



119th Women's Western Amateur Championship

Royal Melbourne Country Club | Long Grove, IL

July 15-20, 2019

Application Information

Entries will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. EDT on June 15, 2019.

ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to amateur girls and women who have an up-to-date 18-hole USGA Handicap Index not to exceed 5.4 under the USGA Handicap System, or a state or international equivalent handicap system. All entries are subject to approval or rejection by the Women's Western Golf Association Committee (hereinafter referred to as "WWGA Committee") at any time before or after the start of play.

FIELD

The field may be limited by the WWGA Committee to a maximum of 120 contestants. The WWGA Committee will automatically accept players who are exempt into the field in accordance with the exemption categories listed on **PAGE 5** of this Application Information document, providing there are spaces available. Exempt players are expected to complete the application and pay the full entry fee by the posted deadline. Eligible players who are not automatically exempt should submit a completed application, including a golf resume and entry fee by the posted deadline.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

- All applications must be submitted online at www.womenswesternamateur.com. Late, incomplete or inaccurate application forms will not be accepted.
- Only one application may be filed per player.
- All applications must be accompanied by the full entry fee of \$250, which includes a \$25 non-refundable application fee. If you are not accepted into the final tournament field, you will receive a refund, minus the \$25 application fee.
- By registering for the Women's Western Amateur Championship, you agree to all the terms and conditions listed in this Application Information Document.

TOURNAMENT ACCEPTANCE

Eligible players qualifying for an exemption into the tournament in categories A, B and C will be notified of their acceptance into the tournament after receipt of the online application and entry fee, provided there are spaces available. All players applying for a D-1 "Special Consideration Exemption" and players that do not meet the exemption criteria will be emailed notification of their status (acceptance or waitlist) by **June 18, 2019**.

WITHDRAWAL

If an entrant who has paid the entire entry fee withdraws before June 20, 2019, the entry fee will be refunded, less the \$25 application fee. If an entrant withdraws for any reason after June 20, 2019, **no refunds** will be given. If you cannot compete and do not officially withdraw **prior** to the tournament, you will be treated as a "no-show" and will be subject to exclusion from future WWGA sponsored events.



FORMAT

Official practice rounds will be held on Monday, July 15, 2019. Players must register **prior** to playing their practice round. There will be 36 holes of stroke play qualifying to determine the low 32 players that will qualify for match play. In the event of a tie for the 32nd position, a sudden-elimination playoff shall be held to determine the qualifiers. The playoff will begin as soon as the last player has completed 36 holes of qualifying and all scores are posted. All players in the playoff are required to be at the teeing ground where the playoff is to commence. All matches will be 18 hole matches.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS*

Monday, July 15	Times TBD 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM	Player Registration Practice Rounds
Tuesday, July 16	AM & PM Tee Times 6:30 PM	1st Qualifying Round (18 holes, stroke play) Player Barbeque
Wednesday, July 17	AM & PM Tee Times	2nd Qualifying Round (18 holes, stroke play) (low 32 enter Match Play)
Thursday, July 18	AM Tee Times PM Tee Times	Match Play (Round of 32) Match Play (Round of 16)
Friday, July 19	AM Tee Times PM Tee Times	Match Play (Round of 8) Match Play (Semi-Finals, Round of 4)
Saturday, July 20	AM Tee Time	Match Play (Finals, Round of 2) Trophy Ceremony

*All times are approximate and subject to change.

REGISTRATION

All players must register in-person during the posted times and prior to playing a practice round on Monday, July 15. If a player elects to not play a practice round, she must register during the registration times on Monday, July 15, or confirm arrival time in advance by phone (contact Sally White at 317-331-1763) and make arrangements to register. Registration will be located in the Royal Melbourne Country Club clubhouse, and times will be communicated to all entrants by email. A player's place in the tournament may be forfeited if she fails to register.

PRACTICE

Royal Melbourne Country Club will be available for practice on Monday, July 15; however, each player must register prior to any practice. Practice round tee times may be booked electronically. All players will receive a link to register for a practice round tee time in pre-tournament email communications. Please note: Royal Melbourne Country Club's golf course and practice facilities will be unavailable prior to Monday, July 15.

STARTING TIMES

Pairings and starting times for the first two rounds of qualifying will be communicated by 1:00 PM CDT on Monday, July 15, 2019. Pairings can also be viewed online at www.womenswesternamateur.com.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Upon notice of tournament acceptance, participants should book flight reservations into Chicago O'Hare International Airport (approximately 22 miles from Royal Melbourne Country Club). The host hotel is the [DoubleTree by Hilton Libertyville-Mundelein](#), and the special tournament rate of \$129.00 will be offered until June 19, 2019, or until the hotel is sold out. Additional rate details and the booking link will be shared via pre-tournament email communication. Contestants are expected to make their own hotel reservations. Note: Recreational vehicles, campers, motorhomes or the like are not permitted to park on the premises at Royal Melbourne Country Club.

PRIVATE HOUSING

A limited number of private housing accommodations will be available to contestants on a first-come, first-serve basis. You must specify on the entry form if you will need housing. Then, in the acceptance email you will receive a private housing application form to complete. The Private Housing Chairperson will contact you directly with more information.

HEADQUARTERS

All inquiries should be directed to Sally White, Tournament Manager of the Western Golf Association, white@wgaesf.org. During the championship, the WWGA Tournament Headquarters Office will be located in the Royal Melbourne Country Club clubhouse.

119th Women's Western Amateur Championship Committee

WWGA President – Cece Durbin, Indian Hill Club (IL)

Tournament Chairman – Susan Buchanan, Athens Country Club (GA), beep691@yahoo.com

Assistant Tournament Chairman – Pat Stahl, Cincinnati Country Club (OH)

Rules Chairman – Debbie VanSistine, Mauh-Nah-Tee-See (IL)

Pairings & Scoring Chairman – Linda Gilley, Flossmoor Country Club (IL)

Public Relations Chairman – Susan Wagner, TPC Sawgrass (FL)

Hospitality Chairman – Jackie Wacker, Shoreacres (IL)

Scoreboard Chairman – Spot Lawler, Glen View Club (IL)

Registration Co-Chairman – Ruth Murphy, Tara Golf & Country Club (FL)

Registration Co-Chairman – Barbara Vollmer, Cincinnati Country Club (OH)

College Coaches Liaison – Judy Anderson, Glen View Club (IL)

Entry Chairman – Sally White, WGA, white@wgaesf.org

CADDIE POLICY

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

CONDUCT CODE

In fairness to the field of competition: In both the stroke play and match play portion of the tournament, it is expected and is the responsibility of every player to continue play throughout the tournament until eliminated. The following actions by contestants or caddies will be considered violations of the Conduct Code: any abusive language, club throwing, cheating, disrespect of volunteers, officials or host families, abuse of the course, leaving the course during



your competitive round without permission from a WWGA official, any use of or association with drugs, any abuse of alcohol, not adhering to the dress code during any portion of the tournament, any vandalism at the host hotel, and/or any other conduct not becoming of a Women's Western Amateur contestant. The penalties for Conduct Code violations, based on the severity of misconduct, may be any or all of the following: a warning, 1 or 2 stroke penalty, disqualification of the player from the tournament, suspension of the player indefinitely from WWGA Championships.

DRESS CODE

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

RULES OF GOLF

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

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION; BROADCASTING

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

AWARDS

- **W.A. Alexander Cup** – Match Play Champion. Champion's name will be inscribed on the trophy.
- **'Babe' Didrikson Zaharias Memorial Trophy** – Match Play Finalist. The Finalist's name will be inscribed on the trophy that is on display at the Nashville Golf and Athletic Club, Brentwood, TN.



- **Margaret Lenz Trophy** – Medalist. Lowest gross score from the 36-holes of qualifying.
- **Marion Miley Bracelet** – Awarded to the junior player having the lowest combined gross score from the qualifying rounds of the 2019 Women's Western Junior Championship and 2019 Women's Western Amateur Championship.



Women's Western Golf Association 2019 Amateur Championship Exemptions

The Women's Western Golf Association reserves the right to revise any of the exemption categories. Exempt players who wish to participate in the Championship must return their invitation and complete an official entry by the posted deadline. Players in one and/or both of the following categories may be eligible for exemption into the 2019 Women's Western Amateur Championship, providing: they meet the eligibility requirements under the ELIGIBILITY section of the entry form, and there are spaces available.

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

A. Exemptions based on WWGA Championships

Women's Western Amateur Championship:

- A-1 Match Play Champion in the previous 10 years
- A-2 Top 10 finish and ties in medal play (2018)
- A-3 "Elite Eight" qualifiers in match play (2018)

Women's Western Junior Championship:

- A-4 Match Play Champion in the previous three years
- A-5 Match Play Finalist/Runner-Up (2018)
- A-6 Top three and ties in medal play (2018)

B. Exemptions based on other Championships

- B-1 U.S. Women's Open Qualifiers (2017, 2018)
- B-2 U.S. Women's Amateur Match Play Qualifiers (2018)
- B-3 Canadian Women's Amateur Champion (2018)
- B-4 British Ladies Amateur Champion (2018)
- B-5 Australian Masters of the Amateurs Women's Champion (2018)
- B-6 NCAA DI Women's Individual Champion (2018)
- B-7 NCAA DII Women's Individual Champion (2018)
- B-8 NCAA DIII Women's Individual Champion (2018)
- B-9 Pinehurst North and South Women's Amateur Match Play Champion (2018)
- B-10 Women's TRANS Amateur Champion (2018)
- B-11 Women's Southern Amateur Match Play Champion (2018)
- B-12 Women's Eastern Amateur Champion (2018)

C. Exemptions based on Rankings

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

D. Exemptions based on Special Considerations:

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