

**Ladies National Golf Association  
Inaugural Mid-Am & Senior Amateur Championship  
April 19-21, 2021**

**CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION**

**Anthem Golf & Country Club  
Ironwood Course  
2708 W. Anthem Club Drive  
Anthem, Arizona 85086  
Phone: (623) 465-3020  
Website: [Anthem Golf & Country Club](#)**

**FORMAT - SCHEDULE - GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Mid-Amateur and Senior Amateur Championships will be conducted concurrently. Each championship will have a field of 60 players with a total field size between the two championships of 120 players. Upon close of entries, if one championship does not have 60 players registered AND the other championship has more than 60 players, additional spots above the 60 will be filled to complete the 120 player total.

54-holes of Stroke Play as follows:

**Monday, April 19th:** Round 1; 120 players

**Tuesday, April 20th:** Round 2; 120 players, field cut in each championship as prescribed below

**Wednesday, April 21st:** Final Round

Cut Procedure: The final cut for each championship will be made after the close of entries and will be determined by the final field size for each championship.

Course Setup:

The Mid-Amateur Championship will compete at approximately 5900-6300 yards, and the Senior Amateur Championship will compete at approximately 5600-5900 yards.

All information will be shared with players electronically. Hole location sheets will be available on the starting tee #1 & #10. Evacuation, should it be necessary, will return players to the Anthem Clubhouse. All players should bring their own PPE, hand sanitizer, etc.

Scoring will be located at the Golf Shop Veranda.

**ELIGIBILITY**

**Mid-Amateur Championship**

Entries are open to female amateur golfers who have reached 25 years of age on or before April 19, 2021 and whose handicap index does not exceed 10.4 under the World Handicap System at the time of entry acceptance.

## Senior Amateur Championship

Entries are open to female amateur golfers who have reached 50 years of age on or before April 19, 2021 and whose handicap index does not exceed 14.4 under the World Handicap System at the time of entry acceptance.

All applicants, including foreign applicants, must meet all eligibility requirements of the USGA Gender Policy. Entries are subject to rejection at any time.

## AWARDS

THE WILMA CUP, one for each Championship, will be presented to the Mid-Amateur Champion and the Senior Amateur Champion and will remain in their possession for one year. Medals will be presented to the runner-up and third place in each Championship.

The Championship Committee reserves the right to make adjustments to the prize allocation.

## ENTRY PROCESS - ENTRIES OPEN FEBRUARY 3, 2021

All entries must be made online on the LPGA Website, after creating a Player Profile, including invitees, must be received by the Tournament Office staff by the entry deadline of **5:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time on Wednesday, March 31, 2021**. Entries should be submitted early to allow ample time for delay or error in transmission. The risk of delay or error in transmission lies solely with the entrant and the LPGA will have no liability with respect to any such delay or error and the consequences there from, inducing rejection of the entry. Applicants will fall into one of two categories: Championship Exempt or Championship Non-Exempt. **The Championship field will be finalized by Friday, March 19 at the latest. All applicants will be notified immediately of their status via email.**

**Entry Fee: \$395 per player (Payment information will be collected upon receipt of entry but will not be processed until the application is accepted).** Withdrawals after entries close up to and including April 19, 2021 will be issued a refund minus a \$30 processing fee.

Withdrawals after April 19, 2021 will not receive a refund except in cases of extenuating circumstances, which will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

***All refunds are at the discretion of the Championship Committee.***

Entry fee includes cart, one practice round, competition rounds and use of the practice facility. Additional practice rounds can be arranged with the Pro Shop at a cost of \$144.

## INVITATIONS - APPLICATION PROCESS

**Invitations (Championship Exempt)** \*see below for more details

\*Players meeting LPGA exemption criteria will be invited to compete.

\*Players meeting the LPGA Handicap Index criteria and exemption criteria will be accepted upon receipt of completed application.

\*Players meeting these criteria will be guaranteed acceptance unless more than 60 exempt players accept invitations to compete. If this occurs, players will be granted entry into the Championship based on their highest level of exemption status. (A1 precedes A2 and so forth)

### **Applications (Championship Non-Exempt)**

\*Players not meeting exemption criteria may formally apply via application.

\*Players are encouraged to send a playing resume along with their application to [ladiesnationalgolf@gmail.com](mailto:ladiesnationalgolf@gmail.com). The resume, along with various rankings, will be used to determine the remaining players that are accepted.

\*All decisions are at the discretion of the Championship Committee and all decisions are final.

### **Close of Entries**

\*Invitations and applications are received and then processed. The field is determined based on the number of exempt players and selecting the best non-exempt players to complete the 120-player field.

\*All players not accepted into the Championship will be placed on a Wait List.

### **ON-SITE REGISTRATION**

On-site Championship registration will take place Sunday, April 18, from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. Registration will be located at Anthem Golf Club, Ironwood Course, Pro Shop Veranda. Each contestant MUST register in person. Please make every attempt to register prior to playing practice rounds.

*\*\*Failure to register without notification to the Tournament Office may result in the player forfeiting their spot in the event.\*\**

### **PRACTICE ROUNDS - PRACTICE FACILITIES**

The official practice round is Sunday, April 18. Details on practice rounds will be available following the application deadline. Contestants will be able to use the practice facilities at the Club on Saturday and Sunday. Please arrive no more than 60 minutes prior to scheduled tee times for practice.

### **HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS - FOOD**

Players are responsible for finding and making their own accommodations.

The only hotel in the immediate area is:

Hampton Inn Phoenix/Anthem (623) 465-7979

42415 N 41st Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85086

[Hilton.com](http://Hilton.com)

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are available at the club, either The Bunker or Clubhouse Dining. Credit Card payments only, cash will not be accepted.

### **AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND CADDIES**

Automotive transportation is included in the entry fee and the course is not conducive to walking. Players may provide their own caddie, carry their own bag or provide their own

non-motorized push cart. Exception: caddies will be permitted to utilize automotive transportation between the play of two holes.

## **CONDITIONS/SCHEDULES**

The LPGA Championship Office and Championship Committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions, provisions, and/or schedules herein. The decision of the Championship Committee in any matter will be final. The LPGA Championship Committee may reject an entry application, revoke an accepted application, expel from the Championship and/or suspend a player from future championships if the player engages in conduct detrimental to the integrity and image of the game of golf in violation of the championship Code of Conduct.

## **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, shorty skorts/skirts, jeans, cut-offs, tank tops, halter tops, bathing suits or the like are permitted. No metal or ceramic spikes are permitted.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

In fairness to the field of competition: At all times during the Championship and on the golf course property, including both the practice round and championship portion of the tournament the following actions by contestant or caddies will be considered violations of the Conduct Code: any abusive language, club throwing, cheating, disrespect of volunteers or other contestants or officials, abuse of the course, leaving the course during the competitive round without permission from a LPGA official, any use or association with drugs, any abuse of alcohol, not adhering to the dress code during any portion of the tournament, any vandalism, or any other conduct not becoming of an LPGA 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 championship, removal from the golf course property, suspension of the player and/or caddie indefinitely from LPGA Championships.

## **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 LPGA, will be used. The LPGA 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 LPGA officials. The decisions of the LPGA Committee in any matter shall be final.

## INVITATIONS - CHAMPIONSHIP EXEMPTION CATEGORIES

Players in the following categories will be eligible for exemption into the 2021 Championship. The Championship Committee reserves the right to revise any of the exemption categories. Exempt players who wish to participate in the Championship must file an entry prior to the entry deadline and must not exceed the Handicap Index requirement as of the entry date.

A-1	WAGR Ranked
A-2	Past LPGA Amateur Champions
A-3	LPGA Amateur Championship Top 25 & Ties (2015-2020)
A-4	Past USGA Champions, Curtis Cup, World Amateur Team
A-5	USGA Women's Amateur Championship -qualifiers past 5 years
A-6	USGA Women's Senior Open Championship - qualifiers past 2 years
A-7	USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship - qualifiers past 5 years
A-8	USGA Women's Senior Amateur Championship - qualifiers past 3 years
A-9	U.S. Women's Open Championship - qualifiers past 5 years
A-10	Reigning Women's State, Regional or Amateur Golf Association: Amateur, Mid-Amateur or Senior Amateur Champion (50 States including Puerto Rico)
C-1	<b>EXEMPTIONS BASED ON SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS</b> A limited number of exemptions, based on special considerations and/or written resume submitted to the LPGA, may be granted by the Championship Committee.