



THE 2019 SOLHEIM CUP

Gleneagles, Scotland, 2019
European Team Selection

This memo sets out the eligibility and selection criteria for players to be members of the European team for the 2019 Solheim Cup tournament (the “**2019 European Team**”). Unless otherwise defined, capitalised terms used in this memo shall have the meaning set out in paragraph 4.

1. Eligibility Criteria

1.1 To be eligible for selection to be a member of the 2019 European Team, a player must:

- (a) be a current member of the Ladies European Tour (the “**LET**”) in any class or category of membership at the time of selection and must retain their membership of the LET until the end of The 2019 Solheim Cup tournament. Non-members of the LET or players that lose their LET membership status prior to the commencement of The 2019 Solheim Cup tournament are not eligible for selection;
- (b) have played in 8 (eight) Ranking Events (excluding the Excluded Championships) during the Qualifying Period as a member of the LET, unless the relevant player has been selected by the appointed captain for the 2019 European Team (the “**Captain**”) pursuant to paragraphs 2.1(c) or 2.2 below. In the event that a player is selected as a Captain’s pick pursuant to paragraphs 2.1(c) or 2.2 below, that player will still be required to satisfy the eligibility criteria set out in paragraphs 1.1(a) and (c). The Captain’s pick criteria shall only exempt the relevant player from having to play in the minimum number of Ranking Events set out in this paragraph 1.1(b); and
- (c) be a European national for the duration of the Qualifying Period and until the end of the 2019 Solheim Cup tournament. For the purposes of this paragraph 1 and the selection criteria, to be a European national, the relevant player must satisfy the criteria set out in the “Nationality Policy” issued by the IGF (as amended from time to time by the IGF). A copy of the IGF’s “Nationality Policy” as at the date of this memo is attached at Appendix 1,

each, an “**Eligible Player**”.

2. 2019 European Team Selection Criteria

2.1 The 2019 European Team will consist of 12 Eligible Players, who shall be selected as follows:

- (a) the top 3 Eligible Players on the LET Solheim Cup Points ranking at the end of the Qualifying Period, based on LET Solheim Cup Points accumulated from all Ranking Events during the Qualifying Period. In the event of a tie (equal points), placings shall be determined in favour of the player with the higher ranking on the Rolex Women's World Rankings at the end of the Qualifying Period; and
- (b) the top 5 Eligible Players appearing on the Rolex Women's World Rankings at the end of the Qualifying Period who are not already qualified under (a) above. In the event of a tie (equal points), placings shall be determined in favour of the player with the higher ranking on the LET Solheim Cup Points ranking at the end of the Qualifying Period; and
- (c) a further 4 Eligible Players selected by the Captain.

2.2 In the event that any Eligible Player is selected to be a member of the 2019 European Team and:

- (a) sustains an injury or becomes ill or is otherwise unavailable to play for the 2019 European Team (which shall be determined by LET in its absolute discretion); or
- (b) engages (whether before or after the selection) in any conduct, behaviour, practices or arrangements which may bring the Solheim Cup, the LET or the sport of golf into public disdain or disrepute (which shall be determined by LET in its absolute discretion),

in each case, the relevant player will be replaced by an Eligible Player who is selected by the Captain.

3. LET Solheim Cup Points

3.1 LET Solheim Cup Points can only be earned by an Eligible Player from the date on which she becomes an Eligible Player and while she remains an Eligible Player pursuant to paragraph 1.1 above.

3.2 LET Solheim Cup Points shall be awarded in the period from the start of the Qualifying Period to 31 December 2018 as follows:

- (a) to the top 10 placed Eligible Players competing at each Ranking Event (excluding the Major Championships and Host Tournament) as follows:
 - (i) at each Ranking Event with a prize fund less than €250,000, LET Solheim Cup Points shall be awarded to the relevant player on a weighted basis of 0.5:1 to the Standard Distribution as set out in the middle column of Distribution Table B at paragraph 5 below;
 - (ii) at each Ranking Event with a prize fund of equal to or more than €250,000 (US\$250,000) but less than €500,000 or US\$500,000, LET Solheim Cup Points shall be awarded to the relevant player in accordance with the Standard Distribution as set out in the middle column of Distribution Table C at paragraph 5 below;

- (iii) at each Ranking Event with a prize fund of equal to or greater than €500,000 or US\$500,000, LET Solheim Cup Points shall be awarded to the relevant player on a weighted basis of 1.5:1 to the Standard Distribution as set out in the middle column of Distribution Table D at paragraph 5 below; and
 - (b) to the top 20 placed Eligible Players competing at each Major Championship, LET Solheim Cup Points shall be awarded to the relevant player in accordance with the 'Major Championship Distribution' as set out in the middle column of Distribution Table E at paragraph 5 below.
 - (c) to the top 10 placed Eligible Players competing at the Host Tournament (excluding Major Championships), LET Solheim Cup Points shall be awarded to the relevant player on a weighted basis of 1.75:1 to the Standard Distribution as set out in the middle column of Distribution Table F at paragraph 5 below.
- 3.3 LET Solheim Cup Points shall be awarded in the period from 1 January 2019 to the end of the Qualifying Period as follows:
 - (a) to the top 10 placed Eligible Players competing at each Ranking Event (excluding Major Championships and the Host Tournament) as follows:
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 - (i) at each Ranking Event with a prize fund less than €250,000, LET Solheim Cup Points shall be awarded to the relevant player in accordance with the Standard Distribution as set out in the right-hand column of Distribution Table B at paragraph 5 below;
 - (ii) at each Ranking Event with a prize fund of equal to or more than €250,000 (US\$250,000) but less than €500,000 or US\$500,000, LET Solheim Cup Points shall be awarded to the relevant player on a weighted basis of 2:1 to the Standard Distribution as set out in the right-hand column of Distribution Table C at paragraph 5 below;
 - (iii) at each Ranking Event with a prize fund of equal to or greater than €500,000 or US\$500,000, LET Solheim Cup Points shall be awarded to the relevant player on a weighted basis of 3:1 to the Standard Distribution as set out in the right-hand column of Distribution Table D at paragraph 5 below; and
 - (c) to the top 20 placed Eligible Players competing at each Major Championship (excluding the Host Tournament), LET Solheim Cup Points shall be awarded to the relevant player in accordance with the 'Major Championship Distribution' as set out in the right-hand column of the Distribution Table E at paragraph 5 below; and
 - (d) to the top 10 placed Eligible Players competing at the Host Tournament (excluding Major Championships), LET Solheim Cup Points shall be awarded to the relevant player on a weighted basis of 3.5:1 to the Standard Distribution as set out in the right-hand column of Distribution Table F at paragraph 5 below.
- 3.4 For the purposes of this paragraph 3 and the Distribution Tables, the relevant currency to be used for each Ranking Event to establish the above monetary thresholds shall be the same currency as the prize fund for that tournament which is published on the LET tournament schedule on the LET website.

4. Definitions

In this memo, unless the context requires otherwise:

“Distribution Tables” means the tables set out in paragraph 5 of this memo;

“European” shall have the meaning set out in the “Nationality Policy” issued by the IGF (as amended from time to time by the IGF);

“Excluded Championships” means collectively the US Women’s Open, the ANA Inspiration and the LPGA Championships;

“Host Tournament” means a single Ranking Event (excluding the Major Championships) which:

- (a) has a prize fund of €500,000 or more; and
- (b) is designated by LET as being located in the host nation of the next European Solheim Cup tournament,

and the Host Tournament for the purposes of the 2019 Solheim Cup shall be the Ladies Scottish Open in each of 2018 and 2019;

“IGF” means the international federation recognised by the International Olympic Committee as the world governing body for golf whose headquarters are located in Lausanne, Switzerland;

“LET Solheim Cup Points” means the ranking points awarded to Eligible Players in accordance with paragraph 3 above;

“Major Championship” means any of the following tournaments or such other tournament which LET notifies to the LET members is a Major Championship (collectively the **“Major Championships”**):

- (a) Women’s British Open
- (b) Evian Championship
- (c) US Women’s Open
- (d) ANA Inspiration
- (e) LPGA Championship

“Qualifying Period” means the period that begins on the day immediately following the last day of the 2017 Solheim Cup (such date being 21 August 2017) and shall end on the date notified to LET members by the LET following the publication of the official LET tournament schedule for 2019;

“Ranking Events” means those golf tournaments which take place during the Qualifying Period that are sanctioned by the LET at which LET members are eligible to earn women’s world golf ranking points; and

“Standard Distribution” means the standard distribution of LET Solheim Cup Points set out in Table A at paragraph 5.

5. LET Solheim Cup Points Distribution Tables

Distribution Table A: Standard Distribution

TOURNAMENT PLACING	STANDARD DISTRIBUTION
1	20
2	12
3	9
4	8
5	7
6	6
7	5
8	4
9	3
10	2

Distribution Table B: LET Solheim Cup Points for Ranking Events (excluding Major Championships and the Host Tournament) with a prize fund of less than €250,000

TOURNAMENT PLACING	RANKING EVENT from start of Qualifying Period to 31 December 2018 (0.5:1 weighting to the Standard Distribution applies)	RANKING EVENT from 1 January 2019 to end of Qualifying Period (Standard Distribution applies)
1	10	20
2	6	12
3	4.5	9
4	4	8
5	3.5	7
6	3	6
7	2.5	5
8	2	4
9	1.5	3
10	1	2

Distribution Table C: LET Solheim Cup Points for Ranking Events (excluding Major Championships and the Host Tournament) with a prize fund of €250,000 or more, but less than €500,000

TOURNAMENT PLACING	RANKING EVENT from start of Qualifying Period to 31 December 2018 (Standard Distribution applies)	RANKING EVENT from 1 January 2019 to end of Qualifying Period (2:1 weighting to the Standard Distribution applies)
1	20	40
2	12	24
3	9	18
4	8	16
5	7	14
6	6	12
7	5	10
8	4	8
9	3	6
10	2	4

Distribution Table D: LET Solheim Cup Points for Ranking Events (excluding Major Championships and the Host Tournament) with a prize fund equal to or greater than €500,000 or US\$500,000

TOURNAMENT PLACING	RANKING EVENT from start of Qualifying Period to 31 December 2018 (1.5:1 weighting to the Standard Distribution applies)	RANKING EVENT from 1 January 2019 to end of Qualifying Period (3:1 weighting to the Standard Distribution applies)
1	30	60
2	18	36
3	13.5	27
4	12	24
5	10.5	21
6	9	18
7	7.5	15
8	6	12
9	4.5	9
10	3	6

Distribution Table E: LET Solheim Cup Points for Major Championships:

TOURNAMENT PLACING	MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP from start of Qualifying Period to 31 December 2018	MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP from 1 January 2019 to end of Qualifying Period
1	40	80
2	30	60
3	20	40
4	18	36
5	16	32
6	15	30
7	14	28
8	13	26
9	12	24
10	11	22
11	10	20
12	9	18
13	8	16
14	7	14
15	6	12
16	5	10
17	4	8
18	3	6
19	2	4
20	1	2

Distribution Table F: LET Solheim Cup Points for the Host Tournament taking place in 2019

TOURNAMENT PLACING	HOST TOURNAMENT from start of Qualifying Period to 31 December 2018 (1.75:1 weighting to the Standard Distribution applies)	HOST TOURNAMENT from 1 January 2019 to end of Qualifying Period (3.5:1 weighting to the Standard Distribution applies)
1	35	70
2	21	42
3	15.75	31.5
4	14	28
5	12.25	24.5
6	10.5	21
7	8.75	17.5
8	7	14
9	5.25	10.5
10	3.5	7