



**Women's
Amateur**
ASIA PACIFIC

Memorandum

To: R&A Affiliates in Asia-Pacific and APGC Member Countries

From: The R&A and APGC

Date: 10th August 2017

Re: Women's Amateur Asia Pacific

Last week The R&A and Asia Pacific Golf Confederation launched a new championship, the Women's Amateur Asia Pacific (WAAP). As such, please find attached a Media Release from our launch.

The inaugural WAAP will be played in Singapore at the New Tanjong Course, Sentosa Golf Club between 21-24 February 2018. The format is a 72-hole stroke play championship and this will provide a platform for the most talented women amateur golfers throughout Asia-Pacific to earn an invitation to play in two major championships: the RICOH Women's British Open and the ANA Inspiration. The winner of the championship will also receive an exemption to participate in the HSBC Women's Champions which will be played the week following the WAAP at Sentosa.

Both The R&A and APGC are pleased to establish the WAAP and this follows on from the success of the Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship (AAC). The WAAP will be conducted in a similar format to the AAC with all expenses (flights, accommodation, meals and other related costs) being covered for all players in the field and live television coverage being provided. Invitations to the inaugural WAAP will be issued based on the World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAGR) as at 23rd November 2017 and the field size will comprise of 86 players.

Invitations will only be issued to APGC Member Countries that have players in the WAGR as at 23rd November 2017 and the following process will be used to determine the field:

Category A – 6 players per country

Countries with at least 20 players in the WAGR or at least one player in the WAGR Top 100 - The top 3 from each country will be invited from the WAGR and each country will then be allowed to nominate the other 3 players provided these players have a WAGR.

Category B – 4 players per country

Countries with 6 – 19 players in the WAGR - The top 2 from each country will be invited from the WAGR and each country will then be allowed to nominate the other 2 players provided these players have a WAGR.

Category C – 1 player per country

Countries with 1 – 5 players in the WAGR - The top player in the WAGR from each country will be invited.

Category D – 2 players

The host country will be invited to select an additional two players provided these players have a WAGR.

Category E – 5 invited players

The WAAP will retain the right to invite an additional 5 players from any APGC member country, including countries with or without WAGR players, provided that these players are able to compete at the level required for the championship.

We would like to thank our sponsors and partners that have made this championship possible:

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Sentosa Golf Club (Host Venue 2018)

The Royal Golf Club Japan (Host Venue 2019 & 2020)

RICOH Women's British Open; ANA Inspiration; HSBC Women's Champions

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We look forward to the inaugural championship at Sentosa in 2017 and then the 2019 and 2020 championships being played at The Royal Golf Club in Japan.

