



95th Women's Western Junior Championship

Prestwick Country Club | Frankfort, IL

June 20 – 24, 2022

Application Information

Entries will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. CST on May 9, 2022.

ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to amateur girls who are 18 years of age or younger and will not reach 19 years of age by June 24, 2022, have an up-to-date 18-hole USGA Handicap Index not to exceed 9.4 under the USGA Handicap System or state or international equivalent handicap system, and are not college or university students. Please review the Application Information form before submitting your application. 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.

THE FIELD

The field may be limited by the WWGA Committee to a maximum of 78 contestants. The WWGA Committee will automatically accept players who are exempt into the field in accordance with the exemption categories listed on **PAGE 6** 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 cover letter, golf resume and entry fee by the posted deadline.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

- All applications must be submitted online at www.womenswesternjunior.com. 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 \$30 non-refundable application fee. If you are not accepted into the final tournament field, you will receive a refund, less the \$30 application fee.
- By registering for the Women's Western Junior 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 **May 13, 2022**.

WITHDRAWAL

If an entrant who has paid the entire entry fee withdraws before May 20, 2022, the entry fee will be refunded, less the \$30 application fee. If an entrant withdraws for any reason after May 20, 2022, **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 Championships.



FORMAT

Official practice rounds will be held on Monday, June 20, 2022. Players must register **prior** to playing their practice round. There will be 36 holes of stroke play qualifying to determine the low 16 players that will qualify for match play. In the event of a tie for the 16th 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.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 19	TBD	Co-Am, Hosted by Prestwick Country Club
Monday, June 20	7:30 AM – 12:30 PM 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Player Registration Practice Rounds
Tuesday, June 21	1st Qualifying Round (18 holes, stroke play) 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM	Tee Times: Holes 1 and 10 Player Reception College Coach Panel & Dinner
Wednesday, June 22	2nd Qualifying Round (18 holes, stroke play) 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM 3:30 PM (estimated)	Tee Times: Holes 1 and 10 Sweet 16 Celebration <i>Mandatory for match play qualifiers</i>
Thursday, June 23	Match Play Sweet 16 7:30 AM – 8:50 AM Match Play Elite Eight 12:30 PM – 1:10 PM	Tee Times: Hole 1 Tee Times: Hole 1
Friday, June 24	Match Play Semi-Finals 7:30 AM – 7:40 AM Match Play Finals 12:30 PM	Tee Times: Hole 1 Tee time: Hole 1 Trophy Ceremony following play

*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, June 20. If a player elects to not play a practice round, she must register during the registration times on Monday, June 20, or confirm arrival time in advance by phone (contact Madison Banas at (224-260-3781) to register. Registration will be on the Prestwick Country Club back patio (weather permitting) and times will be confirmed in pre-tournament email communication. A player's place in the tournament may be forfeited if she fails to register.



PRACTICE

Prestwick Country Club will be available for practice on Monday, June 20; however, each player must register prior to any practice. Practice round tee times will be booked electronically via Golf Genius. All players will receive a link to register for a practice round tee time in pre-tournament email communications. Should players desire an additional practice round, players are encouraged to play in the “Co-Am” on Sunday, June 19th.

CO-AM HOSTED BY PRESTWICK COUNTRY CLUB

The Co-Am is a kick-off event hosted by Prestwick Country Club, allowing players the opportunity to be paired with a member to play the course in advance of the tournament. This will take place in the afternoon on Sunday, June 19th, followed by a reception.

Players traveling with their parent or guardian on Father’s Day have the opportunity to allow them to play, as well. The cost is free to WWGA participants, and at a fee for the parent or guardian. Please note that parents and guardians will be placed on a holding list, first come-first serve, to accommodate Prestwick Country Club members and WWGA players first. Players will have the opportunity to play their own ball.

If you (and your parent or guardian) are interested in participating, please email Madison Banas at banas@wgaesf.org. All positions are first come first serve.

STARTING TIMES

Pairings and starting times for the first two rounds of qualifying will be distributed during Player Registration on Monday, June 20. Pairings will also be posted online at www.womenswesternjunior.com.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Upon notice of tournament acceptance, if needed, participants should book flight reservations into Chicago Midway International Airport (Approx. 26 miles from Prestwick Country Club) or Chicago O’Hare International Airport (approximately 46 miles from Prestwick Country Club). The Wingate Tinley Park has partnered with the tournament to offer a discounted group rate until **May 17, 2022**, or until the hotel is sold out. A unique booking link will be included in the acceptance email, for players to make their reservations. Contestants are expected to make their own hotel arrangements. Note: Recreational vehicles, campers, motorhomes or the like are not permitted to park on the premises at Prestwick Country Club.

HEADQUARTERS

All inquiries should be directed to Madison Banas, Western Golf Association, banas@wgaesf.org. During the championship, the WWGA Tournament Headquarters Office will be located inside the Prestwick Country Club clubhouse, accessible from the back patio.

95th Women’s Western Junior Championship Committee

WWGA President – Susan Buchanan, Athens Country Club | Georgia

Tournament Chairman – Linda Gilley, Flossmoor Golf Club | Illinois, gilleylaw5@yahoo.com

Assistant Tournament Chairman – Betty Roska, Mauh-Nah-Tee-See | Illinois

Rules Chairman – Cece Durbin, Indian Hill Club | Illinois

Registration Chairman – Elsie Nemeth, Knollwood Country Club | Indiana

Public Relations Chairman – Susan Wagner, TPC Sawgrass | Florida



Hospitality Co-Chairman – Jackie Wacker, Shoreacres | Illinois
Hospitality Co-Chairman – Susan Buchanan, Athens Country Club | Georgia
Scoreboard Co-Chairman – Cathy Chandler, Glen View Club | Illinois
Scoreboard Co-Chairman – Spot Lawler, Glen View Club | Illinois
College Coach Panel Chairman – Courtney Trimble, Atlanta Athletic Club | Illinois
College Coaches Liaison – Judy Anderson, Glen View Club | Illinois
Entry Chairman – Madison Banas, WGA, banas@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 pushcart. A player may not use a parent, stepparent or guardian as a caddie during stroke play or match play rounds. 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 recommended. If you would like to request a Prestwick 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. The caddie rate is \$75 inclusive of tip.

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 or 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 Junior 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. Sleeveless shirts must have a collar, and collarless shirts must have sleeves. 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

- **Icely Cup** – The Icely Cup is awarded to the match play champion.
- **Ann S. Upchurch Trophy** – The Ann S. Upchurch Trophy is awarded to the match play finalist (runner-up).
- **Margaret Jones Medalist Trophy & Low Gross Medal** – The Margaret Jones Medalist Award and Low Gross Medal will be awarded to the player with the lowest gross score from the 36-holes of stroke-play qualifying.



Women's Western Golf Association

2022 Junior Championship Exemptions

Exempt players who wish to participate in the Championship must return their invitation and complete an official entry by the posted deadline of May 9, 2022.

Players in one and/or both of the following categories are eligible for exemption into the 2022 Women's Western Junior Championship, providing: they meet the eligibility requirements under the ELIGIBILITY section of the entry form, and there are spaces available.

- (1) Player has received a formal invitation for an exemption from the Women's Western Junior Championship Committee or
- (2) Player qualifies under categories A, B, C

A. Exemptions based on WWGA Championships

Women's Western Junior Championship:

- A-1 Any Champion.
- A-2 Match Play Finalist/Runner-Up (2021)
- A-3 "Sweet 16" qualifiers for match play (2021)

Women's Western Amateur Championship:

- A-4 Match Play qualifier (2021)

B. Exemptions based on other Championships

- B-1 U.S. Girls' Junior Match Play Qualifiers (2021)
- B-2 Girls Junior PGA Championship, top 5 finishers (2021)
- B-3 Rolex Tournament of Champions, top 5 finishers (2021)
- B-4 Rolex Girls Junior Championship, top 5 finishers (2021)
- B-5 Dye Junior Girls Champion and Runner-Up (2021)
- B-6 Diamond Resorts Annika Invitational Presented by Rolex, top 5 finishers (2022)

C. Exemptions based on Rankings

- C-1 Top 50 Rolex AJGA Girl's Junior Rankings at any point between application launch date and entry dead line date
- C-2 Top 50 Junior Golf Scoreboard Girl's Rankings at any point between application launch date and entry dead line date
- C-3 Top 50 Golfweek Junior Girls' Rankings at any point between application launch date and entry dead line date

D. Exemptions based on Special Considerations:

- D-1 A limited number of exemptions, based on special considerations, are be granted by the Committee. Requests for a special consideration exemption may be submitted to the Women's Western Junior Championship Committee by applying online and attaching a cover letter and golf resume (compilation of previous tournament scores).