

## 2026 LPGA QUALIFYING SERIES (LPGA Q-Series) REGULATIONS

The below will serve as the rules and regulations (“**Regulations**”) for the LPGA Qualifying Series (“**LPGA Q-Series**”). By participating in LPGA Q-Series, you (“**Player**”) agree to be bound by these Regulations. Player also agrees to abide and be governed by the Tournament Entry Agreement with Ladies Professional Golf Association (“**LPGA**” or “**Organization**”), which includes the Tournament Entry Terms & Conditions. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, it is expressly acknowledged that solely for LPGA Q-Series, all references in the Tournament Entry Terms and Conditions to ‘Regulations’ shall mean these LPGA Q-Series Regulations. Organization reserves the right, at any time in their sole discretion, to modify the LPGA Q-Series related information and terms herein.

### ELIGIBILITY

#### Pre-Qualifying Eligibility.

1. Applicants who are not currently a member of the Epson Tour must have at least one of the following: a World Handicap Index of 2.0, a World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR), a Rolex Women’s World Golf Ranking (WWGR), or a *National Collegiate Golf Rankings* as published on *Scoreboard Powered by Clippd*.
2. Applicants without any of the preceding documentation may be asked to provide a record of 2026 scores in tournaments of 36 holes or more before the entry application will be considered.
3. Any applicant applying for entry into Pre-Qualifying for the first time **MUST** upload a copy of her original (or a certified copy of the original) birth certificate (in English) during the Portal application process.

#### Pre-Qualifying and Qualifying Eligibility.

1. Participation is open to both amateur and professional applicants.
2. Applicants who are **17 years of age** or older by January 1, 2027  
NOTE: For avoidance of doubt, Players who are not 18 years of age or older by January 1, 2027, cannot advance to Final Qualifying.
3. Applicants must satisfy the LPGA Gender Policy for Competition Eligibility (available at <https://www.lpga.com/gender-policy>), as amended from time to time, which addresses the gender eligibility criteria for LPGA Tour and Epson Tour Official Events.
4. Applicants who do not meet the age requirement, and those who are applying pursuant to the LPGA *Gender Policy for Competition Eligibility*, (available at <https://www.lpga.com/gender-policy>), must indicate their desire to apply for Pre-Qualifying by 5:00 p.m. ET on Tuesday, June 30, 2026. Please contact Tommy Tangtiphaiboontana at [tommyt@lpga.com](mailto:tommyt@lpga.com) for more information.
5. Any applicant applying for entry into Pre-Qualifying for the first time **MUST** upload a copy of her original (or a certified copy of the original) birth certificate (in English) during the Portal application process.
6. Applicants must execute the Tournament Entry Agreement as part of the Tournament Entry for the applicable Tournament.
7. Applicants must be in compliance with the LPGA Anti-Doping Program Protocol and Integrity Program Manual (each of which can be found at [www.lpga.com/anti-doping-information](http://www.lpga.com/anti-doping-information)) at all times any Tournament Entry Agreement is in place with the applicable Non-Member. Such compliance includes completing any mandatory training.

#### Final Qualifying Eligibility.

1. **Participation is open to professional Players only.** Applicants who advance to Final Qualifying must declare professional status by 5:00 p.m. ET on Friday, November 6, 2026.
2. Applicants who are **18 years of age** or older by January 1, 2027
3. Applicants must satisfy the LPGA Gender Policy for Competition Eligibility (available at <https://www.lpga.com/gender-policy>), as amended from time to time, which addresses the gender eligibility criteria for Epson Tour Official Events
4. Applicants who do not meet the age requirement, and those who are applying pursuant to the LPGA *Gender Policy for Competition Eligibility*, (available at <https://www.lpga.com/gender-policy>), must indicate their desire to apply for Final Qualifying by 5:00 p.m. ET on Tuesday, September 1, 2026. Please contact Tommy Tangtiphaiboontana at [tommyt@lpga.com](mailto:tommyt@lpga.com) for more information.

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5. Applicants must execute the Tournament Entry Agreement as part of the Tournament Entry for the applicable Tournament.
6. Applicants must be in compliance with the LPGA Anti-Doping Program Protocol and Integrity Program Manual (each of which can be found at ([www.lpga.com/anti-doping-information](http://www.lpga.com/anti-doping-information))) at all times any Tournament Entry Agreement is in place with the applicable Non-Member. Such compliance includes completing any mandatory training.

## FORMAT

### Pre-Qualifying.

1. 54 holes of stroke-play competition with a cut to lowest 65 and ties after 36 holes.
2. The number of Players from each location who will qualify to advance to the Qualifying Stage will be determined after the Entry Deadline and will be based on the number of entries for each location.
3. Plus-16 Rule Applies – Any player with a score of plus-16 or higher in any of the first two rounds will automatically be withdrawn from the Pre-Qualifying Tournament and will not be eligible to receive any type of Tour status for 2027.
4. Players competing in the Pre-Qualifying Tournament are competing for advancement to the Qualifying Tournament. Players who do not qualify to advance to the Qualifying Stage WILL NOT earn any 2027 Epson Tour status.
5. The use of distance-measuring devices is permitted. (See Addendum – Limitations of Distance Measuring Devices)
6. Players will receive their own cart for official practice rounds and tournament rounds.

### Qualifying.

1. 72 holes of stroke-play competition with no cut; competitors will play two rounds each on the Bobcat and Panther courses.
2. The use of distance-measuring devices is permitted. (See Addendum – Limitations of Distance Measuring Devices)
3. Players are required to walk for official practice rounds and tournament rounds.
4. Players who complete 72 holes and do not advance to LPGA Final Qualifying will earn 2027 Epson Tour status according to finish position.
5. The final number advancing to Final Qualifying will be communicated prior to the start of the Qualifying Tournament.

### Final Qualifying.

1. 90 holes of stroke-play competition; cut after round four.
2. Competitors will play two rounds each on the Falls and Crossings courses; round five will be played on the Crossings course.
3. The use of distance-measuring devices is permitted. (See Addendum – Limitations of Distance Measuring Devices)
4. Players are required to walk for tournament rounds.
5. Players may walk or use an electric cart for official practice rounds.
6. Top 25 and ties will earn 2027 LPGA Tour status according to finish position.
7. All Players finishing a minimum of four (4) rounds will earn 2027 Epson Tour status according to finish position.
8. \$150,000 Purse; **Purse distribution to be paid to all Players making the cut after round four.** Please note that the payment earned by a player cannot be declined or forfeited.

## ENTRIES

1. Entries for all Stages of LPGA Q-Series will be taken through the LPGA Portal app. The entry deadline will be stated on the Eligibility Statement, in the LPGA Portal App and on the LPGA Q-Series website.
2. Late entries are not accepted.
3. Eligibility for each Stage of LPGA Q-Series will be as set forth in the Eligibility Statement.
4. Players advancing from the LPGA Pre-Qualifying Stage to the Qualifying Stage will not submit another entry application.
  - a. An additional entry fee will be due for the Qualifying Stage.
5. Players advancing from the Qualifying Stage to the LPGA Final Qualifying Stage will not submit another entry application.
  - a. An additional entry fee will be due for Final Qualifying from those Players who began at the Qualifying Stage.

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- b. Players who began at the LPGA Pre-Qualifying Stage will not owe an additional entry fee for the LPGA Final Qualifying Stage.
6. Entry fees and payment deadlines for each stage are set forth in the Eligibility Statement. A Player may be withdrawn if her entry fee is not paid in full by the deadline.

## ENTRY FEES

1. Entry fees and payment deadlines for each stage are set forth below:
  - a. Pre-Qualifying Stage = \$3,000, due at time of entry application
  - b. Qualifying Stage Exempt = \$4,500, due at time of entry application
  - c. Qualifying Stage Advanced from Pre-Qualifying = \$3500, payable by the Qualifying Stage entry deadline
  - d. Final Qualifying Stage Exempt Non-Member = \$6,500, due at time of entry application
  - e. Final Qualifying Stage Exempt LPGA, Epson Tour, LET Members = \$3,000, due at time of entry application
  - f. Final Qualifying Stage began at Qualifying Stage = \$2,000, payable by Final Qualifying Stage entry deadline
  - g. Final Qualifying Stage began at Pre-Qualifying Stage = \$0
2. A Player may be withdrawn if her entry fee is not paid in full by the deadline(s) stated above.

## USE OF CADDIES AND ELECTRIC CARTS

### All Stages

1. Use of a caddie is optional.
2. Players will provide the caddie's full name, email address and mobile number via the Portal check-in process.
3. Each Player is responsible for the actions of her caddie during the tournament. A caddie who violates any Regulation, or whose actions or conduct reflect unfavorably upon the Tour, will subject his/her Player to penalties and/or fines as determined by the Tour.

### Pre-Qualifying.

1. Use of electric carts is required for the LPGA Pre-Qualifying Stage.
2. The caddie may ride in the cart with the Player.
3. Caddie bibs will not be used.

### Qualifying and Final Qualifying.

1. Use of electric carts is prohibited for the Qualifying Stage and the LPGA Final Qualifying Stage.
2. Players may carry their own bag, use a push/pull cart (trolley) or employ a caddie.
3. Motorized push carts (trolleys) are not permitted.
4. Caddies may carry the bag or use a push/pull cart (trolley).
5. Caddie bibs will be distributed at onsite registration and must be returned at the end of the final round.

## STARTING TIMES

The Rules Committee will pair all Players and make starting times for each stage. The Rules Committee may alter the sequences of pairings and starting times depending on weather conditions, daylight available, and other unusual circumstances.

## SCORING

### Pre-Qualifying

Live scoring during each tournament round will not be available at the LPGA Pre-Qualifying Stage. Round scores will be posted to the LPGA Q-Series website at the conclusion of the round.

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1. Volunteer cart scorers will be provided at each tournament site to keep score for each group. Players and caddies are required to walk at all times except when a shuttle has been provided in accordance with the rules, or there is a course evacuation. Players may put miscellaneous items on the cart (e.g., rain suits, sweaters, umbrellas) but they MAY NOT put their bag or their clubs on the cart at any time. They must carry their own clubs, use a caddie, or use a pull/push cart.
2. Players should introduce themselves to their cart scorer before the start of the round.

## WITHDRAWING FROM A TOURNAMENT

### Withdrawals

1. Withdrawals will not be accepted by email, voicemail, or text message.
2. Withdrawals will not be accepted by anyone other than the player.
3. Players needing to withdraw must call and speak with Brittany Woods at **+1 (216) 314-6572**; Monday – Friday ONLY between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET (U.S. Eastern Time).

### Withdrawal Penalties

1. Entry fee refunds for players who withdraw prior to Tournament Week will be issued subject to the below fees.
2. Players who withdraw from the LPGA Pre-Qualifying Stage or the LPGA Qualifying Stage at any time after entering = \$250
3. Players who withdraw from the LPGA Final Qualifying Stage after Advancing from the LPGA Qualifying Stage = \$250
4. Players exempt to the LPGA Final Qualifying Stage who withdraw **prior to 3:00 p.m. ET on Monday, October 12** = \$250
5. Players exempt to the LPGA Final Qualifying Stage who withdraw **after 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 12**:

**LPGA, LET and Epson Tour Members = \$1,500**

**All other exempt players = \$3,750**

**Exception:** an LPGA Member who withdraws late from Final Qualifying because she is inside the Top-100 following the *ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican* will receive a full refund.

## ACCESS INSIDE THE ROPES

1. The following applies to the “Inside-the-ropes” area, which includes the tournament course and practice facilities.
2. Practice Rounds - A Player may be accompanied by a maximum of two (2) people, including the caddie, “inside-the-ropes” during any practice round.
3. Practice Range – A Player may be accompanied by a maximum of two (2) people, including the caddie, at any time.
4. Practice Putting Green – A Player may be accompanied by only one (1) person, including the caddie, 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.
5. Fine. Players who violate this regulation will incur a fine of \$500.

## PLAYER STIPULATIONS

### Clubhouse / Player Dining

1. Where complimentary player dining is available, Players will not remove food from the locker room or hospitality areas.
2. Food served in the player dining area is for Players only. A Member who violates this rule will incur a fine of \$100.

### Use of Golf Carts.

1. Friends and family members of Players may not use golf carts at any Q-Series tournament.
2. Individuals requesting use of a golf cart for a qualified disability must submit a request at least 30 days in advance of the tournament. Please see the full policy [HERE](#).

## Pets and Service Animals.

1. Restricted Areas. Animals are not permitted in restricted areas, including player dining, locker rooms, and "inside the ropes," except as required by law.
2. Non-Restricted Areas. Outside of the restricted areas, the presence of animals will be governed by the policies established by the promoter and the venue.
3. Service Animals. Pursuant to the [Accessibility and Accommodations Policy for Participants in the LPGA's Sporting Regulations](#) (a copy of which can be obtained by emailing [tourops@lpga.com](mailto:tourops@lpga.com)), service animals are permitted in compliance with the law, and a credential is required for identification within restricted areas. Credentials will be valid for the season in which they are issued and must be displayed at all times in restricted areas (and if required by the promoter or venue, in non-restricted areas). If you qualify for a legal exception, please email [Compliance@LPGA.com](mailto:Compliance@LPGA.com) to receive the Accommodations Request Form. The Accommodations Request Form must be submitted a minimum of ten (10) business days before entry to restricted areas is required to ensure timely processing.

*Note: Animals whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as Service Animals under the applicable accessibility and accommodation laws.*

4. Violations. Animals in restricted areas without the appropriate credentials will be removed from the area and the Player will be fined up to \$500 per violation.

## Nationality.

A Players nationality will be determined pursuant to the policy as set forth by the International Golf Federation (IGF) for purposes of the Olympics, Solheim Cup and International Crown.

## SUSPENSION OF PLAY GUIDELINES

### Suspension of Play Situations.

1. 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 as scheduled, which could include playing 36 holes on the final day. If this cannot be accomplished, play may be extended beyond the scheduled final day if conditions and the weather forecast permit.
2. 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:
  - a. To cancel the round and play it in its entirety the next day; or
  - b. To finish the suspended round when conditions permit.
3. 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.

### Extending Play beyond the Scheduled Final Day.

1. In making the decision to extend play beyond the scheduled final day, or to reduce the tournament to fewer than the scheduled holes, the Lead and/or Advance Official discusses the situation with various constituents, including LPGA and Epson Tour 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.
2. 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
3. In an effort to complete the tournament, 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 will not reduce the field to less than fifty (50) players plus those players tied for 50<sup>th</sup> place under any circumstances
4. If conditions exist which prevent 54/72 holes from being completed by Sunday, play may be extended to Monday provided



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the course conditions and weather forecast permit it

5. 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
6. 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.

## ADDENDUM – CODE OF ETHICS AND STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Players shall strictly observe and comply with the following Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct (“**Code**”). Any individual credentialed by LPGA, including without limitation each Player who enters or participates in LPGA Q-Series (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 will 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 participation in LPGA Q-Series or other LPGA Tour or Epson Tour 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 will not aid or abet in any way a Participant’s violation of the LPGA Anti-Doping Protocol.
3. **Integrity Program.** Comply with the LPGA Integrity Program Manual and will not aid or abet in any way a Participant’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 Tour(s) or the Tournament, 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 will 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 Participants 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. Participant Standards of Conduct

Participant 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. Fines and other penalties will be subject to doubling if not paid within fourteen (14) days of due date. Entry to tournaments will be prohibited for any Participant with outstanding financial obligations from a previous season, until such time as payment is brought current or a payment plan is agreed upon by the LPGA Tour.
3. Make only constructive comments regarding fellow professionals, the LPGA, 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 LPGA by willingly taking an active role on its committees and by responding immediately to all inquiries necessary for fulfillment of the LPGA's objectives; and
7. Present an image through conduct and dress, which would gain respect and elevate the professional.

#### 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 Participant 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.** Participants 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. Participants and caddies may use mobile devices during a practice round to engage in social media only, subject to the Social Media Code of Conduct below. 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. Participants 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. Participant clothing and shoes will always be clean and neat. Length of shorts and skirts/skort, 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 midriffs. (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 will be noted on the Tournament Fact Sheets.
2. Questions concerning appropriate dress for a specific activity may be directed to the Advance Official.

#### C. Penalties

Participants 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 Participant will be notified following her round. Participants will receive a warning for the first offense and will be issued a fine of \$100 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.** Organization recognizes the importance of social networking by 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 Participants about using social media, so they feel enabled to participate, while being mindful of the standards expected by Organization. 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 the 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?** Organization 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, the Epson Tour and tournaments when using social media.

A Participant is responsible for compliance with the Social Media Policy regardless of whether the content is captured, posted or streamed by the Participant 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, Epson Tour and tournaments' image and reputation or bring the LPGA, LPGA Tour, Epson 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.** Organization 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 Participants to use social media to showcase their personalities and connect with their fans. Participants 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**").

1. **Permitted Uses.**
  - a. On practice round and Pro-Am days, Participants 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.

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- b. On competition days, Participants 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 Participant'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 Participant personalities, provide fans with authentic Participant perspectives, and generate interest in the Participants, LPGA Tour, Epson Tour and tournaments.
      - b. Content should be engaging but in good taste and not unbecoming of a professional.
      - c. LPGA Tour or Epson 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 Participant 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. Participants 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, Epson Tour or a tournament. To illustrate, a Participant 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 Participant may provide incidental brand exposure for sponsors in the same manner she does in the telecast of a tournament. Also, natural references to Participant sponsors are permitted. Finally, Participants may not enter into distribution, production, or similar deals for the content (that is, for content captured at a tournament).
      - c. Participants may not use any name or logo of the Tours in the names, handles or profiles of their social media accounts.
    4. **LPGA Tour Ownership / Use.** The LPGA 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 and/or Epson Tour to benefit the membership. However, the LPGA will not imply any endorsement of a third party by a Participant. The LPGA 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 may revoke the permission set forth in this Tournament Use Policy for individual Participants due to violations. Content violating this Tournament Use Policy must be taken down upon request. The LPGA 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.

## ADDENDUM – 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 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 LPGA 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 LPGA’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 LPGA in writing (submit requests to Tour Operations). Approval of any company or product is for Sponsorship purposes only, use of any supplement is at the Player’s own risk (see <https://www.lpga.com/anti-doping-information>).
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 head wear, apparel, golf bag or golf equipment;
  - c) No more than two (2) displays of an alcohol beverage brand (i.e., name, logo, or other identifier) may be displayed on head wear, apparel and/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 LPGA in writing (submit requests to Tour Operations) is and 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 two (2) displays 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, 2026 (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 Players 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 for Members only, 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 or Epson 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 identifiers (“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.



## ADDENDUM – PENALTIES, APPEALS, REVIEW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION POLICY

### Article I. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

#### A. Applicability.

Players who violate the Regulations, will 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 will 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 will be final and conclusive.
2. **Integrity Program.** The provisions of this Addendum will not be applicable to violations of the Integrity Program Manual. Such violations will 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 will 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 will 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 will be three classes of penalties – minor, intermediate, and major. Penalties may be imposed in accordance with these Regulations.

#### A. Minor Penalties.

A Minor Penalty will 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 \$100*

*Disciplinary Action: N/A*

#### B. Intermediate Penalties.

An Intermediate Penalty will 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 \$101 and \$250*

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

#### C. Major Penalties.


A Major Penalty will 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 \$250*

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

### Article III. APPEALS

#### A. Initial Appeal

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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 will be to the Office of the Commissioner. If the initial penalty was imposed by the Commissioner, then the appeal will 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](#) will 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 will 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, will render a decision on the appeal, in writing, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the appeal. Such decision will be final. All fines will 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](#) will be in writing and may include defenses or statements of mitigating circumstances, including written statements of others having knowledge of the facts. Such appeal will 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 will render a decision on the appeal, in writing, within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of the appeal.

## B. Appeals Committee

1. **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 will 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 will 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 will both be appointed by the Chair.

## C. Appeals Procedures

[Appeals Procedures:](#) Subject to the terms above, an appeal to the Appeals Committee will 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 will 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 will immediately notify the Chair who will, 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 will 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 will appoint a special Hearing Officer to conduct the hearing. The Hearing Officer will be a lawyer and will have knowledge of golf and the rules pertaining to the game. Promptly after his or her appointment, the Hearing Officer will fix the time and place for the hearing. At the hearing, formal rules of evidence will not apply; and the Hearing Officer will 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 will 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 will 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 will 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 will 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 will become effective immediately upon written receipt by the Player of the decision. All decisions of the Appeals Committee will be final, binding and non-appealable.

#### D. General Provisions.

##### 1. General Provisions.

- a) **Stay on Appeal.** An appeal will 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) will 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 will be forfeited.

- c) **Publicity.** All persons involved in the appeals process will 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 will remove himself or herself from consideration of the matter, and the decision as to such matter will be made by the next most senior officer among them, in order of authority. In the absence of a succeeding officer, the decision will be made by the Appeals Committee.

#### Article IV. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

##### A. Mediation.

In the event of a dispute, including without limitation disputes, controversies, or claims arising out of or in connection with participation in a tournament, the Tournament 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 will 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, will 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 will 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 will 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 of the fact of the Dispute, submissions of the parties, any written reasons for the decision, and the outcome of the proceedings, will 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.

## ADDENDUM – CADDIE REGULATIONS

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

A Member of the LPGA Tour or the Epson Tour may caddie in any LPGA Q-Series tournament for which she is not entered.

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

### Caddie Registration and Access.

1. All caddies must have photo identification at tournament site.
2. All caddies must register as an LPGA Q-Series caddie by completing the Caddie Registration Form via the link provided by the LPGA Q-Series staff. Caddie credentials from professional golf tours other than the LPGA Tour are not acceptable.
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.
4. Caddies are required to register using a QR code to be provided prior to Tournament Week or present an LPGA or Epson Tour Caddie Credential at the time of registration.


### Uniform & Dress Code.

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 will 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 will be determined at the discretion of LPGA Tour.

### Caddie Etiquette.

1. Caddies will not have or consume any beverage containing alcohol, while "inside-the-ropes" at tournament site.
2. Caddies are not permitted to walk on the greens when checking hole locations. When not actively caddying during a 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.
3. 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.
4. At no time may a caddie lie or sit on a putting green.
5. 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.
6. No cell phones are to be used "inside-the-ropes".
7. During Tournament Week, caddies will not play (hit shot or putts) the tournament golf course, nor will they use the practice facilities while at the tournament site. (Exception: A caddie may participate in the Pro-Am event.)
8. A caddie will 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 or Epson Tour to park a Player's car.
9. Caddies may not park campers or mobile homes overnight on the premises of the tournament site.
10. Caddies will not engage in conduct unbecoming a professional caddie, as determined in the sole discretion of LPGA or Epson Tour. In addition, caddies will not engage in any conduct that is prohibited for Players under the LPGA Tour Anti-Doping Program.
11. Caddies will comply with the Integrity Program.

### Violations.

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1. A caddie who violates any Regulation, including without limitation these Caddie Regulations, or whose actions or conduct reflects unfavorably upon LPGA or Epson Tour, will subject his/her Player to penalties and the caddie will be subject to losing his/her registration as a caddie on the Epson 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 will be determined by LPGA or Epson Tour, 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 will receive a fine of \$100.

(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 will 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 will 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 will 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 will receive a fine of \$500 and/or a caddie will 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 will become effective immediately after notice of the suspension is given to the caddie.

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## ADDENDUM – PRACTICE REGULATIONS

### Advance Practice Policy.

Players may not Advance Practice on the tournament course of any stage of the LPGA Q-Series except as noted in the respective Fact Sheets.

### Official Practice Rounds.

1. Official Practice Round times will be booked in the LPGA Portal App for the LPGA Pre-Qualifying Stage and the LPGA Qualifying Stage.
2. Official Practice Round times will be on a first-come, first-served basis for the LPGA Final Qualifying Stage.
3. Players are expected to use common courtesy while playing a practice round, including the following:
  - a. Players are responsible for maintaining their position on the course with respect to the group ahead of them.
  - b. Players may only hit one (1) shot into a green during a practice round and must move to the next shot/hole if there is a group waiting.
5. Any additional practice regulations posted on-site will be incorporated herein by reference.
6. Caddies may walk on the greens to chart information provided this does not interfere with the practice of any Player.

### Player Policing.

Players are expected to police themselves and each other. Rules Officials will be authorized to conduct random spot checks to enforce practice round policies and issue the following fines for any violations (within a single practice round):

1. First offense: Warning issued
2. Second offense: \$100 fine.
3. Third offense: Loss of practice round privileges for the day

## ADDENDUM – PACE OF PLAY POLICY

### A. Pace Of Play Policy

The following conditions and policies will regulate Rule 5.6 of the Rules of Golf; Unreasonable Delay; Prompt Pace of Play as defined by the Rules Committee:

1. In accordance with Rule 5.6, every player must not unreasonably delay play.
2. A time par sheet will be created by the Rules Committee to represent the approximate amount of time allotted for the first starting times of the day (lead groups) to finish each hole during each tournament round. The time par sheet will serve as a guideline for the Rules Committee to monitor the lead groups.
3. **“Out of Position”**: Each player is responsible for maintaining their group’s position in relation to the group in front of them. A group is considered “out of position” if a) all players in the group have not hit tee shots on a par 3 before the preceding group has arrived at their second shots on the next hole and will not have to wait to play to the green/landing area, or b) all players in the group have not hit tee shots on a par 4 before the preceding group has holed out, or c) all players have not hit second shots on a par 5 before the preceding group has holed out, (note: A reachable par 4/5 may be treated as a par 3/4) or d) a group is three (3) or more minutes behind the starting interval of the group directly in front of them.
4. **“Out of Position” for Lead Groups**: A lead group which is over its time par (as stated on the time par sheet) will be considered “out of position”. However, a lead group which is under its time par, but holding up the group behind, may be subject to a warning and/or subsequent timing at the discretion of the Rules Official.
5. **One (1) Time Warning**: It is the responsibility of each player to be aware of their group’s position on the course. A group that is out of position, or in the case of the lead group over its time par, will be issued one (1) warning per round by a Rules Official unless a Rules Official deems, at any time, the group to be so far out of position that a warning is not appropriate. Additionally, groups may be timed without receiving their warning if they are on the last three holes of their round. Once warned, the group will be given the opportunity on the following hole to improve its position in relation to the preceding group, or in the case of the lead group in relation to time par. If sufficient improvement is not made, the group may then be timed.
6. A Rules Official may notify the group immediately following a group to be timed when circumstances permit. However, it is every group’s responsibility to maintain its position on the course in relation to the field. If a Rules Official is unable to notify the group immediately following a group to be timed, it will not preclude that group from being warned and/or timed if they fail to maintain their position on the course.
7. **Timing Begins**: Timing of a player officially begins when, at the discretion of the Rules Official, it is clearly the player’s turn to play, and nothing interferes with their ability to play the stroke. Time taken for determining yardage, club selection, wind conditions, etc., will count against the player’s overall time. On the putting green, timing begins after a player, at the discretion of a Rules Official, has had a reasonable amount of time to repair damage to the putting green and remove loose impediments on their line of play. Timing may begin before a player has replaced their ball on the putting green. Players timed for being out of position have an average of 30 seconds per stroke timed to complete the play of the hole. Putts of approximately two (2) feet or less that can be hit within ten (10) seconds or less may be considered tap-ins and would not affect a player’s average time for that hole.

Ten (10) additional seconds will be allotted to the first player in the group to:

- Hit a tee shot on a par 3 or reachable par 4
- Hit a second shot on a par 4 or par 5

- Play a third stroke on a par 5
- Play a stroke from off the green (Exception: Ten (10) additional seconds will not be allotted for the first player to make a stroke from off the putting green when a stroke has already been made from the putting green, and it is more likely than not that the player will be making their next stroke with a putter)
- Play a stroke on the putting green

Every effort will be made by a Rules Official to notify a group when timing has begun. However, timings accrued prior to such notification will count towards a player's overall average for a given hole. In instances where a group should be timed but the Rules Official is not present or is unable to determine the position of the group relative to the field, timing may begin with the second shot of the hole.

8. **Target Timing:** The Rules Committee reserves the right to time a player who is not helping to improve the groups' position on the course due to their actions and/or pace of play ("Target Timing"). Every effort will be made by a Rules Official to notify a player when timing has begun. However, timings accrued prior to such notification will count towards a player's overall average for a given hole.
9. **Penalties:** Penalties for breach of Rule 5.6 will be assessed if the player, while being timed by a Rules Official under Item A.7, exceeds the maximum time allowed for the total strokes timed on a given hole by more than five (5) seconds. See Item B1. The only exception to Rule 5.6 would be an "extraordinary circumstance" as determined by the Rules Official.
10. **Excessive Shot Timing:** A Player is subject to being timed at any time during a round and for any stroke. Under Excessive Shot Timing, a Player is allowed a maximum of seventy (70) seconds to play a stroke, provided that, a Player who is first to play will receive an additional ten (10) seconds as outlined in Item A.7. A player will not be notified by a Rules Official when they are being timed under this Item. When a group is being timed for being out of position under Item A.3 or A.4, individual Players in the group will not be timed under the Excessive Shot Timing.
11. **Excessive Shot Timing Violation:** A Player who exceeds 70 seconds to play a stroke will be advised promptly that they have incurred an Excessive Shot Timing Violation. If the violation occurs for a stroke on or around the putting green, the Player will be notified after completion of the hole. A Player will receive one (1) Warning for an Excessive Shot Timing Violation per LPGA Qualifying Stage prior to incurring a fine
12. **On-Site Appeals:** A Player receiving a penalty may appeal to the Timing Appeals Committee. In the case of a "plus time" resulting in a penalty, the Player must appeal prior to returning their scorecard. The Timing Appeals Committee will be composed of the tournament's Lead Official and the Rules Official who issued the plus time/penalty. If the Lead Official is the same official who issued the plus time/penalty, the most senior member of the Rules Committee will be the second member of the Timing Appeals Committee. Appeals are not accepted for Excessive Shot Timing violations. Note: No player may appeal a Plus Time and/or subsequent fine once the tournament has concluded.
13. Specific policies for timing unreasonable delay are determined by the Tournament Officials in consultation with the LPGA Player Directors.

#### B. Pace Of Play Rules and Fines

4. **A player being timed in a group which is out of position (Item A.3 or A.4) may be penalized for unreasonable delay if the player exceeds the maximum time allowed for the total strokes timed on a given hole by more than 5 seconds.**
  - a. Player who exceeds the maximum time allowed for the total strokes timed on a given hole by 1 – 5 seconds does not incur a penalty, but the "plus time" will be counted towards the player's accumulated Tournament total which may result in additional fines



- b. Player exceeds the maximum time allowed by 6 – 15 seconds: One-stroke penalty
- c. Player exceeds the maximum time allowed by 16 or more seconds: General penalty (two-strokes/loss of hole)

Example: Average time per stroke – 30 seconds				
Strokes Timed on Hole	Maximum Time Allowed	Accumulation Resulting in Fine	One-stroke Penalty	General Penalty (two-strokes/loss of hole)
3	90 Seconds	91 – 95 Seconds	96 – 105 Seconds	106 Seconds or more
4	120 Seconds	121 – 125 Seconds	126 – 135 Seconds	136 Seconds or more
5	150 Seconds	151 – 155 Seconds	156 – 165 Seconds	166 Seconds or more
6	180 Seconds	181 – 185 Seconds	186 – 195 Seconds	196 Seconds or more

**2. Penalties for breach of Rule 5.6**

- a. First and second offense in a round: Applicable penalty (see B.1)
- b. Third offense in a round: Disqualification

**3. Fines**

**a. The following applies for a Player who is timed under Item A.7 (timing begins).**

Fines for Players who accumulate plus times from +1 - +5, but do not incur penalty stroke(s):

- i. 3 plus times in the +1 - +5 category without a penalty stroke - \$500
- ii. Every additional plus time without a penalty stroke – additional \$250

Note: Plus times from +1 - +5 are in addition to, and separate from, any penalty strokes incurred during a round and count towards the accumulated total of plus times. This accumulation & fine will only occur within the current stage being played and will not carry over from stage to stage.

**The following applies for a Player who incurs a Violation under Item A.10 (Excessive Shot Timing) above: A**

Player will receive a maximum of one (1) Warning for an Excessive Shot Timing Violation per LPGA Tour season, prior to incurring a fine. After a Player receives their one (1) Excessive Shot Timing Violation warning, they will be subject to the below fine structure for the remainder of the season:

- i. First violation – Fine of \$100
- ii. Second violation – Fine of \$200
- iii. Third violation – Fine of \$400
- iv. Fourth and subsequent violations – Fine of \$500

In addition to the individual Violation fines listed above, a Player who incurs a total of ten (10) Excessive Shot Timing Violations (including Violations resulting in a Warning) during the same LPGA Qualifying stage will incur a fine of \$500.

## ADDENDUM – RULES OF PLAY

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A Rules Limited, LPGA/Epson Tour Rules of Competition, and, where applicable, by the following Local Rules, subject to changes for particular tournaments by the Rules Committee on the applicable Notice to Players. The following Local Rules apply and can be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 1, 2023. Unless otherwise specified, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

### 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 Rules Committee. A player operating under a stroke and distance penalty is always authorized.
- e. **REPLACEMENT OF A CLUB THAT IS BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED:** Revised Model Local Rule G-9 effective **January 1, 2026** is in effect.
- f. **PROHIBITING CLUBS LONGER THAN 46 INCHES:** Model Local Rule G-10 is in effect. Penalty for Breach – Disqualification.
- g. **GREEN-READING MATERIALS RESTRICTIONS:** Model Local Rule G-11 is in effect. Approved materials include: Committee approved yardage books since January 1, 2023, Committee approved hole location sheets, and a map of the entire course no larger than letter or A4 sized paper. Note: MLR G-11 is not in effect for an off-site local qualifying event. First Breach – General Penalty. Second Breach – Disqualification.

### 2. OUT OF BOUNDS: Rule 18.2

- a. Out of bounds is defined by course-side edge of white stakes, perimeter fence posts, fencing, and walls at ground level, course-side edge of roadways/curbings, and the course-side edge of white lines tying into any boundary;
- b. 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;
- c. Closed gates attached to a boundary are part of the boundary object under Model Local Rule F-26;
- d. White stakes encircled in green paint identify but do not define the boundary. These stakes are movable obstructions.

### 3. PENALTY AREAS: Rule 17

- a. 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.
- b. When the edge of a red penalty area coincides with the boundary of the course, Model Local Rule B-2.2 is in effect.

### 4. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS: Rule 16

- a. White and/or green-lined/dotted areas (except dropping zones);
- 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, dots or symbols 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.), but no relief for stance;
- f. White-lined/dotted 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.
- h. **When it is known or virtually certain that a ball is embedded in any player’s pitch-mark in the general area cut to fairway height or less relief may be available under Rule 16.3. Model Local Rule F-2.3 is in effect.**

## 5. INTEGRAL OBJECTS:

- a. Retaining walls and pilings when located within penalty areas;
- b. The portion closely attached to boundary objects or trees of tree wrappings, electrical wires, cables, television equipment, antennae and lightning rods;
- c. Bunker liners. Note: An exposed liner may be treated as GUR by the Committee, but no relief for stance;
- d. Sponsor displays located within penalty areas. Lines or cables anchoring them are temporary and Model Local Rule F-22 is in effect.

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

- a. Take relief under Rule 16.1d, or;
- b. Request the Committee to squeegee their line of play when their ball lies on the putting green, or is adjacent to it, in any area of the course.

The Committee may squeegee the putting green between groups at its discretion.

## 7. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO THE PUTTING GREEN: Model Local Rule F-5.2 is in effect. 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. Interference under this Local Rule also applies to holes left by moveable obstructions when the hole is treated as ground under repair by the Committee under Item 4g.

## 8. TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (TIOs): Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect. TIOs include all decorative materials surrounding or adjacent to obstruction.

- a. Either side relief: 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 from all TIOs, except as specified on the "Notice to Players".
- b. Drones: When it is known or virtually certain that a ball in motion hit a drone or similar artificial object in flight, the player must replay the stroke (see Rule 14.6). If the player does not replay the stroke, they get the general penalty but have not played from a wrong place.

## 9. ADVERTISING BOARDS: Freestanding advertising boards situated away from teeing areas are movable obstructions. In the event an advertising board cannot be moved, it is treated as a TIO. If multiple boards are adjacent to one another, they may be treated separately or all as one TIO at the option of the player.

## 10. PERMANENT ELEVATED POWER LINES: Model Local Rule E-11 is in effect and is modified as follows: If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line in bounds, the player must replay the stroke (see Rule 14.6). If the player does not replay the stroke, they get the general penalty but have not played from a wrong place.

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

## 12. REMOVAL OF ANIMAL NOT DEFINED AS LOOSE IMPEDIMENT NEAR BALL: Model Local Rule E-13 is in effect.

## 13. 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 suspensions 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. Refer to the LPGA/Epson Tournament and Player Regulations.

## 14. 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-1.1 is in effect. A player may practice on designated practice areas. Rule 5.2b is modified as follows. Players must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for breach of Local Rule: First Breach – General Penalty. Second Breach – Disqualification.
- 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.

## 15. PACE OF PLAY: The LPGA/Epson Pace of Play Policy is in effect, and is posted at all tournaments.

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

## 17. REDUCED PENALTY WHEN PLAYER UNAWARE BALL MOVED: Model Local Rule E-14 is in effect and applies only when

- the player is unaware, before the stroke is made, that the ball might have moved.
18. **SCORING IN STROKE PLAY:** Model Local Rule L-1 is in effect and modifies the penalty for a missing certification(s) under Rule 3.3b(2).
  19. **TIME OF STARTING:** A player is at their starting point when they're within the roped/painted area of their starting tee, including the starter's tent. When both paint and ropes are present, paint defines the starting area.
  20. **SCORING AREA; RETURNING SCORECARD:** Rule 3.3b. The scoring area is the roped/painted area of the scoring tent, unless otherwise specified on the "Notice to Players". When both paint and ropes are present, paint defines the scoring area. The supplemental Notice to Players, "Returning Scorecard", found on Teamworks, includes an additional term of the competition that is in effect for when the scorecard is considered returned. The last player is considered to have left scoring when they have completely left the defined area.
  21. **WHEN COMPETITION IS FINAL:** The competition is final when it has been electronically closed by the Rules Committee on the tournament software program.

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## ADDENDUM - MEASURING CONDITIONS OF PUTTING GREENS

**On January 1, 2023, following the adoption of MLR G-11 – Restricting Use of Green Reading Materials, this LPGA TOUR regulation regarding measuring the conditions of putting greens was created. This regulation helps to ensure any handwritten notes are gathered in a correct way in accordance with MLR G-11, while also clarifying that essentially any device may be used on the practice greens.**

The Rules of Golf state that before a round or play-off on any day of a stroke play competition, a player must not practice on the competition course or test the surface of any putting green on the course by rolling a ball or rubbing the surface. Furthermore, the following policy applies to LPGA Tour competitions:

On any day of an official stroke play or match play competition, or during official practice rounds and Pro-Ams, players and caddies are NOT permitted to use any device that measures the condition of any putting green on the competition course (i.e., slope, speed, texture, firmness, friction, or moisture level).

A device specifically designed to be used as a “training aid” may be used on any day on the practice greens. The same “training aid” may be used on the competition course during practice rounds, provided it does not measure the conditions as described.

A player or caddie who does not comply with this policy is subject to disciplinary action.

First Offense – Warning

Second Offense - \$200

Third Offense - \$400

Fourth and Any Additional Offense – Major Penalty (Suspension)

## ADDENDUM – LIMITATIONS OF DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES (DMDs)

Pursuant to Rule 4.3a(1) of the Rules of Golf, the use of distance-measuring devices (DMDs) is permitted unless prohibited through the adoption of Model Local Rule G-5. The LPGA Tour and Epson Tour have authorized the use of DMDs in competition since the 2021 season.

**1.**

For all competitions sanctioned by the LPGA Tour and Epson Tour, the following is in effect: Players and caddies are restricted to the use of traditional, rangefinder-style optical distance-measuring devices. The use of wearable devices, watches, mobile phones, tablets, or any applications capable of measuring distance is prohibited during competition. A player or caddie who does not comply with this policy is subject to disciplinary action.

First Offense – Warning

Second Offense - \$200

Third Offense - \$400

Fourth and Any Additional Offense – Major Penalty (Suspension)

**2.**

In accordance with Rule 4.3a(1), any feature within a distance-measuring device that provides information beyond distance—such as elevation or slope measurement, wind speed, club recommendation, or personal data input—must not be used during competition. Furthermore, Model Local Rule G-11, Restricting Use of Green-Reading Materials, is in effect on all Tours. As such, course-mapping functions, green-contour information, or similar displays on any device are strictly prohibited. Any breach of the restrictions in Rule 4.3a(1) is subject to penalty under the Rules of Golf.



## GLOSSARY

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

<b>Advance Official</b>	The Rules Official listed on the Tournament Fact Sheet as the Advance Official.
<b>Advance Practice</b>	Practice on the tournament course(s) prior to Official Practice Rounds as listed on the respective Fact Sheet for each tournament.
<b>Commitment Deadline</b>	The date/time stated in the Eligibility Statement.
<b>Eligibility Statement</b>	The order of entry for a tournament field based on established entry criteria.
<b>Epson Tour Member</b>	A member of the Epson Tour in good standing for the current season.
<b>LET Member</b>	A member of the LET in good standing for the current season.
<b>LPGA Pre-Qualifying Stage</b>	The first stage of the LPGA Q-Series.
<b>LPGA Qualifying Stage</b>	The second stage of the LPGA Q-Series.
<b>LPGA Final Qualifying Stage</b>	The final stage of the LPGA Q-Series.
<b>LPGA Q-Series</b>	A three-stage process (consisting of LPGA Pre-Qualifying Stage, Qualifying Stage and LPGA Final Qualifying Stage) to determine eligibility status on both the LPGA Tour and Epson Tour for the following season.
<b>LPGA Member</b>	A member of the LPGA Tour in good standing for the current season.
<b>Office of the Commissioner</b>	The Commissioner of LPGA or his/her executive designee
<b>Player</b>	An amateur or professional female golfer eligible to compete or competing in the LPGA Q-Series.
<b>Portal</b>	An area which is restricted to Members, and registered Non-Members and Caddies, which provides them with membership and tournament information, as applicable.
<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>Tournament Fact Sheet</b>	Information sheets provided to all Players on the Portal approximately six (6) weeks prior to each tournament.
<b>Tournament Office</b>	The on-site office which serves as the LPGA Q-Series tournament staff office for the week.
<b>Tournament Week</b>	From 12:01AM local time on the day of the first Official Practice Round until midnight of the day the final results are posted.