

LIBERTY CORNER, N.J. (July 30, 2018) – Jennifer Kupcho, the 2018 NCAA Division I women’s golf individual champion at Wake Forest University and a member of the victorious USA Curtis Cup Team in June, has been selected by the USGA to represent the USA in the 2018 Women’s World Amateur Team Championship at Carton House near Dublin, Ireland, next month. She is an automatic selection because of her position in the latest World Amateur Golf Ranking™.

Kupcho, 21, of Westminster, Colo., will be one of three competitors for the USA in the 28th Women’s World Amateur Team Championship, playing for the Espirito Santo Trophy (Aug. 29-Sept. 1). The Republic of Korea won the 2016 championship, with the USA finishing sixth at Riviera Maya, Mexico.

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Earlier this summer, the USGA announced a series of revisions to the association’s selection process for international teams that provide for some automatic selections, as well as creating more transparency into how the remaining selections are made.

The revised guidelines impact the selection of the association’s most prestigious international teams: the USA men’s and women’s teams for the World Amateur Team Championships, starting in 2018, as well as the USA teams for the Walker Cup Match (men) and Curtis Cup Match (women), starting in 2019 and 2020, respectively.

The selection process will now work as follows:

**2018 Women’s World Amateur Team:**

- The best-ranked USA female player in WAGR will be **automatically** named to the team, as of the July 25 WAGR update
- The U.S. Women’s Amateur champion will be **automatically** named to the team
- The women’s Mark H. McCormack Medal winner (WAGR world No. 1) will be **automatically** named to the team (named immediately after the U.S. Women’s Amateur Championship)
- Any other remaining selections will be decided by the USGA’s International Team Selection (ITS) Committee
- All selections assume the player is a U.S. citizen and remains an amateur through the Team Championships

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