

LIBERTY CORNER, N.J. (April 15, 2021) – Eleven U.S. Open champions and 19 of the top 20 players in the world are among those exempt into the 76th U.S. Women's Open Championship, which will be conducted by the United States Golf Association from June 3-6, 2021 at The Olympic Club in San Francisco, Calif. Championship entries closed at 5 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, April 14.

"Worldwide interest in competing in the U.S. Women's Open Championship remains incredibly high and contributes to a strong and competitive field," said John Bodenhamer, USGA senior managing director of Championships. "We look forward to the return of qualifying, and to hosting the U.S. Women's Open at such a historic venue as The Olympic Club."

This marks the seventh consecutive time the U.S. Women's Open has received more than 1,500 entries, with the USGA accepting 1,595 entries for this year's championship, the most since 2017. The 2015 championship at Lancaster (Pa.) Country Club holds the entry record with 1,873. The USGA accepted entries from golfers in 47 states, 249 entrants from California among them, and a total of 57 countries.

To be eligible for the U.S. Women's Open, a player must have a Handicap Index® not exceeding 2.4, or be a professional. Qualifying will be conducted over 36 holes between April 26-May 13 and will be held at 22 sites in the United States, as well as in Japan. Qualifiers typically held in England, the People's Republic of China, and the Republic of Korea were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and exemption categories were added in their place.

A Lim Kim, of Korea, who won the 2020 U.S. Women's Open just four months ago at Champions Golf Club in Houston, Texas, is one of 11 fully exempt U.S. Women's Open champions. Kim is joined by Jeongeun Lee6 (2019), Ariya Jutanugarn (2018), Sung Hyun Park (2017), Brittany Lang (2016), In Gee Chun (2015), Michelle Wie West (2014), Inbee Park (2013, 2008), Na Yeon Choi (2012), So Yeon Ryu (2011) and Eun-Hee Ji (2009).

The championship's youngest entrant is 10-year-old Bella Campos, from Honolulu, Hawaii. She will compete at the qualifying site in Oahu, Hawaii on May 10. Laura Baugh, 65, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., the 1971 U.S. Women's Amateur champion, is the championship's oldest entrant. She will attempt to qualify in Bradenton, Fla., on May 3.

Two-time U.S. Women's Open champion and three-time U.S. Women's Amateur champion Juli Inkster, 60, will attempt to qualify in Half Moon Bay, Calif., on April 26. Inkster has the most appearances (35) in U.S. Women's Open history.

Claire Chen, a 15-year-old amateur from Fremont, Calif., was the first to apply when entries opened on Feb. 17. The final entry came from Ali Green, a 26-year-old amateur from Norwood, Ohio, who filed four minutes before the 5 p.m. EDT deadline on April 14.

Players still have several opportunities to gain a full exemption into the U.S. Women's Open. The winner of any LPGA co-sponsored event prior to the start of the U.S. Women's Open, including this week's Lotte Championship in Oahu, Hawaii, will earn an exemption into the championship field. Additionally, any player in the top 75 point leaders and ties from the Rolex Rankings as of May 17 who is not already exempt will be added to the field, as well as top finishers from the Ladies European Tour Investec South African Women's Open.

The following 74 golfers are fully exempt into the 2021 U.S. Women's Open (as of April 15; (a) indicates amateur):

Marina Alex	Da Yeon Lee
Brittany Altomare	Minjee Lee
Celine Boutier	Mirim Lee
Ashleigh Buhai	Mi Hyang Lee
Na Yeon Choi	Jeongeun Lee6

Hyejin Choi	Stacy Lewis
In Gee Chun	Pernilla Lindberg
Carlota Ciganda	Yu Liu
Austin Ernst	Gaby Lopez
Jodi Ewart Shadoff	Nanna Madsen
Ally Ewing	Caroline Masson
Shanshan Feng	Yealimi Noh
Kristen Gillman	Anna Nordqvist
Hannah Green	Amy Olson
Georgia Hall	Kaitlyn Papp (a)
Nasa Hataoka	Sung Hyun Park
Brooke Henderson	Inbee Park
Charley Hull	Heeyoung Park
Mijung Hur	Emily Kristine Pedersen
Eun-Hee Ji	Sophia Popov
Ariya Jutanugarn	Melissa Reid
Moriya Jutanugarn	So Yeon Ryu
Tsubasa Kajitani (a)	Hae Ran Ryu
Danielle Kang	Madelene Sagstrom
Megan Khang	Lizette Salas
A Lim Kim	Yuka Saso
In-Kyung Kim	Hinako Shibuno
Sei Young Kim	Jennifer Song
Hyo Joo Kim	Angela Stanford
Cheyenne Knight	Jasmine Suwannapura
Jin Young Ko	Patty Tavatanakit
Lydia Ko	Lexi Thompson

Jessica Korda	Michelle Wie West
Nelly Korda	Amy Yang
Aline Krauter (a)	Ruoning Yin
Jennifer Kupcho	Angel Yin
Brittany Lang	Rose Zhang (a)

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