



2018 LPGA Women Who Play Championship Participant Information - Scramble Players

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The LPGA Women Who Play Championship is an amateur competition conducted under the direction of Association Headquarters. The competition is in three stages:

1. Chapter Championship - 18 holes of scramble play to be completed at the Chapter level between March and July. (Please refer to the dates on the LPGA Women Who Play Championship calendar.)
2. Semi-Final Championship - 18 holes of scramble play. Check Semi-Final Championship schedule online at championship.lpgawwp.com for specific dates and locations.
3. LPGA Women Who Play Championship Finals - 36 holes of scramble play at Innisbrook Resort, Palm Harbor, FL, on October 12-13, 2018.

Eligibility: Entries are open to all LPGA Women Who Play Chapter members in good standing who are female amateur golfers*, and have a verifiable USGA Handicap Index. Players with a **trend handicap or local index exceeding 40.4** are required to use a Course Handicap of a 40.4 indexed player.

LPGA Women Who Play Member-in-Good-Standing: Prior to registration into the Chapter Championship, registrants must be Chapter members with current membership processed and on record at LPGA Women Who Play Headquarters. In addition, dues must be paid current at the time of registration into the Championship Series and at any level of advancement in the competition.

Handicaps: Players must have an established USGA Handicap Index and have an equivalent of two (2) 18-hole scores posted to their handicap record in the current year prior to the handicap cut-off date for their respective Chapter Championship. Players with less than the minimum requirements posted in 2018 **will not be eligible to compete**. To establish a USGA Handicap Index, a player must post the minimum equivalent of five (5) 18-hole scores prior to the next handicap revision date.

“The USGA Handicap System” Section 6-5, Player Belonging to More Than One Golf Club - If a player has a different Handicap Index at different clubs, despite posting all scores at all clubs, the Committee in charge of the competition should require the player to use the **lowest** Handicap Index when competing with players from more than one club.

Amateur Status: *All players must conform to the USGA Rules of Amateur Status as specified in the USGA Rules of Golf.* By her application, the player verifies that she has not received remuneration other than as specified as acceptable by the USGA “Rules of Amateur Status”. Refer to the USGA Rules of Golf for the definition of an amateur golfer.

Rules of Golf: The Rules of Golf, so far as they are not at variance with the following specific rules, apply to Scramble Play. Team members are considered **partners** and applicable rules apply. LPGA

Women Who Play rules for scramble play are not intended to alter or revise the Rules of Golf. It would be advisable to carry a copy of the USGA Rules of Golf in your golf bag. The Committee in charge of the competition will settle all disputes.

Format: On every hole, each team member **may** hit a tee shot. The team then selects one of the tee shots from which to play. All team members **may** then hit a shot from that position. This procedure is repeated until the ball is holed. Each team member must hit and use **a minimum of three (3) tee shots** per 18-hole round. The scorecard shall be marked for each hole with the initials of the player whose tee shot was chosen. Each team member may place a ball within one club length of the selected shot, no nearer the hole, in the same condition. If the selected shot is played from a hazard, bunker, rough, or fringe of the putting green, a ball may be placed within one club-length of the selected shot, no nearer the hole, but must remain in the hazard, bunker, rough, or fringe of the putting green. When playing from on the putting green, a ball must be placed within one putter club-head length (approximately 4”) of the selected shot, no nearer the hole.

Once the first ball is holed, the hole is complete. Team members may stand behind one another (on an extension of the line of play or putt) while they are making a stroke or putting.

Representation of a Team: A team may be represented by any one team member during part of the stipulated round. All team members need not be present. An absent team member may join her team between holes, but not during play of a hole. Each team member must still hit and use the required **minimum number of tee shots** per 18-hole round.

Caddies will NOT be permitted at any level of Scramble competition.

Team Composition: Scramble teams consist of four (4) members who meet the eligibility requirements. The Team Computation Factor is determined after the handicap cut-off date for the Chapter Championship and is the sum of the computation factors listed in the table below. Look up each team member’s handicap index in the table below and add the computation factor in the right-hand column. The sum of which is the Team Computation Factor. The Team Computation Factor will be adjusted according to the revision date assigned to each stage of the Championship.

TEAM MEMBER	COMPUTATION FACTOR
USGA Handicap Index	
0.0 - 10.0	+2
10.1 - 17.0	+1
17.1 - 24.0	0
24.1 - 32.0	-1
32.1 - 40.4	-2

The Team Computation Factor must fall in the range of +2 and -5 at the time of registration into the Chapter Championship. Teams with a Team Factor that is greater than +2 will not be eligible to compete. Teams with a Team Factor less than -5 may compete but the Team Factor must remain a -

5. Only one member of the team shall have a handicap index of 10.0 or less as of the handicap cut-off date for the Chapter Championship. If any individual computation factors change prior to a Semi-Final or Finals event, the Team Computation Factor will adjust accordingly. The allowable range for Semi-Finals and Finals is +6 to -8.

The LPGA Women Who Play Tournament Operations Team (TOPS), working with the Chapter Handicap Chair, has the discretion to adjust a player's Course Handicap based on knowledge of the player's failure to post all acceptable scores, or otherwise not adhering to the spirit of the USGA Handicap System.

Scoring: This is a **NET** only competition. The Team Computation Factor is added or subtracted from the team's gross score and the **two** lowest NET scores for the teams will be declared the winners with the invitation to advance to the next level of competition.

Entries: Registration, Fee, and Closing Date: All players must enter the Championship by completing the official online Entry Form. The LPGA Women Who Play Championship Entry Fee and applicable local Chapter tournament fees are payable by each player to the Association. Entry fees are refundable up to the close of registration by notifying the Chapter Championship Director. After the close of registration, entry fees are non-refundable. Refund policies for tournament fees at the Chapter level are determined by the Chapter and by LPGA Women Who Play HQ for the Semi-Final and Championship Finals.

Qualifying Location: Registrants must compete in the Chapter Championship where they pay Chapter dues. Members of more than one Chapter may compete in more than one event but can only represent the first Chapter competition in which they won Low Gross or Low Net in their flight or first place or second place in the Scramble division. Winners at the Chapter level **must** compete in the Semi-Final Championship designated for their Chapter.

Player Meeting: A Rules Meeting for players will be held at each level of the competition. Knowledge of the rules and conditions of play are the responsibility of the player. Attendance to the player meeting is not mandatory, however, it is **strongly recommended** all competitors attend.

Pace of Play: Players shall play without undue delay. It is a stated goal of the Association to complete all Championship rounds in 4 hours and 30 minutes or less. Refer to the "Pace of Play Policy" and the "2018 LPGA Women Who Play Championship Conditions of Competition" for more details. This policy will be **strictly** enforced.

Yardages: The following are yardage ranges for each team member based on her individual handicap factor.

+2.....5400-5700 yds; Slope 120-130

+1,0,-1,-2.....4800-5400 yds; Slope 115-125

The Committee in charge will ensure that two sets of tee markers are set and easily identifiable for each handicap division.

Personal Appearance: Proper golf attire is required at all levels of the Championship. Players must be neat in appearance with respect to personal grooming and clothing. Bermuda shorts/skorts or their equivalent and golf type shirts, preferably with collars are required. Jeans are not permitted and stricter policies at contracted clubs will supersede the LPGA Women Who Play policy. (i.e. Metal spikes, Collars, etc.)

Personal Conduct: By submitting an entry for any LPGA Women Who Play competition, players understand their participation is at the sole discretion of the organization. A contestant may be disqualified from the competition at the discretion of the Committee in charge at any time before or during the competition. Incidents of unbecoming conduct or actions deemed to be detrimental to the image of the LPGA Women Who Play are grounds for such disqualifications.

Individual Disqualification During a Championship Round Results in Team Disqualification: The disqualification of a team member during play will result in the disqualification of her affiliated team under the following circumstances: Rule 1-3 Agreement to Waive the Rules, Rule 3-4 Refusal to Comply with Rule, Rules 4-1 or 4-2 Clubs, Rules 5-1 or 5-2 Balls, Rule 6-2b Handicap, Rule 6-6b Signing and Returning Card, Rule 6-6d Wrong Score for Hole, Rule 6-7 Undue Delay-repeated offense, Rule 7-1 Practice Before and Between Rounds, Rule 33-7 Serious Breach of Etiquette or Conduct Unbecoming.

Markers: Markers will no longer be required or used at any level of the competition.

Spectators: Spectators, including family and friends, may follow the players provided it is permitted by the golf club. They must remain on cart paths and/or at least 15 yards from players and are **not** permitted on tee boxes, fairways or putting greens. Spectators are cautioned not to talk to players as such conversation may be construed as giving advice. Golf carts will **not** be allowed for spectators. Those with special needs must contact the TOPS Team for accommodations.

Awards and Prizes: Chapters are responsible for providing awards and/or prizes at the Chapter Championship. Chapters shall recognize and award prizes for 1st place Low Gross and Low Net in each flight and the two (2) Low Net Scramble Teams. All other places may be awarded at the Chapter's discretion. Awards for the Semi-Finals and Championship Finals will be provided by Headquarters.

Acceptance of Places; Notice of Withdrawal: Upon completion of the Chapter Championship 1st and 2nd place winning teams must notify the Director in charge of the respective event if the Team is **UNABLE** to compete in the next level of competition. The Team Captain must complete the **Decline to Advance Form** within three (3) days of the event. Once your intention is communicated, the opportunity to advance will be offered to the next eligible team. The order of advancement is based on the final results on the day of the Chapter/Semi-Final competition.

Outside of the 3-day window, the team must promptly notify Headquarters in order to ensure an alternate team fair opportunity to play. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from future LPGA Women Who Play Championships.

Substitutions: Substitutions will be considered for conditions that arise after registration into the Chapter Championship. No more than **two** substitutions of the original team will be allowed, as the team will no longer have the identity of the team that played at the Chapter level. If a team is unable to comply, the next place team from the previous level will be offered the advancement opportunity in their place.

A **Substitution Request Form** must be submitted to Headquarters. The substitution player's handicap index dated at the time of form submission must be as such that the total team handicap factor is not outside the +2/-5 range. Requests will be reviewed and decisions provided as soon as possible. The TOPS Team reserves the right to disallow the substitution when it is apparent the substitution is being made to improve the team's chances of winning or to replace a team member who is able to play in the next level of competition. Once a player has been substituted for, she cannot return to **any** team later in the series.

Within 5 days of a competition, if an emergency arises which prevents one competitor from playing and the team is unable to find an appropriate substitute, the team may compete with a 3-woman team as long as they were already registered and eligible to play as a 4-woman team. The Team Computation Factor will be recalculated using the indexes of the three remaining players and the +2/-5 parameters will be disregarded. Four drives will be required from each of the three players. Players **will not** rotate hitting an extra stroke on each hole. A request must be sent to Headquarters. The TOPS Team reserves the right to disallow a 3-woman team when appropriate.

Appeal Process: Appeals on any questions, actions taken, or decisions regarding the LPGA Women Who Play Championship shall be made in writing (electronic or paper) to the LPGA Women Who Play TOPS Team. Decisions of the Team are FINAL. There is no further appeal process.

*LPGA Women Who Play Gender Policy applies.