

# 2013 LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Team Championship

# Policies and Procedures

# **Eligibility**

Entries for the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Team Championship are open to female amateur golfers ages 10 - 17 who are registered members in good standing with LPGA-USGA Girls Golf for at least one year (includes current season).

#### **Team Championship Entries**

The LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Team Championship is open to all teams meeting the eligibility requirements. Playing ability is not a criterion for selecting teams to play in the Championship. Teams will be placed in flights based on playing ability. Team entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Note: A state and site may be represented by multiple teams in the Championship.

# **Registration Fees:**

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\$300 per Team (\$150 per player)

Entry Fee Includes: 2-day Championship plus practice round

Championship participants will receive a Team Championship player gift bag, lunch daily, two dinners, snacks and beverages on-site.

#### **Entry Procedures**

- The LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Team Championship field is limited to the first 36 teams (72 players) with completely executed entries submitted to LPGA Headquarters no later than Monday, April 22, 2013.
- Only entries with a fully paid team will be accepted. Participants will not be entered into the Team
  Championship field without full payment from the other team member. When both team members'
  fully executed entries and payment are received, then the team will be entered into the tournament.
- Waiting List Policy: A full field is anticipated, so please make your registration plans accordingly. A waiting list will be established once the field is filled based on: date of receipt of entry, and if received on the same day, (1) the time the entry was received, (2) number of years as a Girls Golf member
- Entries by telephone or fax are NOT accepted.
- Applications which are received late or incomplete are not acceptable and will be subject to rejection.
- Entries are subject to rejection at any time (including during the Championship) by LPGA\*USGA Girls Golf administrators. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct.

# **Participant Cancellation and No-Show Policy**

- Participants who wish to cancel from the LPGA\*USGA Girls Golf Team Championship must do so in writing sent by e-mail to LPGA Headquarters to the attention of Ashleigh Anderson at ashleigh.anderson@lpga.com.
- If a written cancellation is received **after May 10, 2013** the registrant will incur a \$75.00 cancellation processing fee.
- If a written cancellation is received at LPGA Headquarters after **May 30, 2013** the registrant will incur 100% forfeiture of their total registration fee.
- No-shows at the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Team Championship will incur 100% forfeiture of the registration fee.

# **Alternates**

Should the Championship field become over prescribed; a team alternate list will be created based on the waiting list. Individual alternates may be substituted for any reason at any time prior to the start of the Championship. Once the Championship has begun, no alternates will be allowed. Alternates have no status at the Championship. If a player withdraws on the first day of the Championship, prior to playing first stroke, substitution is allowed.

#### **Tournament Format**

A **Team Choice Scramble** will be played during the first round of competition and a **Four-Ball Stroke Play** format will be used during the final 18-hole round of the LPGA\*USGA Girls Golf Team Championship. The team with the lowest score for 36 holes will be Champion. **Caddies** are not permitted.

# **Tournament Schedule:**

- Monday, June 10 Practice Round, 18 holes (River Course)
- Tuesday, June 11 First round, 18 holes (River Course)
- Wednesday, June 12 Final round, 18 holes (*River* Course)

# **Rules of Golf/Close of Competition**

Play will be governed by the 2013 Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA. Questions will be settled by the on-site Rules Committee, whose decision will be final. The competition is deemed to be closed when the Championship Trophy has been presented.

#### **Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded for winning teams. The overall winning team will receive replicas of the Bell-McIntire Team Championship Trophy. Prizes for first, second and third place flight winners will also be awarded.

# **Tie-Breaker Policy:**

If a tie for second or third place occurs, duplicate trophies will be awarded.

Any first-place tie within the Championship flight will be played-off as follows:

- (a) Hole by hole play-off immediately following play for the overall Champion.
- (b) Flight winners will be determined by a scorecard play-off using the USGA recommended procedure.
- (c) If still tied, joint winners will be declared. If it is not possible to complete 36 holes of play in the period in which the Championship is scheduled, the Championship will not be extended beyond the last scheduled day and the winner will be the Team which returns the lowest score for the number of stipulated rounds played.

# **Transportation**

Players will be permitted to use transportation during a stipulated round after the completion of each hole or when proceeding under Rule 27-1 (stroke and distance). All teams will be assigned a cart driver who will also act as a marker.

Any player seeking a golf cart for the entire schedule of play due to a permanent disability as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should contact the USGA at 713-863-0832 to obtain information for submitting such requests.

# **Practice Privileges**

Privileges of Kiawah Island Club are extended to qualified team members in the Championship

# **Conditions and Schedules**

The LPGA\*USGA Championship Committee/on-site Rules Committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions, provisions and/or schedules herein. The decision of the Championship Committee/on-site Rules Committee in any matter will be final.

#### **Personal Appearance**

Players must be neat in appearance with respect to personal grooming and clothing. We ask that all attendees please adhere to the Kiawah Island Club's dress code policy while onsite: No spikes, jeans or denim. Players must wear shorts/skorts of an appropriate length.

#### **Player Registration**

Mandatory player registration will be held at the Kiawah Island Club's *River* Course Clubhouse on Sunday, June 9, all Championship participants must:

- 1) Register in person at The River Course Clubhouse between 12:00 pm 3:30 pm
- 2) Place may be forfeited for a team from whom no word is received by 4:00 pm EDT on Sunday, June 9th.

### **Expenses and Scholarships:**

Players in the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Team Championship fall under Rule 4-2d of the Rules of Amateur Status. Each team may therefore accept a reasonable amount of expenses from its golf association. A select number of grants are available for players in the Championship and Academy participants. If you wish to apply, please complete the grant application.

#### No Other Remuneration:

By her application, the player acknowledges that she is not entitled to remuneration of any kind for participation in the Academy other than the prizes above.

#### **Accommodations:**

Information concerning accommodations is available on the Girls Golf Team Championship & Academy event webpage