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LIBERTY CORNER, N.J. (June 17, 2020) – The USGA today announced the exemption categories for the 120th U.S. Women's Amateur Championship, set to take place Aug. 3-9 at Woodmont Country Club, in Rockville, Md., and the 120th U.S. Amateur, which will be held Aug. 10-16 at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, in Bandon, Ore. As previously announced, the fields for both championships will be comprised entirely of exempt players due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Making the decision to forgo qualifying for our championships this year was extremely difficult, but we're glad to be able to continue the legacy of these competitions and provide the best amateur players in the world the opportunity to compete for a USGA title," said John Bodenhamer, senior managing director, Championships. "We aimed to create fields that most closely resemble those for a typical Amateur and Women's Amateur, and are confident we will crown two worthy champions in August."

Exemption categories for both championships are highlighted by expanded use of the World Amateur Golf Ranking® and Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking®, as well as finishes in recent USGA championships. A full list of U.S. Amateur and U.S. Women's Amateur exemption categories can be found on usga.org. All exempt players must file an entry. Entries open Friday, June 26 and close Wednesday, July 8 at 5 p.m. EDT.

In order to align with health and safety guidelines, the USGA also announced a reduction in field size for both championships. The U.S. Women's Amateur, typically played with 156 golfers, will be limited to a field size of 132. The U.S. Amateur, traditionally held with 312 competitors, will be played with 264. More information regarding testing protocols, travel guidance and other logistics will be made available when entries open on June 26.

"We are extremely grateful to state and local government officials in both Maryland and Oregon for their cooperation and partnership in working through logistics for these championships," said Bodenhamer. "We are all facing new parameters brought on by current realities and will continue to partner with all parties as we navigate conducting these amateur championships under new guidelines."

Remaining spots in the championship field will be filled using the World Amateur Golf Ranking. Once the field is set, the USGA will compile an alternate list for each championship based on WAGR®. All non-exempt players who wish to be considered for the remaining spots or alternate status must complete a preliminary application at champs.usga.org prior to the close of entries on July 8. More information on the application process can be found in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

In addition, the USGA shared that entries for the 2021 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball Championship (April 24-28 at Maridoe Golf Club in Carrollton, Texas) and 2021 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship (May 22-26 at Chambers Bay in University Place, Wash.) will open the week of Aug. 17. More information about the qualifying process will be shared at a later date.

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