

LPGA[®]

Collegiate Advancement Pathway

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The LPGA Collegiate Advancement Pathway (LCAP), and the LCAP Ranking (Ranking), are administered in accordance with these Rules and Regulations (“**Regulations**”).

I. DEFINITIONS

“**The LPGA Collegiate Advancement Pathway**” or “**LCAP**” means the program designed and administered to identify the best collegiate golfers in the United States and to provide such players with playing opportunities on the Epson Tour, operated under the Organization umbrella.

“**Organization**” means Ladies Professional Golf Association or its subsidiary FGTA, LLC, as applicable.

“**Ranking**” means the LCAP Ranking, the official ranking system of the LPGA Collegiate Advancement Pathway.

“**Final LCAP Ranking**” means the first published LCAP Ranking that includes the individual results of the NCAA Division I National Championships.

II. ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY

Enrollment in the LCAP is open to any NCAA Division I golfer meeting each of the eligibility criteria set forth below.

1. Institution Enrollment

Be enrolled in good standing in a Division I NCAA Member Institution.

2. Academic and Athletic Status *(must meet at least one of the following):*

- a. Exhaust four seasons of competition as defined by NCAA regulations; **OR**
- b. Complete four years of collegiate academics, including a minimum of two seasons of competition; **OR**
- c. Provide documented intent and evidence of early collegiate graduation, including a minimum of two seasons of competition.

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3. Application

Complete the LCAP Application/Registration provided by the Organization no later than 5pm ET on February 27, 2026.

4. Amateur Status

Remain an amateur in good standing with her NCAA Division I University until the publication of the Final LCAP Ranking.

5. Epson Tour Membership Requirements

Must meet all other membership eligibility requirements for the Epson Tour and comply with all terms and conditions of the LCAP program, including but not limited to compliance with the Organization's gender policy.

Violations of Enrollment Eligibility

The Organization reserves the right to make final eligibility determinations regarding a player's initial and continued enrollment in LCAP.

III. LCAP RANKING

The LCAP Ranking is the official ranking system of LCAP. The ranking period for the Class of 2026 will include results from collegiate and non-collegiate events recognized by the World Amateur Golf Ranking® and will conclude with the Final LCAP Ranking. Additional information regarding the ranking methodology will be released later in 2025.

IV. RECLASSIFICATION CHECKPOINT

The Reclassification Checkpoint is Friday, February 27, 2026. To preserve future eligibility for LCAP, a player may opt-out of the current season by the Reclassification Checkpoint if she intends on returning to school, and she has another season of competition. Players should contact LCAP@lpga.com to inquire about reclassification eligibility no later than 5pm ET on February 27, 2026, if a player wishes to opt-out and reclassify for the following season instead of the current season. Players who reclassify will be removed from the current season's LCAP Ranking.

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V. PERFORMANCE BENEFITS

The LCAP Ranking will be final with the publication of the Final LCAP Ranking. The players ranked #1-10 in the Final LCAP Ranking will earn eligibility status on the Epson Tour as set forth herein. To be eligible to accept membership on the Epson Tour afforded by such eligibility status, a player shall (1) execute the Membership Agreement as part of the Membership Application / Registration, (2) pay the annual dues through the LPGA Portal app no later than July 1, 2025, and (3) meet all other eligibility criteria and comply with all Epson Tour policies, rules and regulations as set forth in the Epson Tour Regulations Master Handbook.

Performance benefits will be provided only to the players ranked #1-10 in the Final LCAP Ranking. If a player reclassifies for the following season or becomes ineligible prior to publication of the Final LCAP Ranking, she will be removed from the LCAP Ranking. If a player chooses not to accept her benefits after the publication of the Final LCAP Ranking, her ranking position will not be offered to the next eligible player.

1. Epson Tour Priority List Category Status

- a. Players ranked #1- 5 in the Final LCAP Ranking will earn eligibility status in Category D for the remainder of the season earned and for the following season.
- b. Players ranked #6-10 in the Final LCAP Ranking will earn eligibility status in Category L for the remainder of the season earned and for the following season.
- c. Players earning eligibility status may enter Epson Tour tournaments beginning with the first tournament with a Commitment Deadline following the publication of the Final LCAP Ranking.
- d. Players must turn professional and be Epson Tour Members to be eligible for the second season.

2. LPGA Q-Series Exemption Status

The exemption to LPGA Q-Series provides an opportunity to improve status for the 2027 season.

- a. The Player ranked #1 on the Final LCAP Ranking will be exempt to the Final Qualifying Stage of the next LPGA Q-Series.
- b. Players ranked #2-10 on the Final LCAP Ranking will be exempt to the Qualifying Stage of the next LPGA Q-Series.
- c. Players must turn professional and be Epson Tour Members to use this LPGA Q-Series benefit.

Performance benefits may be amended by Organization, in its discretion.

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VI. REMAINING AMATEUR AFTER ACCEPTING MEMBERSHIP

A player earning membership eligibility through LCAP may remain an amateur and compete on the Epson Tour as an amateur Member, in accordance with the Epson Tour Member Regulations Master Handbook. Players must turn professional to use the Q-Series exemption benefit.

VII. REGULATIONS, AMENDMENTS AND INTERPRETATIONS

These Regulations have been developed and are administered by the Organization, in its discretion. The Organization reserves the right to amend these Regulations at any time and all decisions regarding administration or interpretation of these Regulations shall be made by the Organization in its discretion.

Effective June 30, 2025