

FAR HILLS, N.J. (Sept. 8, 2015) – The United States Golf Association (USGA) has selected three players to represent the USA in the World Junior Girls Championship, to be held Sept. 20-25 at The Marshes Golf Club, in Kanata, Ontario, Canada, just outside Ottawa.

The three players are Alyaa Abdulghany, 16, of Newport Beach, Calif.; Courtney Dow, 17, of Frisco, Texas; and Elizabeth Wang, 15, of San Marino, Calif.

Abdulghany reached the semifinals in the 2015 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball Championship at Bandon Dunes with partner Ellen Takada. She advanced to the Round of 16 in the 2015 U.S. Girls' Junior, tied for seventh in the 2015 Junior PGA Championship and tied for fourth in the 2015 Annika Invitational. Abdulghany plans to attend the University of Southern California in 2017 and is No. 245 in the Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking™ (WAGR).

Dow reached the Round of 16 in the 2015 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball with partner Brooke McDougald, and advanced to the Round of 32 in the 2015 U.S. Girls' Junior. Dow captured two 2015 American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) titles – the Kansas Junior at Buffalo Dunes and the Under Armour/Hunter Mahan Championship – and is a three-time Texas state high school champion. She plans to attend Texas A&M University in 2016 and is No. 905 in the WAGR.

Wang reached the Round of 16 in the 2015 U.S. Women's Amateur, eliminating 2014 USA Curtis Cup Team member Mariah Stackhouse in the Round of 64. One week earlier, Wang won the Junior PGA Championship in a playoff over Mariel Galdiano. She also won the 2014 AJGA Rolex Junior Championship. She is No. 211 in the WAGR.

Lew Ellen Erickson, of Tulsa, Okla., a member of the USGA Women's Committee, will serve as team captain.

The World Junior Girls Championship is conducted by Golf Canada, the country's governing body for the game of golf. The 72-hole, stroke-play competition includes three-player teams from 15 countries who compete for team and individual honors. The qualifying field was based on performance in the 2014 World Junior Girls Championship and the 2014 Women's World Amateur Team Championship. The United States Team of Megan Khang, Mika Liu and Angel Yin won the inaugural World Junior Girls Championship in 2014, with Liu also claiming the individual title. Australia won the 2014 Women's World Amateur Team Championship, with the United States finishing tied for seventh.

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