

**Alyaa Abdulghany, 21, of Malaysia**

*Instagram: @alyaa.abdulghany*

- No. 34 in Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking
- Playing in her seventh USGA championship (fourth U.S. Women's Amateur)
- Rising senior at the University of Southern California
- Earned WGCA All-America honorable mention as a sophomore and junior
- Reached the semifinals in the inaugural (2015) U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball partnered with Ellen Takada
- Won the 2019 SCGA Women's Amateur Championship
- Won the 2020 Australian Master of the Amateurs Championship
- **Road to the Quarterfinals**
  - Shot 73-71—144 in stroke play to earn the No. 13 seed
  - R64: Def. Kristy Hodgkins, 4 and 2
  - R32: Def. Marissa Kirkwood, 4 and 2
  - R16: Def. Ellie Slama, 2 up

**Emilia Migliaccio, 21, of Cary, N.C.**

*Instagram: @13emilia*

- No. 4 in Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking
- Playing in her second USGA championship, first U.S. Women's Amateur
- Rising senior at Wake Forest University
- Earned WGCA First-Team All-America honors the last two seasons
- Has collected five individual collegiate titles
- Competed in the 2018 U.S. Women's Open in Shoal Creek, Ala.
- Won two gold medals for the United States at the 2019 Pan American Games in the women's individual competition and the men's and women's combined team competition
- Wrote and published a romance novel, "Just an Illusion," in September 2018 and has two more novels in the making
- **Road to the Quarterfinals**
  - Shot 71-71—142 in stroke play to earn the No. 3 seed
  - R64: Def. Gurleen Kaur, 3 and 1
  - R32: Def. Amari Avery, 3 and 2
  - R16: Def. Megan Schofill, 22 holes

## **Valery Plata, 19, of Colombia**

*Instagram: @vplatap*

- No. 151 in Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking
- Playing in her seventh USGA championship (second U.S. Women's Amateur)
- Rising junior at Michigan State University
- Named 2020 Big Ten Player of the Year and was a WGCA All-America honorable mention as a sophomore
- Reached the quarterfinals of the 2018 U.S. Girls' Junior at Poppy Hills G.C. in Pebble Beach, Calif.
- Earned the gold medal at the 2017 Youth South American Games
- **Road to the Quarterfinals**
  - Shot 71-71—142 in stroke play to earn the No. 2 seed
  - R64: Def. Haylin Harris, 3 and 1
  - R32: Def. Zoe Antoinette Campos, 2 up
  - R16: Def. Tyler Akabane, 3 and 2

## **Gabriela Ruffels, 20, of Australia**

*Instagram: @gabiruffels*

- No. 16 in Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking
- Won the 2019 U.S. Women's Amateur at Old Waverly Golf Club in West Point, Miss.
- Playing in her fourth USGA championship (second U.S. Women's Amateur)
- Rising senior at the University of Southern California
- Became the first woman ever to tee off in the Jacksonville Amateur this July
- Won the 2019 North & South Women's Amateur Championship in Pinehurst, N.C.
- Competed in the 2019 U.S. Women's Open at the Country Club of Charleston in Charleston, S.C.
- Played tennis at an international level for eight years before starting golf at age 15
- Both of her parents, Ray Ruffels and Anna-Maria Fernandez, played tennis professionally
- Her older brother, Ryan, currently competes as a professional golfer on various tours
- **Road to the Quarterfinals**
  - Shot 72-71—143 in stroke play to earn the No. 6 seed
  - R64: Def. Kajal Mistry, 3 and 2

- R32: Def. Lei Ye, 2 up
- R16: Def. Teresa Toscano Borrero, 4 and 2

### **Riley Smyth, 20, of Cary, N.C.**

*Instagram: @riley\_smyth*

- No. 304 in Women’s World Amateur Golf Ranking
- Playing in her first USGA championship
- Rising junior at the University of Virginia
- In 2019, finished runner-up at the Carolinas Women’s Match Play and Carolinas Amateur
- Had two hip surgeries during her final two years of high school
- **Road to the Quarterfinals**
  - Shot 68-75—143 in stroke play to earn the No. 5 seed
  - R64: Def. Katherine Zhu, 1 up
  - R32: Def. Addie Baggarly, 1 up
  - R16: Def. Lauren Beaudreau, 21 holes

### **Kennedy Swann, 21, of Austin, Texas**

*Instagram: @ken.you.dig.it*

- No. 125 in Women’s World Amateur Golf Ranking
- Playing in her third USGA championship (first U.S. Women’s Amateur)
- Returning for her fifth year of eligibility at the University of Mississippi
- Pursuing a master’s degree in business administration
- Named to the All-SEC Second Team as a senior with a win at the 2019 Illini Invitational at Medinah
- Won the 2018 CGA Women’s Match Play Championship
- Has gone skydiving in Tahiti, whitewater rafting in Costa Rica and hiked the Fimmvorduhals Trek in Iceland
- **Road to the Quarterfinals**
  - Shot 75-71—146 in stroke play to earn the No. 23 seed
  - R64: Def. Aline Krauter, 2 and 1
  - R32: Def. Bohyun Park, 2 and 1
  - R16: Def. Isabella Fierro, 2 and 1

## **Kaleigh Telfer, 22, of South Africa**

*Instagram: @kaytelfer*

- No. 49 in Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking
- Playing in her first USGA championship
- Rising senior at Auburn University
- 2020 Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) First-Team All-American
- Won the 2020 Northrop Grumman Regional Challenge for her second collegiate title
- Finished in the top 20 of all seven events of her junior season
- Represented South Africa at the World Amateur Team Championship in 2016 and 2018
- **Road to the Quarterfinals**
  - Shot 71-75—146 in stroke play to earn the No. 24 seed
  - R64: Def. Talia Campbell, 6 and 5
  - R32: Def. Emily Mahar, 20 holes
  - R16: Def. Rachel Kuehn, 2 and 1

## **Rose Zhang, 17, of Irvine, Calif.**

*Instagram: @rose135z*

- No. 9 in Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking
- Playing in her sixth USGA championship (third U.S. Women's Amateur)
- Verbally committed to attend Stanford University in 2021
- Made the cut and tied for 55th in the 2019 U.S. Women's Open at the Country Club of Charleston (S.C.)
- Reached the quarterfinals of the 2019 U.S. Girls' Junior at SentryWorld in Stevens Point, Wis.
- Won a gold medal as a member of the United States team at the 2019 Pan American Games
- Won the 2019 AJGA Rolex Tournament of Champions by 11 strokes
- **Road to the Quarterfinals**
  - Shot 74-71—145 in stroke play to earn the No. 16 seed
  - R64: Def. Anna Morgan, 5 and 3
  - R32: Def. Maria Bohorquez, 2 up
  - R16: Def. Rachel Heck, 1 up

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