or claims or other matters arising in relation to the Regulations pursuant to the Penalties, Appeals, Reviews and Dispute Resolution Policy, as incorporated into these Sporting Regulations.

**B. Anti-Doping.**

Any individual credentialed by LPGA, including without limitation Members, or who otherwise enters or participates in the LPGA Tour, including any of its tournaments, shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by and comply with all provisions of the LPGA Anti-Doping Protocol, as incorporated into these Sporting Regulations, which may be accessed at <https://www.lpga.com/anti-doping-information>.

**C. Integrity Program.**

Any individual credentialed by LPGA, including without limitation Members, or who otherwise enters or participates in the LPGA Tour, including any of its tournaments, shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by and comply with all provisions of the LPGA Integrity Program Manual, as incorporated into these Sporting Regulations, which may be accessed at <https://www.lpga.com/integrity-information>.

D. Code of Conduct.

Any individual credentialed by LPGA, including without limitation Members, or who otherwise enters or participates in the LPGA Tour, including any of its tournaments, shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by and comply with all provisions of the Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct, attached to these Sporting Regulations.

Article II. INTERPRETATION.

A. Glossary.

Defined terms used in the Regulations shall have the meanings set forth in the Glossary, unless the context specifically indicates otherwise. The Glossary is hereby incorporated into these Sporting Regulations.

B. Player's Nationality.

A Player's nationality, shall be determined pursuant to the Nationality Policy, as incorporated into these Sporting Regulations.

## GLOSSARY

Capitalized terms in the Regulations shall have the following meanings unless the context specifically indicates otherwise.

<b>Active Member</b>	A Member who competes, during the current season, in a minimum of ten (10) Official Tournaments or one-third (1/3) of the total number of Official Tournaments rounded down to the nearest whole number, whichever is less.
<b>Advance Official</b>	The Rules Official listed on the Tournament Fact Sheet as the Advance Official.
<b>Alternate</b>	Also referred to as a “reserve”, is a Player who is not yet in the tournament or Pro-Am field and is listed on the Alternate List.
<b>Alternate List</b>	Also referred to as the “reserve list”. The ranking/order in which Players are selected for entry into the Tournament or Pro-Am field, based on the specific eligibility requirements for each such tournament or Pro-Am.
<b>Approved Tournament</b>	A tournament which is endorsed or supported by LPGA, but for which there may be no contract between the LPGA and/or the tournament sponsor. (i.e., the U.S. Women’s Open).
<b>Career Money List</b>	The list of Members ranked according to the amount of official money each Member has won in Official Tournaments while a Member during the Member’s entire career.
<b>Commitment Deadline</b>	The date/time stated in the Eligibility Statement.
<b>Conflicting Event</b>	An Other Professional Event which is scheduled on the day(s) of the official Pro-Am and/or tournament round of an Official Tournament.
<b>Co-Sponsored Tournament</b>	A tournament which is conducted by LPGA or contracted for by LPGA, in conjunction with a tournament sponsor.
<b>Eligibility Statement</b>	The order of entry for a tournament field based on established entry criteria.
<b>Lead Official</b>	The Rules Official listed on the Tournament Fact Sheet as the Lead Official
<b>Local Qualifying Round</b>	A round held in conjunction with a Standard Eligibility Tournament to determine the Player(s) qualifying for the spots as noted on the Eligibility Statement.
<b>LPGA Headquarters</b>	100 International Golf Drive, Daytona Beach, Florida 32124.
<b>LPGA Professionals Member</b>	A Member in Good Standing of the LPGA Professionals Membership for the current season.
<b>LPGA Q-Series</b>	The final stage of the LPGA Qualifying Tournament.
<b>LPGA Qualifying Tournament</b>	A three-stage process (consisting of Stage I, Stage II and LPGA Q-Series) to determine membership status on both the LPGA Tour and Epson Tour for the following season.
<b>LPGA Tour</b>	The season-long schedule of LPGA tournaments.
<b>Major Championship</b>	The Chevron Championship, The Amundi Evian Championship, KPMG Women’s PGA Championship, AIG Women’s Open, U.S. Women’s Open conducted by the USGA.
<b>Member</b>	A member of the LPGA Tour in good standing for the current season.
<b>Member in Good Standing</b>	A Member who has paid her membership dues and is not serving a suspension or revocation of membership from LPGA for any reason.
<b>Money List</b>	The list of Members ranked according to the amount of official money each Member has won in Official Tournaments in the applicable time period.

<b>Non-Member</b>	A Player who is not required to join the LPGA Tour, but may be eligible to participate in LPGA tournaments.
<b>Office of the Commissioner</b>	The Commissioner of LPGA or his/her executive designee
<b>Official Tournament</b>	A tournament that fulfills all the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prize money and Points are official for the purposes of the Money List and Points List</li> <li>• Purse and Points distribution are approved by the Office of the Commissioner</li> <li>• Tournament is played on a golf course approved by LPGA</li> <li>• Minimum of fifty-four (54) holes of scheduled tournament play</li> <li>• Played under the Rules of Golf as established by the USGA and R&amp;A, with any local rules approved by the Rules Committee.</li> </ul>
<b>Other Professional Event</b>	Any golf competition or golf exhibition not Co-Sponsored or Approved by the Office of the Commissioner, which involves two (2) or more professional golfers from any tour and for which any such professionals are directly or indirectly compensated (other than reimbursement of reasonable expenses).
<b>Personal Appearance</b>	An exhibition, speaking engagement, promotional event or other forms of personal appearances for which the Member is directly or indirectly compensated (other than reimbursement of reasonable expenses).
<b>Player</b>	An amateur or professional female golfer eligible to compete or competing in an LPGA Co-Sponsored, coordinated, or Approved Tournament, a Pro-Am, or in any other golf event conducted in conjunction with such an LPGA Co-Sponsored, coordinated, or Approved Tournament (e.g., clinics, long-drive contests), or any portion thereof.
<b>Points List</b>	The list of Members ranked according to the number of official Points each Member has been allocated in Official Tournaments in the applicable time period.
<b>Priority List</b>	The ordering of Members, based on performance, for Standard Eligibility Tournaments, and other designated tournaments, for the current season.
<b>Pro-Am(s)</b>	An 18-hole or less, round of golf that includes one Player paired with three (3) or four (4) amateur players and designated by LPGA as the official pro-am. Pro-Ams are held in conjunction with a tournament.
<b>Qualifier</b>	Player who has earned her place into the tournament by way of a Local Qualifying Round.
<b>Race to CME Points “Points”</b>	Points allocated to Members based on the formula outlined in the Race to CME Globe official rules document posted by LPGA.
<b>Rules Committee</b>	The committee in charge of the competition for the applicable Official Tournament.
<b>Rules Official</b>	A person that is part of the Rules Committee.
<b>Sponsor Invite</b>	A Player that is invited to play in the Tournament by the tournament.
<b>Tournament Week</b>	Monday at 12:01am local time until midnight of the day the final results are posted. For Official Tournaments where the first round is held on Wednesday, the Tournament Week shall commence on Sunday at 12:01am local time.



## CODE OF ETHICS AND STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

The LPGA Tour enjoins upon its Players rigid observation of the following Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct (“**Code**”): The name "Professional Golfer" or "Golf Professional" is and must remain a pledge of—and synonym for—honor, service and fair dealing. Her professional integrity and fidelity to the game of golf and sense of responsibility to employers and employees, manufacturers, clients and fellow professionals must transcend thought of material gain.

Any individual credentialed by LPGA, including without limitation each Member, or who otherwise enters or participates in the LPGA Tour, including any of its tournaments, (each a “**Participant**”), is subject to the Code and should conduct her/himself in accordance with standards of good citizenship, good moral character, and good sportsmanship and shall not do anything detrimental or prejudicial to the best interests of the LPGA or the sport of women’s professional golf.

LPGA has the sole authority to declare a violation under the Code, and violations will subject the Participant to penalties, including without limitation, fines, penalties and a change in status and/or access to tournaments.

### Article I. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

#### A. General Standards of Conduct

All Participants are expected to at all times while on-site, including without limitation the tournament venue, including the course, tournaments functions, tournament transport, tournament media conferences and tournament ceremonies and when away from the tournaments:

1. **Professional Behavior.** Conduct themselves in a professional manner, treating all individuals equally, with respect and dignity, and without discrimination or prejudice on grounds of race, age, gender, sexual, cultural, ethnic, disability, lifestyle or religious preference. For the purpose of this rule, unprofessional conduct is defined as any misconduct that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the Tour and/or the sport of golf, but that does not fall within the prohibition of any specific offence contained elsewhere in the Code.
2. **Anti-Doping Activity.** Comply with the LPGA Anti-Doping Protocol and shall not aid or abet in any way a Player’s violation of the LPGA Anti-Doping Protocol.
3. **Integrity Program.** Comply with the LPGA Integrity Program Manual and shall not aid or abet in any way a Player’s violation of the LPGA Integrity Program Manual.
4. **Harassment.** Refrain from any behavior that constitutes harassment where harassment is defined as a course of comment or conduct that is known or ought reasonably to be known to be (i) offensive and unwelcome, or ii) create an offensive, hostile, or intimidating environment, or iii) can reasonably be expected to be harmful to participants in the sport environment.
5. **Discrimination.** Refrain from making discriminatory or prejudicial comments about any individual involved in the LPGA Tour, based on the grounds of race, age, ethnicity, gender, disability, religion, or sexual orientation or any other comments which may be interpreted as bullying or victimizing.
6. **Public Relations.** No Participant shall at any time give, make, issue, authorize or endorse any public statement (whether or not to the media) which will have, or be designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the tournament, LPGA Tour, or the sport of golf, including without limitation.
  - a. Criticism of the character of a Rules Official or criticism of the way a Rules Official has handled a competition, or any other tournament under the control of LPGA.
  - b. Criticism of tournaments based on location, prize money, staffing or any other element which can be interpreted as having a negative reputational impact on the prestige of the tournament in question.
  - c. Comments which can be interpreted as bringing Tour, an individual tournament or the sport of golf, into disrepute.

*This requires Players to accept decisions and utilize the formal process of appeal and/or review in the event of disagreement. Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreements with LPGA Tour policies are not prohibited. However, public comments that a reasonable person would know would harm the reputation or financial best interest of a Tournament, players, sponsor, official, or Tour are expressly covered by this Section.*

7. **Public Communications.** All Participants are required to refrain from publishing any information before official Tour communication is released, relating to, but not limited to the following: (i) any withdrawal from a tournament, (ii) any disciplinary matter, or (iii) Tour or tournament news, such as new tournaments.

#### B. Members Standards of Conduct

Members should at all times:

1. Promote the game of golf by extending the many values inherent in the game to all skill levels, ages and economic groups through a variety of programs;
2. Meet all financial obligations promptly;

3. Make only constructive comments regarding fellow professionals, the Association, its tournaments, sponsors and other affiliated parties, and deal with all persons in a fair manner ;
4. Offer courtesies and appropriate privileges to other professionals, while accepting and utilizing similarly extended privileges without abuse or actions which might cause problems to the resident professional or other persons;
5. Publicize and promote attendance at programs and tournaments scheduled in her area;
6. Accept the responsibilities necessary to enhance the Association by willingly taking an active role on its committees and by responding immediately to all inquiries necessary for fulfillment of the Association's objectives; and
7. Present an image through conduct and dress, which would gain respect and elevate the professional.

While on-site at a tournament, all Participants are expected to comply with these Standards of Etiquette. On-site refers to any official tournament area, including without limitation the tournament venue, including the course, tournaments functions, tournament transport, tournament media conferences and tournament ceremonies.

### C. Tournament Standards of Conduct

All Participants, while on-site, including without limitation the tournament venue, including the course, tournaments functions, tournament transport, tournament media conferences and tournament ceremonies and when away from the tournaments are expected to:

1. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct.** Conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. For purposes of this section, unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as any misconduct that is clearly abusive or detrimental to Tour, tournament, Rules Officials, other players and/or the sport of golf, but that does not fall within the prohibition of any specific offence contained elsewhere in the Code.
2. **Care of the Course.** In any round of practice, Pro-Am, or tournament competition, any Player who fails to rake (or have her caddie rake) a bunker after playing from the bunker or fails to replace a divot or repair a ball mark as a result of a shot she has played, will be fined \$200 for each offense.
3. **Mobile Devices Policy.** Players and caddies are not allowed to use any mobile device, including cellular phones, while inside the gallery ropes during any tournament round, unless a life-threatening, emergency or security situation develops, or is given permission by a Rules Official. Players and caddies may use mobile devices during a Pro-Am or practice round to engage in social media only. Uses of mobile devices on the practice areas are limited to social media, music, or video for the purposes of swing analysis. Making or receiving calls is prohibited and devices should be set to a silent mode.

## Article II. STANDARDS OF PRESENTATION

### A. Dress Code

1. Players are expected to dress and present themselves in a professional manner and reflect a positive image to the public (e.g., fans, sponsors, club officials, charities, junior golfers, etc.) when participating in tournament events.
2. Player clothing and shoes shall always be clean and neat. Length of shorts and skirts/skorts, and shirt necklines, should be in good taste and portray a professional image. Undergarments may not be visible.
  - a. The following articles of clothing are strictly prohibited: denim bottoms (all colors), cut-off shorts, gym shorts, tank tops, and tops that show midribs. (Exception: Designer jeans are acceptable to wear to and from the golf course, and during Pro-Am functions; however, jeans with stylized holes, rips, tears, etc. are not acceptable.).
3. Participants must comply with the Sponsorship and Endorsement Policy.

### B. Additional Information

1. Any exceptions for specific occasions or events will be noted on the Tournament Fact Sheets and/or posted in the player locker rooms.
2. Questions concerning appropriate dress for a specific activity may be directed to the Advance Official.

### C. Penalties

Penalties. Players will be promptly notified if they are determined to be in violation of this Dress Code Policy; provided, if a violation is discovered during tournament play, the Player will be notified following her round. Players will receive a warning for the first offense and will be issued a fine of \$1,000 for the second offense and the fine will double for each violation thereafter. Repeated violations may result in more serious disciplinary action.

## Article III. SOCIAL MEDIA CODE OF CONDUCT

### A. Applicability

1. **Introduction.** LPGA recognizes the importance of social networking by Players and Participants in promoting the sport at all levels. This importance is commensurate with the added responsibility for all in protecting the reputation of the sport when communicating to mass users. The General Use Policy and Tournament Use Policy below (collectively "**Social Media Policy**") have been developed to inform our Players

and Participants about using social media, so they feel enabled to participate, while being mindful of the standards expected by LPGA. The contents provide practical guidance to allow all parties to benefit from the use of social media and to have fun online, while minimizing potential risks and protecting everyone involved.

2. **Violations.** If a Participant is found to have breached the Social Media Policy in any way, disciplinary action may be taken in line with LPGA's Penalties, Appeals, Reviews and Dispute Resolution Policy.
3. **What Is Social Media?** Social media refers to a broad range of online tools or functions that allow people to communicate and/ or share content via the internet. This applies to platforms including, but not limited to:
  - a. Social networking sites (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
  - b. Video and photo sharing websites or apps (e.g., YouTube, Vimeo, Instagram, Flickr, Vine, etc.)
  - c. Blogs and micro-blogging platforms (e.g., Tumblr, Wordpress, etc.)
  - d. Image sharing platforms (e.g., Instagram, Snapchat etc.)
  - e. Live broadcasting apps (e.g., Periscope, Meerkat, Facebook Live, etc.)
  - f. Podcasting (e.g., iTunes, Stitcher, Sound cloud, etc.)
  - g. Instant messaging (e.g., SMS, Skype, WhatsApp, Viber, etc.)
  - h. Any other online technologies that allow individual users to upload and share content.
4. **Who Does This Policy Apply To?** LPGA respects the freedom of each individual's right to use social media platforms in their personal capacity and to express their opinions online. Lively and passionate discussions are an important part of enjoying our sport and engaging with our community. However, we ask that Participants be conscious that their profile and any views or opinions expressed using social media may attract significant comment and remember the implications of referring to LPGA, the LPGA Tour and tournaments when using social media.

A Player is responsible for compliance with the Social Media Policy regardless of whether the content is captured, posted or streamed by the Player or her caddie, spouse/partner, manager, agent, or any other person.

## B. General Use Policy

Participants have a responsibility when using social media platforms to not do anything online that might tarnish the LPGA, LPGA Tour and tournaments' image and reputation or bring the LPGA, LPGA Tour and tournaments into disrepute ("**General Use Policy**").

Participants are expected to adhere to these standards when posting material online:

1. **Effective Use Of Social Media.** Social media is a tool to speak directly to a wide and varied audience, words carry even greater authority. Comments, photos, videos will be treated as a public statement. Media actively search for comments on social media outlets to use as their own content. If you would not say it in a media interview or at a public event, then you should not tweet it or post it on a website. Use common sense and show thoughtfulness and respect for supporters, other players, coaches and management, sponsors, administrators and others in the golf community and the sport in general. Your social media channels are your responsibility and so is the content, whether it be posted through personal accounts or by a third-party administrator.
2. **Acceptable Behavior**
  - a. Do not post or share material which is violent, sexually explicit, obscene, hateful, or defamatory.
  - b. Do not post or share inappropriate behavior relating to underage players or participants.
  - c. Do not suggest or encourage illegal activity.
  - d. Do not engage in trolling, bullying, or abusive activity.
  - e. Do not falsely claim the LPGA endorses or is associated with any product or promotion.
  - f. Do not disclose confidential information in respect of the LPGA.
  - g. Do not engage in the disparagement of any race, ethnicity or religion.
  - h. Always respect the LPGA's values.
  - i. Always use your common sense.
3. **Always Respect The Law.** While engaging with social media can be fun and helpful, certain activity on social media may have legal implications. Every effort should be made to avoid the following:
  - a. Never post defamatory content i.e., material that may damage a person's reputation. Such material can be very damaging for the people involved and can form the basis for expensive legal claims.
  - b. Do not use the copyrights, trademarks, publicity rights, or other rights of others without the necessary permissions of the rights-holders. This includes the LPGA's own copyrights, trademarks and brands. Always ensure you have the correct permission for use of any imagery you use.

- c. Respect everyone's right to privacy when posting content online. Never post material in a public forum which you know to be of a private nature.
4. **Privacy.** LPGA expects Participants to, at all times, respect the privacy of individuals generally.
- a. Always be aware when posting content online that there is potential for that content to become publicly available.
  - b. Refrain from posting any content online that you would not be happy for anyone to see.
  - c. Extra care should be taken when posting information, photographs or imagery relating to underage individuals.

#### C. **Tournament Use Policy.**

The LPGA Tour, as a membership organization, seeks to maximize financial opportunities for all of its members. The LPGA Tour maximizes revenue for the membership through the sale of television and other media rights, in effect creating larger purses, player retirement funds, and other player benefits. While the LPGA Tour reserves all media rights to tournaments for the benefit of the membership as a whole, the LPGA Tour encourages Players to use social media to showcase their personalities and connect with their fans. Players may capture video, audio and photos (“**content**”) on site at tournaments and post/stream the content via social media under the following guidelines (“**Tournament Use Policy**”). For clarity, the following rights are solely granted to Members.

##### 1. Permitted Uses

- a. On practice round and pro-am days, Players may capture and post/stream live and recorded content throughout the tournament site. For clarity, live streaming on practice round and pro-am days is permitted.
- b. On competition days, Players may capture and post recorded (non-live) content throughout the tournament site, including practice areas, but not of or on the tournament course and/or of any competition. For clarity, live streaming on competition days is prohibited. Also, video of competition is prohibited.
- c. Content may be posted/streamed only to a Player's personal accounts on social media sites/platforms approved by the LPGA Tour (currently, Facebook/Facebook Live, Twitter, Instagram, Periscope, Snapchat, and YouTube).
- d. Content may be captured only with smartphones and other unobtrusive, non-broadcast devices. Drones, virtual reality, augmented reality, and 360° video are not permitted. Also, camera crews are not permitted.

##### 2. Acceptable Content

- a. Content should be intended to showcase player personalities, provide fans with authentic player perspectives, and generate interest in the players, LPGA Tour, and tournaments.
- b. Content should be engaging but in good taste and not unbecoming of a professional.
- c. LPGA Tour and tournament hashtags should be used with the content when feasible.
- d. Content may not be commercial in nature (as discussed below).
- e. Content may not be archived or aggregated.
- f. Please use the utmost discretion in capturing any content in the locker room.
- g. The Player is responsible for obtaining permission from any other player, caddie, amateur, or other person appearing or heard within the content.
- h. Please be mindful of the practice and play of other players.

##### 3. Prohibited Uses.

- a. Drones, virtual reality, augmented reality, and 360° video are not permitted. Also, camera crews are not permitted.
- b. Players may not use the content in a manner that implies a sponsorship or similar relationship between her sponsors (or other third parties) and the LPGA Tour or a tournament. To illustrate, a player may not post a video of her practice session on site under the title, “[Player] warm-up presented by [Sponsor],” or shoot a video that looks like a commercial for her sponsor. However, a player may provide incidental brand exposure for sponsors in the same manner she does in the telecast of a tournament. Also, natural references to player sponsors are permitted. Finally, players may not enter into distribution, production, or similar deals for the content (that is, for content captured at a tournament).
- c. Players may not use any name or logo of the tour in the names, handles or profiles of their social media accounts.

4. **LPGA Tour Ownership / Use.** The LPGA Tour retains sole ownership of the content captured and distributed under this Tournament Use Policy and may use, aggregate, and distribute the content in any manner to promote the LPGA Tour to benefit the membership. However, the LPGA Tour will not imply any endorsement of a third party by a player. The LPGA Tour reserves the right to use, aggregate and distribute content captured by players at tournaments as part of a media program on an exclusive basis to benefit the membership.

5. **Enforcement And Changes.** The LPGA Tour may revoke the permission set forth in this Tournament Use Policy for individual players due to violations. Content violating this Tournament Use Policy must be taken down upon request. The LPGA Tour may amend this Tournament Use Policy and/or terminate the permission set forth in this Tournament Use Policy at any time in its discretion, including as a result of developments in technology and/or the tour entering into new media ventures and arrangements.

## Article IV. TOURNAMENT HOUSING STANDARDS

### A. Tournament Housing

Tournaments may make host housing available to Players for their Tournament. Such tournament housing program provides a Player accommodations with a host family during the Tournament. Participating in Tournament's housing program is optional. By participating in any tournament housing program, Player accepts all risks and danger surrounding and associated with participation in such tournament housing program organized and sponsored by the Tournament and expressly acknowledges that the Tour(s) have no responsibility for any such risks or danger.

### B. Etiquette and Standards

Private tournament housing is a privilege extended to you by the tournament. Players are expected to treat the host homes and families with care and respect. Only request private housing if you agree/can comply with these requirements and responsibilities.

1. Requests for housing should be made as early as possible, and no later than the deadline stated on the Tournament Fact Sheet. Housing is available on a first come, first serve basis for Players committed to the tournament. Accommodations may not be available if you delay in making a request.
2. Any Player obtaining housing through the tournament must sign any forms required by tournament prior to entering housing. Forms can be filled out at tournament registration.
3. Players may make their own arrangements with hosts from previous years. However, to eliminate confusion, Players should still contact the Private Housing Chairman for the tournament or ask their host to call regarding their housing plans.
4. Players must communicate the following to the Private Housing Chairman for the tournament:
  - Arrival day/time
  - Allergies and/or other specific requests such as smoking/non-smoking
  - Any changes in travel plans or if you decide to not use private housing
5. Once you are assigned a private housing host, please reach out to the host immediately to confirm your arrival plans.
6. Players may obtain private housing for a husband, partner, relative, friend, caddie or any other person only if offered by the tournament.
7. Please do not arrive at private housing any later than 9:00 p.m.
8. Players are not allowed to take pets to a residence used for private housing.
9. Players may not invite guests to a private residence unless asked to do so by the host.
10. If you have any problems or complaints about your hosts, contact the Private Housing Chairman or reach out to an LPGA staff member on-site.

### C. Violations

A Player who violates any of these provisions/regulations will be subject to a Major Penalty. In addition to the Major Penalty, if the Player damages the property of the host, the Player will be held strictly responsible for all damage incurred and will lose private housing privileges for a calendar year.

## Article V. RECIPROCITY

### A. Penalties or Sanctions by other Golf Organizations.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Code, LPGA reserves the right to affirm, modify, or reject a suspension or other penalties issued against a Participant either by or on behalf of any other golf organization or tour, including but not limited to Epson Tour, LET, LETAS, USGA, The R&A, and PGA of America.

### B. Sharing of Information.

LPGA reserves the right to share information concerning a complaint and/or conduct an investigation in conjunction with any other golf organization or any other relevant authorities. LPGA may also refer any complaint and/or information received during the course of investigating an allegation or prosecuting a charge to any authorities it considers appropriate in its absolute discretion. LPGA shall have the absolute discretion, where it deems appropriate, to stay in its own investigation pending the outcome of investigations being conducted by other golf organizations and/or relevant authorities.

## VIOLATIONS OF THE CODE

Any violation of the Code will constitute the basis for disciplinary action against the applicable Participant(s), in accordance with the Penalties, Appeals, Review And Dispute Resolution Policy. Where a Participant's violation of the Code is particularly harmful to the success of the tournament(s), LPGA Tour or the sport of golf, regardless of the applicable section of the Code, the violation shall be a Major Penalty. Where a Participant violates the Code on multiple occasions, regardless of the severity, the violations may collectively be deemed a Major Penalty.

### Article I. CODE VIOLATION EXAMPLES

The following instances or occurrences shall serve as a guideline for the Office of the Commissioner in enforcing the Code but shall not in any event be deemed an exhaustive list of violative behavior or limitation on the enforcement or application of the purposes and intent of the Code.

The following shall be considered violations of this Code:

1. Improper conduct while intoxicated at a tournament site or function, which shall give rise to a Major Penalty.
2. Offensive or lewd language or other improper conduct at a tournament site or function, which shall give rise to a Major Penalty.
3. Abusive behavior and/or language or other improper conduct, which shall give rise to a Major Penalty.
4. Racist or discriminatory behavior and/or language, which shall give rise to a Major Penalty.
5. Improper conduct consisting of making derogatory or insulting remarks about another Participant, the LPGA Tour, Rules, Officials, tournaments or sponsors in the media or otherwise which shall give rise to a Major Penalty.
6. Unbecoming conduct during a tournament or Pro-Am play such as (a) club throwing, (b) damage to the golf course, or (c) other unprofessional conduct done through anger, which shall give rise to a Major Penalty.
7. Excessive on-site or off-site withdrawals from Tournaments, which shall give rise to a Major Penalty.
8. Excessive violations of the LPGA Pace of Play Policy shall give rise to a Major Penalty and an educational program.
9. Unbecoming conduct while play of a tournament is suspended or when resuming play.
10. The hiring of a caddie suspended by the LPGA shall give rise to a Major Penalty.
11. A positive drug test for a Drug of Abuse, pursuant to the LPGA Anti-Doping Program, which shall give rise to a Major Penalty.
12. Abusive, improper or unbecoming conduct towards any doping official, volunteer, escort, and/or LPGA staff in connection with or related to the LPGA Anti-Doping Program, which shall give rise to a Major Penalty. Such penalty shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any applicable penalties set forth in the LPGA Anti-Doping Program. Improper conduct by not meeting financial obligations as it relates to the LPGA Tour. A first offense shall result in a Minor penalty, a second offense shall give rise to an Intermediate Penalty of, and a third offense shall give rise to a Major Penalty.
13. Failure to attend any mandatory player meeting. A first offense shall result in a Minor Penalty, a second offense shall give rise to an Intermediate Penalty, and a third offense shall give rise to a Major Penalty. Any Player who arrives more than ten (10) minutes late to a mandatory player meeting will incur a fine of \$100.
14. Improper use of a mobile device, including without limitation cellular phones, within the gallery ropes. A first offense shall result in a Minor penalty, a second offense shall give rise to an Intermediate penalty, and a third offense shall give rise to a Major Penalty.
15. Failure to turn in a scorecard or properly withdraw from a tournament. A first offense shall result in a Minor Penalty, a second offense shall result in an Intermediate Penalty, and a third offense shall give rise to a Major Penalty.
16. Inappropriate dress at a tournament site or functions. A first and second offense shall result in an Intermediate Penalty, a third offense shall give rise to a Major Penalty, and a fourth offense shall give rise to more serious disciplinary action.
17. Improper use by a Member of the LPGA logo on merchandise, business information or otherwise, and failure to take corrective action within 30 days after notice of such improper use. A first offense shall result in a warning, a second offense shall give rise to a Minor Penalty, a third offense shall give rise to an Intermediate Penalty, and a fourth offense shall give rise to a Major Penalty.
18. Abuse of courtesy cars. A Player will be held strictly responsible for all damage incurred due to such abuse and may lose courtesy car privileges for the calendar year.



## SPONSORSHIPS AND ENDORSEMENTS POLICY

Any questions regarding this policy should be directed to Tour Operations.

### A. SCOPE OF APPLICATION

#### 1. Sponsorships.

This Sponsorship and Endorsements Policy applies to all sponsorships, endorsements, name and likeness arrangements and promotions ("**Sponsorships**"):

- a. For Members, during the Term of the Membership Agreement, whether occurring during or outside of tournaments.
- b. For Non-Members during the Term of the applicable Tournament Entry Agreement.
- c. For Caddies, when participating in a Tournament. \* Caddie attire is also subject to the dress code and uniform requirements outlined in the Caddie Regulations.

#### 2. Professional

In general, Sponsorships must be tasteful and in accordance with the standards of decorum expected of professional golfers and in conformity with the Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct. Sponsorships that may reflect adversely upon the image and reputation of the Tour, cast the PGA Tour in an unfavorable light, insult or offend the community or any group within the community or be viewed as hateful, obscene or divisive, as reasonably determined by the Tour, are prohibited. All Sponsorships remain subject to PGA approval.

### B. CATEGORIES OF CONCERN

Further, the following addresses categories of special concern:

1. **Tobacco.** No Sponsorships are permitted by companies selling tobacco products, including without limitation, cigarettes, cigars, tobacco smoked in pipes, smokeless tobacco products (e.g., e-cigarettes and vaping products) and marijuana products (recreational and medicinal).
2. **Firearms.** No Sponsorships are permitted with companies selling or otherwise related to firearm products
3. **Illegal / Prohibited Substances.** Sponsorships involving products classified as illegal under United States federal law and products containing items or substances on the PGA's Prohibited Substances or Drugs of Abuse lists are not permitted.
4. **Supplements** (including without limitation Nutritional and Dietary Supplements and CBD products). Subject to the Illegal / Prohibited Substances above, Sponsorships with supplement companies are permitted, regardless of whether the product is certified for sport, provided such Sponsorship is approved by PGA in writing (submit requests to Tour Operations). Approval of any company or product for Sponsorship purposes only, use of any supplement is at the Player's own risk (see the .... For additional information on use of supplements).
5. **Alcohol.** Sponsorships with companies selling beer, wine, distilled spirits, or other alcohol products are permitted; provided that:
  - a. Content and messaging in ads or promotions (using a player's name or likeness) must be socially responsible and consistent with the Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct;
  - b. No visual representation of any alcohol product (e.g., liquor bottle, etc.) may appear on a head wear, apparel, golf bag or golf equipment;
  - c. No more than one (1) display of an alcohol beverage brand (i.e., name, logo or other identifier) may be displayed on head wear, apparel or golf bag or golf equipment in the aggregate at any time; and
  - d. Players under the legal age for alcoholic beverage consumption may not have Sponsorships with alcohol product companies.
6. **Gambling and Casinos.** Sponsorships by gaming companies, including companies whose primary purpose is sports betting (a "**Gaming Company**") is permitted; provided such Sponsorship is approved by PGA in writing (submit requests to Tour Operations) and is subject to the following:
  - a. Players may appear in advertisements (e.g., use of a player's name, image and likeness) that promotes sports betting generally, including betting on golf; provided, the ad or promotion must include a responsible gambling or social responsibility message (e.g., "Please remember to bet responsibly");
  - b. The Gaming Company must be in compliance with all applicable gambling laws;
  - c. No visual representation of any gambling-related product (e.g., cards or dice) may be displayed on headwear, apparel, golf bag or golf equipment;
  - d. No more than one (1) display of a Gaming Company brand (i.e., name, logo or other identifier) may be displayed on apparel, headwear, golf bag or golf equipment in the aggregate at any time;
  - e. A Player may not enter into any sponsorship or other agreement that provides compensation based on any sports betting activity (e.g., a player may not receive a revenue share based on the "handle" or revenues from sports betting); and
  - f. Players under the age of 18 may not be sponsored by a Gaming Company.



- g. A Gaming Company Sponsorship may not have a term that extends past December 31, 2022 (unless otherwise approved by the LPGA Tour in writing in its sole discretion).

*Notwithstanding the above, if a Sponsorship would violate any governmental regulation (including regulations with respect to television) or is prohibited by law, then the same will be prohibited. If a television broadcaster has a prohibition against a category of Sponsorships, then the broadcaster may avoid showing the player and her logos on the telecast.*

#### C. OUTINGS AND APPEARANCES.

Outings and appearances by Members are permitted on behalf of any company including gaming and casinos, distilled spirits, beer and wine, firearms, tobacco, etc., provided such outing or appearance is private (i.e., limited to invited guests), not televised or covered in any other media, not promoted to the public and otherwise complies with the Conflicting Events requirements under the Tour and Member Regulations.

#### D. OTHER GOLF EVENTS

In addition, the identification by use of the name, emblem, logo, trademark, symbol or other description of any other sport or entertainment event, or any other golf tour, event, exhibition, special event or tournament other than the LPGA Tour, may not appear on the player, her clothing, equipment or accessories, unless approved in advance by the LPGA.

#### E. LOGOS

The location, size and quantity of names, brands, logos and other marks and identifies (“Marks”) on apparel, headwear, golf bag and golf equipment must be in good taste as reasonably determined by the Tour. Further, all displays of Marks must satisfy the following:

1. **Location.** Generally accepted locations are as follows: right and left breast of shirt; right and left sleeve of shirt; right and left collar of shirt; yoke, right and left of back of shirt; the back, front and sides of headwear; front of slacks, shorts or skirts; front of wristbands and socks.
2. **Size.** As a guideline, logos that do not exceed three by five inches (3” x 5”) are considered reasonable, including designs that incorporate logos, words, slogans, company or brand names.
3. **Quantity.** There are no restrictions on the number of sponsor logos that can appear on a player’s person, including clothing and/or accessories (e.g., headwear, wristbands, socks etc.).

The LPGA has the sole authority to prohibit a particular logo, or the location or size of such logo, if deemed that such logo is contrary to LPGA policies.

***\*Players with existing Sponsorship agreements as of January 1, 2020 with companies or brands that conflict with or are otherwise prohibited pursuant to this policy, may be allowed to continue or extend the term of such relationship, subject to the Tour’s review and approval; but in no event may Members expand the scope of such relationships regarding the contractual branding or endorsement obligations.***

## Article I. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

### A. Applicability.

Players who violate the Regulations, shall be subject to disciplinary action. Subject to the Disciplinary Exceptions below, this Penalties, Appeals, Review and Dispute Resolution Policy is the basis for disciplinary action against any Player who violates a provision of the Regulations.

### B. Disciplinary Exceptions.

1. **Rules of Competition.** Violation of the Rules of Competition shall be subject to the penalties provided for in such Rules of Competition. The decision of the Rules Committee for violations of the Rules of Competition shall be final and conclusive.
2. **Integrity Program.** The provisions of this Addendum shall not be applicable to violations of the Integrity Program Manual. Such violations shall be subject to the disciplinary and appeals terms and process set forth in the Integrity Program Manual.
3. **Anti Doping Program.** The provisions of this Addendum shall only be applicable to violations of the Anti-Doping Program Protocol relating to Drugs of Abuse, as determined in the sole discretion of the Administrator for the Anti-Doping Program. All other violations of the Anti-Doping Program Protocol shall be subject to the disciplinary and appeals terms and process set forth in the Anti-Doping Program Protocol.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a violation under the Disciplinary Exceptions may also constitute a violation of the Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct, such Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct violation is penalized under and subject to this Policy.

## Article II. PENALTIES

There shall be three classes of penalties – minor, intermediate and major. Penalties may be imposed in accordance with these Regulations.

### A. Minor Penalties.

A Minor Penalty shall result in a fine and may be imposed by a Tournament Official or the senior most executive responsible for Tour operations (“Tour Operations Officer”).

Fine: up to \$500

Disciplinary Action: N/A

### B. Intermediate Penalties.

An Intermediate Penalty shall result in a fine and/or suspension from play. An Intermediate Penalty resulting in a fine may be imposed by a Tournament Official, the Tour Operations Officer or the Commissioner; provided that, an Intermediate Penalty resulting in suspension from play may be imposed only by the Commissioner.

Fine: Between \$501 and \$2,500

Disciplinary Action: Suspension for a maximum of three (3) tournaments.

### C. Major Penalties.

A Major Penalty shall result in a fine, and/or suspension from play or revocation of membership. A Major Penalty resulting in a fine may be imposed by the Tour Operations Officer or the Commissioner; provided that, a Major Penalty resulting in suspension from play or revocation of membership may be imposed only by the Commissioner.

Fine: More than \$2,501

Disciplinary Action: Suspension for more four (4) or more tournaments or revocation of membership.

## Article III. APPEALS

### A. Initial Appeal

1. **Penalties Resulting in a Fine:** A Player may appeal a penalty resulting in a fine to the Tour Operations Officer; provided that, if the Tour Operations Officer initially imposed the penalty, then the appeal shall be to the Office of the Commissioner. If the initial penalty was imposed by the Commissioner, then the appeal shall likewise be to the Office of the Commissioner; provided however that, if the penalty is a Major Penalty resulting in a fine, and the Commissioner deems it in the best interest of the LPGA Tour, then such appeal may be transferred by the Commissioner to the Appeals Committee and will be subject to the Appeals Procedures section below. Appeals pursuant to this Section shall be made in writing and may include defenses or statements of mitigating circumstances, including written statements of others having knowledge of the facts. Such appeal shall be received at the LPGA Headquarters (addressed to the attention of the Tour Operations Officer or Office of the Commissioner, as applicable) no later than fifteen (15) days after the date of the written notification of the penalty. The Tour Operations Officer or Office of the Commissioner, as applicable, shall render a decision on the appeal, in writing, within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of the appeal. Such decision shall be final. All fines shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of notice of the decision on appeal, and notwithstanding such 30-day period, until the fine is paid in full the Player may not participate in any tournaments succeeding the date of notice of the decision on appeal.

2. **Penalties Resulting in Suspension or Revocation:** A Player may appeal an intermediate or Major Penalty imposed by the Commissioner that results in a suspension from play or revocation of membership to the Office of the Commissioner; provided however that, if the Commissioner deems it in the best interest of the LPGA Tour, such appeal may be transferred by the Commissioner to the Appeals Committee and will be subject to the appeals procedures in the Appeals Procedures section below. Appeals pursuant to this Section shall be in writing and may include defenses or statements of mitigating circumstances, including written statements of others having knowledge of the facts. Such appeal shall be received at LPGA Headquarters (addressed to the attention of the Office of the Commissioner) no later than fifteen (15) days after the date of the written notification of the penalty. The Commissioner shall render a decision on the appeal, in writing, within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of the appeal.

## B. Appeals Committee

1. **Member Right to Appeal Commissioner Penalties Resulting in Suspension or Revocation:** A Player may appeal to the Appeals Committee any decision by the Commissioner denying an initial appeal from his or her imposition of an Intermediate or Major Penalty resulting in a suspension from tournaments or revocation of membership; provided that, a Player who has not first appealed an Intermediate or Major Penalty to the Office of the Commissioner shall have no further right of appeal to the Appeals Committee.
2. **Appeals Committee:** It is the express intent under these Regulations to afford a Player full and fair opportunity to be heard by an impartial committee whose members are not in competition with her. The Appeals Committee shall consist of the Chair of the Board of Directors, a Member in Good Standing who has not competed in an LPGA tournament during the preceding five (5) seasons, and one other non-member who has knowledge of golf and its rules. The Member in Good Standing and the non-member shall both be appointed by the Chair.

## C. Appeals Procedures

Appeals Procedures: An appeal to the Appeals Committee shall be governed by the following processes:

1. A Player may appeal a penalty to the Appeals Committee by giving written notice of appeal to the Appeals Committee (in care of the Office of the Commissioner) within fifteen (15) days of the imposition of the penalty. The Appeals Committee shall also consider any appeal transferred to it by the Commissioner as provided above.
  - a. **Review.** Once the written notification is received or referred by the Commissioner, the Commissioner shall immediately notify the Chair who shall, without undue delay, assemble the Appeals Committee. Within fifteen (15) days after giving notice of appeal, the Player and the Commissioner may submit to the Appeals Committee any and all written evidence, documentation, affidavits, witness statements, legal memoranda, or other materials relevant to the appeal or any penalties imposed on the Player. The Appeals Committee will review and consider all such materials, and in its discretion, may request a Player or a witness to respond to questions from the Appeals Committee. As soon as practicable after considering the materials submitted to it, the Appeals Committee shall give the Player and the Commissioner written notice of its decision.
  - b. **Hearing.** Alternatively, if the appeal is from imposition of a Major Penalty resulting in a fine, or any penalty resulting in suspension from tournaments or revocation of membership, then in the original notice of appeal the Player may request a hearing before the Appeals Committee, to be held via conference call or in person, to permit Player to be heard in person or by an attorney, and to be confronted with and to cross-examine her accusers, and to present the testimony of witnesses on her own behalf whether in person or by affidavit.

In the event the Player is eligible and timely requests a hearing, the Appeals Committee shall appoint a special Hearing Officer to conduct the hearing. The Hearing Officer shall be a lawyer and shall have knowledge of golf and the rules pertaining to the game. Promptly after his or her appointment, the Hearing Officer shall fix the time and place for the hearing. At the hearing, formal rules of evidence shall not apply; and the Hearing Officer shall prescribe the rules of procedure, have the discretion as to which evidence to receive and may independently call witnesses to assist in determining the issues.

Once the hearing is complete, the Appeals Committee may issue a decision immediately or take the matter under advisement. If taken under advisement, then the Hearing Officer shall prepare a report setting forth the findings of fact, and submit such report to the Appeals Committee, the Commissioner and Player. The Player and the Commissioner shall have ten (10) business days from the date of the report to file, in writing, any exceptions to or in support of the report and the findings. The Appeals Committee shall have fifteen (15) business days following the latter of the date of the report, or receipt of exceptions or support from the parties, to review and render its decision and rationale in writing.
2. If the Player does not file a written response to the charges contained in the original notification of penalty or fails to appear for a hearing (in person or by representative) after requesting one, then the sole issue that may be reviewed by the Appeals Committee shall be whether the penalty imposed is or was excessive. The decision of the Appeals Committee may affirm, modify (increase or decrease) or reverse the penalty, and shall become effective immediately upon written receipt by the Player of the decision. All decisions of the Appeals Committee shall be final, binding and non-appealable.

## D. General Provisions.

1. General Provisions.
  - a. **Stay on Appeal.** An appeal shall operate to stay the effective date of any penalty, except suspension from a tournament then in progress or scheduled for the calendar week in which the alleged violation occurred if deemed by the Commissioner to be in the best interest of the LPGA Tour, until after the final decision on the appeal. A penalty may carry over into the next season.

b. Prize Money/Points.

If the Player chooses to continue participating in tournaments pending a final decision on appeal, and the Commissioner determines that the penalty imposed on the Player would, if upheld by the Appeals Committee, be likely to result in the Player being disqualified from receiving prize money in connection with either a tournament during which the alleged offense occurred, and/or a tournament conducted while the penalty was being considered in accordance with the Appeals Procedures, then the Commissioner may direct that any prize money won by the Player in such tournament(s) be deposited in an escrow account pending the Appeals Committee's final decision.

If the Appeals Committee reverses or modifies the penalty and the Player is not disqualified from one or more tournament(s), then any applicable prize money (together with any interest accumulated thereon) shall be promptly paid to the Player upon issuance of such decision.

If the Appeals Committee affirms all or any portion of the penalty such that the Player is disqualified from receiving such prize money and Points and the Player has won prize money/Points in tournaments conducted while the appeal was pending, then the Appeals Committee may retroactively apply the suspension to the date of the offense and applicable prize money (together with any interest accumulated thereon) and Points shall be forfeited.

c. Publicity. All persons involved in the appeals process shall use their best efforts to prevent any publicity with respect to the proposed imposition of the penalty until after the time for appeal has expired or the appeal has been heard and a decision rendered by the Appeals Committee.

2. **Conflicts of Interest**. In the event that a potential conflict of interest would exist if the Commissioner, the Tour Operations Officer or a Tournament Official were to consider an appeal, such person shall remove himself or herself from consideration of the matter, and the decision as to such matter shall be made by the next most senior officer among them, in order of authority. In the absence of a succeeding officer, the decision shall be made by the Appeals Committee.

#### Article IV. MEMBER REQUEST FOR REVIEW & APPEAL PROCESS.

The following applies to Members Only:

##### A. Request for Commissioner Review.

1. The Chief Tour Operations Officer shall be responsible for rendering decisions related to a Member's status, and for communicating such decisions to the Member. A Member may request review of the Chief Tour Operations Officer's decision, by submitting such request to the Commissioner within fourteen (14) days, from notice of the Chief Tour Operation Officer's decision. If such review is granted, the Commissioner shall take into consideration those facts and information, in his/her discretion, deemed most relevant to the decision and render a subsequent ruling.
2. While the Commissioner's subsequent ruling shall be final, for matters related to a Member's status which materially and substantively impact the Tour or tournaments, the Commissioner, in his/her discretion, may seek independent committee review of his/her decisions related thereto.

##### B. Eligibility for Committee Review.

1. Following an initial determination of the above-described matter by the Chief Tour Operations Officer, and a subsequent ruling by the Commissioner. The Commissioner, at his/her discretion, may call upon the Chair of the Board to convene a Review Committee to review his/her ruling. Once called upon by the Commissioner, the Chair of the Board, in his/her authority, will assemble and appoint the Review Committee which shall be comprised of a former LPGA Tour Player who has been inactive for at least five (5) seasons, an Independent Director from the Board, and the Chair of the Board.

##### C. Review Committee.

1. The Review Committee will conduct its review relying on those same relevant facts and information considered by the Commissioner during his/her review of the matter. Such facts and information may be obtained from the Office of the Commissioner.
2. The Review Committee shall affirm or overturn the Commissioner's ruling by a simple majority vote of the Review Committee upon a finding that the Commissioner (a) exceeded or abused his/her authority, and/or (b) erroneously applied the relevant standards or regulations in his/her ruling.
3. The Review Committee may convene in person or via conference call.
4. The Chair of the Board shall also cause to be prepared a summary report setting forth the Review Committee's findings and ruling, which report shall be prepared by the Chair of the Board or his/her designee and served contemporaneously to the Member and the Office of the Commissioner.
5. All decisions of the Review Committee shall be final and non-appealable, and effective immediately following notification to the Member and the Office of the Commissioner.

6. During such appellate process, all persons involved shall use their best efforts to prevent publicity with respect to the matter or the subsequent decision until after the review has been conducted by the Review Committee.
7. If, in the opinion of the Commissioner, there are exigent or unusual circumstances which require the committee review to be conducted within a specified time or before a specified date, the Commissioner shall so notify the Chair of the Board.

## Article V. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

### A. Mediation.

In the event of a dispute, including without limitation disputes, controversies, or claims arising out of or in connection with membership, participation in a tournament, the Membership Agreement, Entry Agreement or the Regulations, and is not otherwise subject to the appeals or review process above or other dispute resolution process set forth in these Regulations, (a “**Dispute**”) then the parties agree first to try in good faith to settle the Dispute by mediation under the Commercial Mediation Rules of the American Arbitration Association (“AAA”). If the matter is not resolved through mediation within fourteen (14) days, then the matter will be resolved pursuant to arbitration as set forth below.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Disputes about or because of injury, disability, death or property damage and/or any claim of injury or damages arising out of or related to a tournament is subject to the Annual Release of Liability and Waiver of Rights with respect to Members and the Event Release of Liability and Waiver of Rights with respect to a Non-Member, and shall not be reviewable through, or the subject of this Dispute Resolution Article.

### B. Arbitration.

Any Dispute that is not finally resolved by applicable appellate provisions within these Regulations or the foregoing Mediation process, shall be submitted exclusively to the AAA for final and binding arbitration before a single arbitrator in accordance with the Expedited Procedures of the AAA’s Commercial Arbitration Rules in effect on the date that a demand for arbitration is filed with the AAA. Any request for arbitration shall be filed with AAA within ten (10) days following conclusion of the Mediation process, and in no event later than thirty (30) days following the action which is the subject of the Dispute. The parties shall select the arbitrator by mutual agreement from the AAA’s National Sports Panel (or, if not yet formed, National Roster), provided, however, that if the parties are unable to agree, the arbitrator will be selected by the AAA according to its expedited procedures for the appointment of an arbitrator (Rule E-4). The AAA administrative fees and the fees and expenses of the arbitrator incurred in connection with any proceeding brought before the arbitrator under this section will be shared equally by the parties; provided that, each party will be individually responsible for its own costs and expenses, including its legal fees.

### C. Confidentiality.

Except as required by law or other form of legal process, any Mediation process or Arbitration proceedings, including any the fact of the Dispute, submissions of the parties, any written reasons for the decision, and the outcome of the proceedings, shall remain non-public and confidential.

### D. Invalidity.

In the event any provision of this section is determined invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will not be affected. This section will not fail because any part of it is held invalid.

### E. Expedited Procedures.

Upon the request of a Player, and provided that it is necessary to expedite the proceeding in order to resolve a matter relating to a Co-Sanctioned or Approved Tournament that is so scheduled that compliance with the processes set forth above would not be likely to produce a sufficiently early decision to do justice to the affected Player, the AAA will hear and decide the dispute within forty-eight (48) hours of the filing of the Dispute. In such case, the AAA is authorized to hear and decide the dispute under such procedures as are necessary, but fair to the Player and Tour, and any other parties involved.

## NATIONALITY POLICY

The LPGA subscribes to the below policy as set forth by the International Golf Federation (IGF) for purposes of the Olympics, Solheim Cup and International Crown. Members are bound by the below policy and regulations, as applied to such events.

### **Nationality**

#### **I. General**

Any competitor in an *International Golf Competition* (Section II) must be a *National* of the country which the competitor is representing or under which the competitor is eligible for the competition.

This Nationality Policy pertains to matters relating to the determination of the country which a competitor may represent in an *International Golf Competition* listed below.

All matters relating to the determination of the country which a competitor may represent in an *International Golf Competition* listed below shall be resolved by the sanctioning organization for that event, in its sole discretion.

#### **II. International Golf Competitions**

For the purposes of this policy, *International Golf Competitions* are as follows:

##### Women's Competitions

<u>Women's Competitions</u>	<u>Sanctioning Organization</u>
Espirito Santo Trophy	International Golf Federation
Solheim Cup	LPGA & Ladies European Tour
International Crown	LPGA
Olympic Games	International Golf Federation
Youth Olympic Games	International Golf Federation

##### Men's Competitions

<u>Men's Competitions</u>	<u>Sanctioning Organization</u>
Eisenhower Trophy	International Golf Federation
Ryder Cup	European Tour & PGA of America
Presidents Cup	PGA TOUR
Olympic Games	International Golf Federation
Youth Olympic Games	International Golf Federation
World Cup	International Federation of PGA Tours

#### **III. Nationality**

A competitor will be considered a *National* of a country if the competitor is a citizen of the country, as defined by the laws of such country.

A competitor who is a *National* of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as the competitor may elect. However, after having represented one country in an *International Golf Competition*, the competitor may not represent another country unless first meeting the conditions set forth below that apply to persons who have changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality.

A competitor who has represented one country in an *International Golf Competition*, and who has changed nationality or acquired a new nationality, may participate in another *International Golf Competition* representing the new country provided that, as of the start of the qualification period for such event, at least four years have passed since the competitor last represented his/her former country. This period may be extended, reduced or even cancelled, with the agreement of the sanctioning organization, which takes into account the circumstances of each case and any applicable guidelines and standards provided by the IGF.

If an associated State, province or overseas department, a country or colony acquires independence, if a country becomes incorporated within another country by reason of a change of border, or if a country merges with another country, a competitor may continue to represent the country to which the competitor belongs or belonged. However, if the competitor prefers, the competitor may elect to represent the new country. This particular choice may be made only once.

Furthermore, in all cases in which a competitor would be eligible to participate in an *International Golf Competition*, either by representing another country than his/hers or by having the choice as to the country which such competitor intends to represent, the sanctioning organization may take all decisions of a general or individual nature with regard to issues resulting from nationality, citizenship, domicile or residence of any competitor, including



the duration of any waiting period, taking into account the circumstances of each case and any applicable guidelines and standards provided by the IGF.

#### **IV. Countries and Continents**

For the purposes of defining a country (or territory, if applicable) of which a competitor is a *National*, the current list of National Olympic Committees as recognized by the International Olympic Committee will be used. For *International Golf Competitions* other than the Olympic Games and Youth Olympic Games, England, Scotland and Wales will be considered to be separate countries.

For the purposes of defining the continent of Europe as it relates only to certain *International Golf Competitions* which either include all countries within Europe as a team or exclude all countries within Europe from a team, the following countries will be considered to be within Europe and not part of regions other than Europe:

Albania	Estonia	Liechtenstein	Russian Federation
Andorra	Finland	Lithuania	San Marino
Armenia	France	Luxembourg	Serbia
Austria	Georgia	Macedonia	Slovak Republic
Azerbaijan	Germany	Malta	Slovenia
Belarus	Greece	Moldova	Spain
Belgium	Hungary	Monaco	Sweden
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Iceland	Montenegro	Switzerland
Bulgaria	Ireland	The Netherlands	Turkey
Croatia	Israel	Norway	Ukraine
Cyprus	Italy	Poland	United Kingdom
Czech Republic	Kazakhstan	Portugal	
Denmark	Latvia	Romania	

#### **V. Rankings**

A competitor should ensure that his/her nationality is correctly listed on the appropriate world golf ranking system. For women's *International Golf Competitions*, this shall be the Rolex Women's World Rankings. For the purposes of applying this policy, the competitor will be presumed to be a *National* of the country listed on the appropriate world rankings system, subject to verification in accordance with this policy. Any decisions taken related to a competitor's nationality in accordance with this policy shall be referred by the LPGA to the appropriate ranking system, who shall display the correct nationality of each athlete within the rankings.

A competitor eligible to participate in an *International Golf Competition* by representing another country to the one previously represented (by either changing nationality or acquiring a new nationality) in accordance with this policy will only be eligible for *International Golf Competitions* for which the qualification period has not yet started, unless otherwise allowed by the sanctioning organization.

A competitor eligible to participate in an *International Golf Competition* by having the choice as to the country which such competitor intends to represent in accordance with this policy will only be eligible for *International Golf Competitions* for which the qualification period has not yet started, unless otherwise allowed by the sanctioning organization.

A competitor who changes his/her nationality for an *International Golf Competition* prior to the qualifications and eligibility period beginning for such event, yet subsequently fails to qualify for the competition, is subject to the provisions of this policy including the time periods prescribed herein.