

## WAGR EXEMPTIONS WORLDWIDE – SUMMARY LIST

-- As of 14 March 2018 --

### Professional Tours and Events:

- **MARK H McCORMACK MEDAL WINNERS+** - Exempt into
  - The Open
  - U.S. Open
  - Ricoh Women's British Open
  - U.S. Women's Open.
  
- **ASIAN TOUR\***
  - The leading 3 entrants to a limit of 10th place in WAGR.
  
- **AUSTRALIAN LADIES PROFESSIONAL GOLF TOUR\* -**
  
- **CANADIAN PROFESSIONAL GOLF TOUR\* -**
  
- **CANADIAN WOMEN'S TOUR**
  - Players currently listed on Women's WAGR Top 100 as of the event deadline (3 events each year - British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec).
  
- **INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PGA TOURS\* -**
  
- **JAPAN GOLF TOUR ORGANISATION\***
  - Three (3) players can play from the second stage in Q-school. Second Stage Eligibility No.13 three (3) players from top 10 of World Amateur Ranking.
  
- **JUNIOR RYDER CUP -**
  
- **KOREA LADIES PROFESSIONAL GOLF ASSOCIATION\* -**
  
- **KOREA PROFESSIONAL GOLF ASSOCIATION \* -**
  
- **LADIES ASIAN GOLF TOUR LIMITED\* - N/A**
  
- **LADIES EUROPEAN TOUR\***
  - The top 25 of WAGR rankings go straight to the Final Stage of Q-School, as long as they have entered Q-School by the closing date.
  
- **LADIES EUROPEAN TOUR ACCESS SERIES**
  - Category for invitations which includes amateurs ranked by a priority list according to WAGR, to a maximum of six invitations.
  
- **LADIES GOLF UNION (GB&I)+**

- **LADIES PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS ASSOCIATION OF JAPAN\* -**
- **LPGA (USA)\***
  - Top three WAGR players exempt to Stage II.
- **ONEASIA**
  - 10 from the top 400 will be eligible for Final Stage Q-School.
- **PGA EUROPEAN TOUR\***
  - The leading 5 entrants as at 29th August to a limit of 15th place in WAGR provided that the relevant applicants have applied to enter the First Stage by 29th August.
- **PGA OF AMERICA\* -**
- **PGA OF UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND\* -**
- **PGA TOUR (USA)\***
  - **Q-School First Qualifying Stage** Applicants ranked 6-25 on WAGR as of the qualifying tournament entry deadline.
  - **Q-School Second Qualifying Stage** – Applicants ranked 1-5 on WAGR as of the qualifying tournament entry deadline.
- **PGA TOUR OF AUSTRALASIA\***
  - Q-School exempts the leading 3 players from WAGR to a ceiling of 10<sup>th</sup> position.
- **PGAs OF EUROPE\* -**
- **PROFESSIONAL GOLF TOUR OF INDIA\*-**
- **THE R&A\*+**
  - The Open: the leading 10 entrants, not otherwise exempt, as at closing date.
  - Ricoh Women's British Open: Entry accepted from players who have been within the Women's WAGR listing 1-1,000. The leading 10 Women's entrants, not already exempt as at closing date.

- **SUNSHINE TOUR (SOUTH AFRICA)\***
  - Our last played Q School was played in one stage over 2 golf courses, so this wouldn't apply to the Sunshine Tour. We have no details yet for our next Q School, but as far as I understand, we will be doing the same again.
  - If our QS were to be played over 2 stages, then I'm sure we could accommodate the leading WAGR into final stage. In fact, we had 2 stages of QS in 2008 and we had an exemption into final stage for the amateurs as follows: "The leading 3 available amateurs, to a limit of 20th place, from WAGR @ Monday 10 November 2008." Should we go back to 2 stages for Q School, I have no doubt that we will accommodate the leading amateurs off WAGR into Final Stage.
- **TOUR DE LAS AMERICAS\***
  - 3 spots to WAGR ranked players according to their positions 3 weeks before the tournament starts.
- **TPG OF ARGENTINA -**
- **USGA\*+**
  - U.S. Open: top 50 and ties (local qualifying).

**\*IGF Professional Member**

**National Federations, Continental Organisations, and other Organisers of Amateur Events (Team Selection, Orders of Merit, and Amateur Events):**

- **ASIA-PACIFIC AMATEUR (Men's and Women's)**
  - Exemptions: WAGR used for entire field; if an Asian-Pacific region/country does not have any ranked players, they are asked to nominate two.
- **AUSTRALIA**
  - With respect to WAGR and Australian team selection, GA selectors do not use the WAGR specifically, but it is used as one of the tools (along with a number of other things).

Exemptions:

  - Australian Amateur Championship: Any player in the top 200 (for men) and 100 (for women) of WAGR as at close of entries.

Other events sanctioned by GA (but not owned or run by GA) which include WAGR exemptions are:

  - Men's and Women's Riversdale Cup
  - Men's and Women's Victorian Medal (Port Phillip Open)
  - Men's and Women's Avondale Amateur
  - Men's and Women's NSW Amateurs
  - Australian Master of the Amateurs

- **VICTORIAN PENNANT**
  - Each club competing in GV Pennant is restricted to a maximum of two male and two female players who are defined as being either from Interstate or Overseas. An International player is a non-permanent resident of Australia who holds an R&A World Ranking of less than 1000 as at 1 January of the year of the competition.
  
- **AUSTRIA**
  - WAGR used for team selection.
  
- **BERMUDA**
  - As we are a small island, we only have one player on the WAGR's therefore we have started a national team and training for those who may represent Bermuda in world events.
  
- **BHUTAN**
  - We will be adopting the WAGR ranking for all our team selection for international and regional participation and for determining the Order of merits.
  
- **BRAZIL**
  - The CBG does use WAGR as a determining factor during team selection.
  
- **CANADA**
  - The top Canadian player from WAGR in the Top 100 (both men's and women's) is automatically selected for the national team. WAGR and WWAGR are used when evaluating head-to-head stats for additional player selections (both men's and women's).

Golf Canada operates its own National Orders of Merit with many WAGR counting events. There are 4 Orders of Merit that we maintain (Men, Women, Jr. Boys, Jr. Girls)

**Exemptions:**

- Canadian Men's Amateur: We do consider the WAGR ranking of players who submit an exemption request for our National Men's Amateur. Generally, if the player is in the WAGR Top 100, he will get into the field.
- Canadian Women's Amateur: We do consider the WWAGR ranking of players who submit an exemption request for our National Women's Amateur. Generally, if the player is in the WWAGR Top 100, she will get into the field.

- **DENMARK**

- Danish International Amateur Championship: The 45 highest ranked entrants with a WAGR Ranking 1-2000 at the closing date for entries.
- Danish International Ladies Amateur Championship: The 10 highest ranked entrants with a WAGR Ranking 1-1500 at the closing date for entries.
- DGU Danish National Match Play Championship: The 16 highest ranked male players and 8 highest ranked female players.
- DGU Danish National Stroke Play Championship: The 20 highest ranked male players and 8 highest ranked female players.
- DGU Elite Series - Ladies 1. tournament: The 8 highest ranked female players.
- DGU Elite Series - Ladies Final (4. tournament): The 4 highest ranked female players.
- DGU Elite Series - Men's 1. tournament: The 30 highest ranked male players.
- DGU Elite Series - Men's 2. tournament: The 16 highest ranked male players.
- DGU Elite Series - Men's 3. tournament: The 16 highest ranked male players.
- DGU Elite Series - Men's Final (4. tournament): The 6 highest ranked male players.
- The exempt players from WAGR in DGU tournaments have to be full time members of a Danish Golf Club. Upon request prior to the entry deadline foreign players may receive Wild Card / invitation to play in the DGU Elite Series based on their WAGR ranking.

- **ENGLAND**

Exemptions:

- English Open Stroke Play Championship (Brabazon Trophy).
- WAGR is used to select two players (men and women) for the European Team Championships and three men and two women players for the Home International Matches.
- **YORKSHIRE** - The County Selectors take into account WAGR positions when considering players for county selection.

- **EUROPEAN GOLF ASSOCIATION**

- WAGR used to guide selections (generally find it very reliable for over-18, and a good guide for under-18).

Exemptions:

- European Ladies and Men's Amateurs: After certain exemption categories have been met, the highest WAGR Ranked players through 1600.

- **GUAM**

- We have a Guam National Golf Team. Team standings are used to determine who will represent Guam in off-island international events other than the Asia Pacific Amateur.

- **FINLAND**

- Finnish Amateur Championship, men and ladies - WAGR I-2400.
- Finnish International Junior Championships, girls and boys - WAGR I-4000.
- WAGR used for our closed championships.
- All our main Junior tournaments use WAGR as an entry method to the tournament.
- The FIJC doesn't use I-4000 anymore, it's so that all the WAGR ranked players are eligible to compete.

- **FRANCE**

- There are 3 tournaments, Esmond, Carlhian and Murat, where we use the WAGR to do the entry list. Also, we use the WAGR to select one French player for the World Team Championship.
- We also use the WAGR to select 2 French players (men and women) for the European team championship and 1 for the European Nations Cup at Sotogrande.

- **HONG KONG**

- We don't have a set guideline for using the rankings for selection purposes, but we do take them into consideration when we are looking at Hong Kong listed players that are playing most of their tournament golf outside Hong Kong. We certainly don't use the rankings for entry into any of our tournaments as a qualification requirement as we use handicaps rather than rankings as a cut off should we have a full field.

- **IRELAND**

- Exemptions are in place for our Irish Amateur Open and Close Championships, which include consideration of WAGR rankings (I-1500) to gain admission to the field.

- **IRISH LADIES GOLF UNION**

- The ILGU award the following automatic places on Irish Teams;
  - European Team Championships (Ladies and Girls) - Top 2 players from WWAGR (on selection date)
  - European Young Masters (U16s) - Top 1 player from WWAGR (on selection date)
  - Home International Matches (Ladies and Girls) - Top 3 players from WWAGR (on selection date)

For all non-automatic WWAGR selections onto the Irish Golf Teams, the ILGU Selection Committee will select what in its reasonable judgement is the team, or individual, who is available to compete with distinction at a specific venue or in a specific format of competition, taking into account a variety of performance related yardsticks that it deems to be appropriate

- **LADIES GOLF UNION**
  - LGU uses WAGR for selecting 4 players (out of 8) in the GB&I teams (Curtis Cup team and 3 or 4 out of 9 players for the Vagliano Trophy team).
  
- **MASTERS TOURNAMENT – Augusta National Women’s Amateur**  
Tournament:
  - The top 30 players from the United States of America will be invited who are not otherwise qualified, based on the Women’s World Amateur Golf Ranking.
  - After the previous qualification, the next 30 highest ranked players not otherwise qualified will receive invitations, as listed on the Women’s World Amateur Golf Ranking.
  
- **MEXICO**
  - For our national teams both men and women we take into account WAGR as a selection criteria.
  
- **MALAYSIA**
  - Uses WAGR for the player selection to the National Team as well as international major events i.e. WATC, Nomura Cup, SEA Amateur Team Championship, SEA Games and Asian Games.
  
- **NETHERLANDS**
  - We do look at WAGR when it comes to sending some of our national team players to international tournaments and we select them on it on occasion.
  
- **NORWAY**
  - We will use the WAGR as a main category to qualify to play in national tournaments counting towards the WAGR. We are using WAGR as a ranking to pick our national teams in all groups; girls, boys, women and men. In addition, we also use the WAGR to rank players that are not eligible for our national teams but are put in observation groups. i.e. criteria to qualify for our national men’s team is top 100 and to be picked in an observation group is 1500.
    - Although this is not our only criteria, it is an important one. We are also using the WAGR as a criteria to qualify directly to attend certain tournaments. Here we will set different levels during the season depending on the level of the tournament.
  
- **ONTARIO**
  - The Golf Association of Ontario will be using the WAGR as one of the selection criteria for selecting athletes that are eligible for subsidy for athlete assistance from our Ontario “Quest for Gold” program.
  
- **PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**
  - Used for team selection and entry criteria.

- **SAMOA**
  - We don't have a set guideline for using the rankings for selection purposes, but we do take them into consideration when selecting for regional events (e.g. Pacific Games) together with selection trials based on results from a number of locally organised events.
  - For the Asia Pacific Amateur Championship, the WAGR is used, when ranked players are available.
  - We don't use the rankings for entry into any of our tournaments as a qualification requirement as we use handicaps rather than rankings as a cut off should we have a full field.
  
- **SINGAPORE**
  - Singapore Open - The top Singapore player ranked in WAGR will be invited to play in the Singapore Open. The selection will be made one month before the event date.
  - We also use WAGR to award points for our own local Ranking Order of Merit. It is especially for our golfers who are not ranked in the WAGR. We use this to determine selection of players for overseas tournaments as well as selection to our national teams.
  
- **SOUTH AFRICA WOMEN**
  - We consider the WAGR for international selection.
  
- **SPAIN**
  - Regarding the men's and ladies' amateur committees of the Spanish Golf Federation, we have an order of merit (ranking) based in the WAGR and WWAGR year, from the 1 January - 31 December. To select players, we use the best 6 tournaments (men) and best 5 tournaments (women). We also use the WAGR and WWAGR position as a minimum requirement for selection into the national squads (must be within the first x number of Spanish ranked players to be eligible).
  - Exemptions:
    - Spanish International Amateur: we use the WAGR since 2008, and it works very well.
    - Spanish International Ladies Amateur: we use the WWAGR since 2012.
  
- **SWEDEN**
  - Use WAGR as entry criteria for ANNIKA Invitational Europe. Nordic Golf League (Satellite Tour, 3rd level for men). A maximum of 5 spots are allocated in category 9 for amateurs within top-500 (in ranking order) in WAGR upon close of entry for each event on Nordic Golf League.



- **SWITZERLAND**

- Use the rankings for selections into the national squads and to play tournaments abroad. Also, use them for male and female Order of Merits.

Exemptions:

- Men's Swiss International Amateur - After other exemption categories have been filled, all remaining entries (up to 90 competitors) will be accepted according to WAGR (up to 1000 - as of closing date).
- Women's Swiss International Amateur - After other exemption categories have been filled, all remaining entries (up to 54 competitors) will be accepted according to WAGR (up to 1500 - as of closing date).

- **The R&A -**

Exemptions:

- The Open, Exempt: The Mark H McCormack Medal (Men's World Amateur Golf Ranking) winner for the previous year.
- The Open FQ: The leading 10 World Amateur Golf Ranked entrants, not otherwise exempt, as at WAGR week 22.
- The Open RQ: WAGR ranked 1-2000 during the period WAGR Week 2015/01 to date of entry.
- The Amateur: Entries accepted from players ranked 1-2000; winners of Category A and B events.
- The Boys Amateur: Entries accepted from players ranked 1-2000.

- **TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO -** WAGR will be used to select our teams to the Copa De Las Americas.

Exemptions:

- The Trinidad & Tobago Open will be granting exemptions from qualifying to the top 50 male golfers.

- **USGA –** Strongly considers WAGR for international team selection, but not sole determining factor.

Exemptions:

- U.S. Junior Amateur: Low 25 players within top 400 and ties
- U.S. Girls' Junior Amateur: Low 15 players within top 75 and ties
- U.S. Amateur: top 50 and ties
- U.S. Women's Amateur: top 25 and ties
- U.S. Mid-Amateur: top 400 and ties
- U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur: top 500 and ties
- USGA Senior Amateur: top 500 and ties
- USGA Senior Women's Amateur: top 500 and ties
- USGA Amateur Four-Ball Championship: top 400 and ties (both players), Women's Amateur Four-Ball Championship: top 500 and ties (both players)

- **ARIZONA SILVER BELLE CHAMPIONSHIP -** Arizona Silver Belle Championship uses the WAGR, Junior Golf Scoreboard and Golfweek college rankings for selections when our entries exceed available space. The last 5 years we

receive about 200 entries for 96 places and we sort players by rankings and by age to determine selections. We have told all potential players to input their information into the WAGR.

- **CHINA GOLF ASSOCIATION** – China Junior Golf Ranking Events  
Exemptions;
  - Top 1000 of the WAGR and WWAGR exempt
  
- **CONCESSION CUP** – The United States utilized WAGR to determine eight of the 18 players selected for the 2016 Concession Cup team. The four highest ranked mid-amateurs and seniors from the USA earned automatic selections on to the team. The remaining four mid-amateurs and seniors, and two super-seniors, were committee selections.
  
- **DOGWOOD INVITATIONAL** – The Dogwood Invitational at Druid Hills Golf Club in Atlanta, GA uses the WAGR to ID the top 100 ranked players as invitees.
  
- **FLORIDA** – The FSGA is using WAGR to exempt the top 1000 from the final ranking of the previous year to our Amateur & Boy's Junior Championship. The Florida Open (any player ranked in the top 200). Also for the new Florida Women's Open, any women ranked in the top 500 are given a priority entry. We believe the rankings are a great asset, and our website also shows which events are being used in the ranking process. For our State Championships we exempt any Florida Residents from the Top 200 or Top 500 (depending on events) from the final WAGR Rankings of the prior year.
  
- **JUNIOR PRESIDENTS CUP** – Top 12 in WAGR will comprise International Team. Top 12 from AJGA ranking will comprise U.S. Team.
  
- **LATIN AMERICA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP** – WAGR used for entire field; if a region/country does not have any ranked players, they are asked to nominate two.
  
- **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GOLF ASSOCIATION** –  
Exemptions:
  - The top 500 are exempt into the NCGA Public Links Championship, NCGA Amateur Stroke Play Championship, and NCGA Amateur Match Play Championship. The top 500 are also exempt into the California State Amateur Championship run in collaboration with the Southern California Golf Association.

- **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GOLF ASSOCIATION –**

Exemptions:

- Men

The top 500 in WAGR rankings are exempt in to the Southern California Amateur and the California Amateur

- Women

The top 500 in WAGR rankings are exempt into the Southern California Women's Amateur

- **PALMETTO AMATEUR** - The Palmetto Amateur provided exemptions to the Top 200 WAGR players.

- **NORTH & SOUTH MEN'S AMATEUR (Pinehurst Resort & CC, Pinehurst, NC)**

Exemptions:

- Provides exemption to the top 200 WAGR players. Rankings are also used in consideration for selection of non-exempt players.

- **NORTH & SOUTH WOMEN'S AMATEUR (Pinehurst Resort & CC, Pinehurst, NC)**

Exemptions;

- Provides exemption to the top 300 WAGR players. Rankings are also used in consideration for selection of non-exempt players.

- **THE TENNESEE GOLF ASSOCIATION –**

Exemptions:

- Tennessee State Open – top 500 WAGR ranked players
- Tennessee State Amateur – top 500 WAGR ranked players
- Tennessee State Junior – top 500 WAGR ranked players
- Tennessee State Mid-Amateur – top 500 WAGR ranked players

- **SOUTH WESTERN AMATEUR –** Top 200 WAGR ranked players

- **TEXAS –** The Texas Golf Association (TGA) is using the WAGR as an exemption category for the Texas Amateur Championship and the Texas Mid-Amateur Championship for entrants who meet eligibility criteria outlined in the Texas Golf Association Policies and Procedures.

Exemptions:

- Texas Amateur Championship: Top 700 in the R&A/USGA World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR) at time of entry.
- Texas Mid-Amateur Championship: Top 1500 in the R&A/USGA World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR) at time of entry.

- **TRANS-MISSISSIPPI GOLF ASSOCIATION** – The Trans-Mississippi Golf Association (TMGA) uses WAGR as an exemption category for the Trans-Mississippi Amateur Championship. In addition, the Championship Committee uses WAGR as a consideration for selection criteria for non-exempt entries.

Exemptions:

- Trans-Mississippi Amateur: Top 300 in the R&A/USGA World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR).

- **OTHER –**

International Games:

- Youth Olympic Games
  - NOC Qualification – A field of 32 boys and 32 girls
    - One (1) Host Country place is available for each gender.
    - Utilizing the WAGR at the end of the qualification period, the highest ranked place of each country's man and woman is added together. The countries with the lowest 26 totals enable their NOC to qualify.
      - For Great Britain the highest ranked place of each country's man and woman for England, Scotland and Wales on the WAGR will be averaged and their eligibility be calculated accordingly.
      - Should there be a tie for the 26th for the final qualifying spot(s), the order of eligibility will be determined as follows:
        - The points average of the highest ranked player of each country's man and woman in the WAGR at the end of the qualification period is added together. The country with the highest combined points average qualifying
        - If tied, the country with the most number of female and male players on the WAGR at the end of the qualification period
        - If still tied, positions will be determined by lot
    - Five (5) Universality Places per gender are available for eligible NOCs, pending that the technical level of the athletes allows it. Any unused Universality places will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NOC in accordance with the method above
  - Athlete Eligibility –
    - The athletes selected by the NOC for the Boys and Girls Individual Stroke Play events must be amateur golfers that hold a recognised Handicap Index not exceeding 6.4.
    - Those NOCs and their selected athletes, who qualify for the Girls and Boys Individual Stroke Play events, qualify for the mixed gender team event.

- 2015 Pan American Games, Toronto, Canada
  - NOC Qualification – A field of 32 men and 32 women, with a maximum of two players per NOC per gender as follows:
    - Two host country places
    - 30 direct acceptances based on the top 500 of the World Golf Rankings as of April 28, 2015
    - If qualification places are still available, the best-ranked players of the World Amateur Golf Rankings as of April 30, 2015
  - Athlete Eligibility – Athletes selected by their NOC for the men’s and women’s events must be professional golfers who are ranked within the top 500 of the World Golf Rankings, Rolex Women’s World Golf Rankings or any amateur golfer ranked in the World Amateur Golf Ranking who holds a recognised handicap index not exceeding 4.0. Those NOCs and their selected athletes who qualify for the men’s and women’s individual stroke-play events will also represent their country for the mixed-gender team event. Those NOCs who do not qualify an athlete for both the men’s and women’s individual stroke-play events will not qualify for the mixed-gender team event.