ELIGIBILITY
Entries are open to female amateur golfers who have an up-to-date Handicap Index (as defined in the Rules of Handicapping book) that is not greater than 5.4 under the Rules of Handicapping. A Handicap Index must be issued from a “golf club” (as defined in the Rules of Handicapping book) that is authorized to use the Rules of Handicapping. The USGA accepts an up-to-date handicap issued from the international body of golf that would be equivalent to a Handicap Index within the prescribed limit for entry into the Championship.

Age: Player’s date of birth is required on all USGA entry forms.
An application for a player who is a minor upon the date of submission, in the state in which she resides (e.g., New Jersey, under the age of 18) must be submitted by a parent/guardian, and list parent/guardian’s name, phone number, and email address. The parent/guardian must agree to be bound by all terms and conditions on their behalf and on behalf of the minor player.

Amateur Status: All players must conform to the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the United States Golf Association® and R&A. If the player will be receiving expenses from sources other than family members to participate in this competition, please refer to Rule 4.

Anti-Doping Policy: Important information regarding the USGA Anti-Doping Policy and drug testing at the Championship proper may be found at www.usga.org/championships-hub/additional-entry-resources/doping-policy-and-drug-testing.html.

Code of Conduct: The USGA may reject an entry application, revoke an accepted application, expel from the Championship and/or suspend a player from future championships if the player engages in conduct detrimental to the integrity and image of the game of golf and/or public confidence in the USGA. Such conduct may include, but is not limited to, damage to the golf course or the player’s equipment, verbal or physical abuse of spectators, officials, volunteers, or staff, blatant or excessive profanity, disorderly behavior, failure to abide by club rules, violation of the USGA Championship Integrity Policy or any other unbecoming conduct. The USGA Championship Integrity Policy can be found at the USGA website, located at the following link: www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/championships-hub/additional-entry-resources/integrity-policy.html.

Equipment Used for Medical Reasons: Players who wish to request permission to use a medical device due to a medical condition or injury and proceed under Rule 4.3(b)(1) of the Rules of Golf should refer to www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/championships-hub/additional-entry-resources/equipment-permitted-for-medical-reasons.html.

Gender Policy: Information regarding the USGA Gender Policy and additional entry requirements may be found at www.usga.org/genderpolicy.html.

NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19
The USGA is undertaking significant measures to mitigate the risk of transmission of COVID-19 while conducting its championships. Despite these measures, complete elimination of risk of exposure and infection to COVID-19 is not currently possible. If you choose to participate in a USGA championship, you must follow all mitigation measures implemented by USGA with respect to COVID-19. These requirements are a condition of competition and, therefore, you will not be permitted to participate if you fail to comply. In particular, you may be required to do the following:
• Submit to COVID-19 testing prior to arrival at the championship. Proof of a negative result will be required to participate in the championship.
• Submit to on-site COVID-19 testing upon arriving at the championship. Your access to club facilities may be limited while awaiting test results. If you test positive, you will not be permitted to participate in the championship, and you may be required to quarantine locally at your own cost.
• While at the championship, submit to screening for symptoms of COVID-19 on a regular basis, as identified by the CDC at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html including temperature checks;
• Follow all on-site protocols established by the USGA including, maintaining social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart from other people) whenever possible, washing hands for at least 20 seconds or using a hand sanitizer as often as possible, and wearing personal protective equipment such as face cloths or masks when directed at the championship; and
• Complying with limitations set by the USGA on allowing guests at the championship.
Further information about the requirements for the championship will be provided prior to championship play.
Working together, we are confident we can make this championship a success for you, the other players, and for the local community.

ENTRIES: FORM, FEE, CLOSING DATE
All players, including those who are exempt, must file an entry application. Players must file online at the USGA website (www.usga.org). Only those players for whom blank entries are filed by the USGA as noted in the section on exemptions will not be required to submit entry applications. Only one entry may be filed per player. The USGA reserves the right to disqualify anyone who submits more than one entry.
Entry fee of $875 must be paid by all players who are accepted into the championship proper. Entry fee will be refunded regardless of reason if the USGA is notified (908-326-1950 or via e-mail at champs@usga.org) before August 3. No refund for any reason after August 3.

ENTRY APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY USGA NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. EDT ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020.
Entry applications must be filed online at: www.usga.org/champs/apply
Late applications are not acceptable and will be automatically rejected.
(Entries by telephone, telegraph, mail or FAX are not acceptable.)

Time limit for entries means time of receipt at USGA (not time entry is transmitted to USGA). Entries should be submitted early to allow ample time for delay or error in transmission. The risk of delay or error in transmission lies solely with the entrant and the USGA has no liability with respect to any such delay or error and the consequences therefrom, including rejection of the entry.

SCHEDULE
Championship – 132 players.
(A) STROKE PLAY – 36 holes stroke play to determine 64 qualifiers for match play. All qualifiers and exempt players must compete. A tie for last qualifier’s place will be decided immediately by a hole-by-hole play-off.
MONDAY, AUGUST 3: Round 1, 18 holes.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4: Round 2, 18 holes.

(B) MATCH PLAY – A draw based on qualifying scores will be used. Ties in qualifying rounds will be decided by a blind draw, except that places of those participating in a play-off will be determined by the order on the public scoreboard summary and by performance in the play-off.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5: A.M. Round of 64, 18 holes.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6: A.M. Round of 32, 18 holes.
P.M. Round of 16, 18 holes.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 7: A.M. Quarterfinals, 18 holes.
A.M. Semifinals, 18 holes.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8: A.M. Semifinals, 18 holes.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9: A.M. Final, 36 holes.

PRIZES
WINNER: Gold medal and custody of the Robert Cox Cup for the ensuing year, subject to such conditions as the USGA may establish.
RUNNER-UP: Silver medal.
OTHER SEMIFINALISTS: Bronze medals.
LOWEST QUALIFYING SCORER: Bronze medal; if a tie, duplicate medals will be awarded.

NO OTHER REMUNERATION: By her application, the player acknowledges that she is not entitled to remuneration of any kind for participation in the Championship other than prizes listed herein.

RULES OF GOLF
Play will be governed by The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A Rules Limited. Questions will be settled by the on-site Rules Committee, whose decision will be final.

GOLF BALLS; DRIVER HEADS
Only brands of golf balls on the most current List of Conforming Golf Balls and driver heads on the most current List of Conforming Driver Heads may be used. Updated lists may be found on the USGA website at www.usga.org or by contacting the USGA Equipment Standards Department at (908) 234-2300. See Model Local Rules G-1 and G-3.

The one ball Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. See Model Local Rule G-4.

CLUBS; GROOVES
In the Championship proper, the Local Rule as prescribed by Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-2.
PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TYPES OF SHOES
The Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-7.

CADDIES
Championship proper: A player may provide her own caddie. If she wishes to have a caddie provided to her by the host club, she must complete the information as outlined in the Memorandum to Players.
A player is not required to employ a caddie for any stage of the Championship.

TRANSPORTATION/CART REQUESTS
The Local Rule prohibiting the use of motorized transportation as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-6.

As a general rule, players and their caddies must walk the course at USGA Championships. But consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a disabled player or caddie may be permitted to use a golf cart as an accommodation to his or her disability for those events where golf carts are not allowed. As required by the ADA, the USGA will evaluate such requests on a case-by-case basis.

In order for the USGA to properly evaluate the merits of such requests, while maintaining the fundamental fairness of the golf competition, it is necessary for players requesting this accommodation (whether submitted by the player, by the player for the player’s caddie or by the parent/legal guardian of a minor player) to submit medical documentation to facilitate that analysis. The documentation provided must demonstrate: (1) a player’s (or caddie’s) disability as defined by the ADA; (2) the medical need for the golf cart that results from that disability; and (3) that by providing a golf cart to a player or caddie in that particular circumstance, the USGA would not be fundamentally altering the fairness of the competition by providing a player with an advantage over other players. The required form entitled Golf Cart Request Form (as well as additional important information for first time and subsequent requests for a cart) is available at the following link: www.usga.org/championships/golf-cart-request-form.html.

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION; BROADCASTING
I understand that the USGA or its designees, may record, film, photograph, or otherwise capture my likeness, image, voice, biography, references to me, my quoted statements, and my play in the Championship (the foregoing, together with my name, my “Appearance”). In consideration of the opportunity to participate in the Championship, by submitting this Application, I grant (and/or have the authority to grant to the USGA in the case of a parent/guardian of a minor or other authorized representative submitting the Application on my behalf) to the USGA, and its licensees, successors and assigns, the perpetual, transferable, assignable, worldwide, royalty-free, irrevocable right to use my Appearance, in whole or in part, in all manner (including exhibition, distribution, reproduction, publication, display, broadcast, transmission or otherwise), and media now known or hereafter invented or discovered, and for any purpose whatsoever. The rights granted herein include, without limitation, the right to use the Appearance, or portions thereof, in promotion of the Championship and future championships through any of the foregoing means of distribution, as well as in the design, manufacture and distribution of merchandise related to the Championship or other championships, that include elements of my Appearance. The USGA is not obligated to use my Appearance in any matter, and materials embodying any aspect of my Appearance do not need be submitted to me for approval. I release and discharge the USGA, its licensees, successors and assigns from any claims arising from use of my Appearance, including claims for misrepresentation of me, my character, or my person by any means. As between the USGA and me, the USGA shall own all right, title and interest, including the copyright(s), in and to any works created by the USGA, its licensees, successors and assigns, that include all or a portion of my Appearance. This grant shall be binding on my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and the successors and assigns of the USGA. I hereby waive all privacy, publicity, defamation, libel, and proprietary rights related to the Appearance as used by the USGA in conjunction with these terms.

Players are required to cooperate with representatives of the media; however, no pre-Championship activities outside of those activities which are part of the Championship will be required. Authorized representatives of the media will not interfere with the player’s Championship play in an unreasonable manner.

ONSITE CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION
Register in person at location and time listed in the Memorandum to Players or notify the USGA as directed in the Memorandum to Players if a late arrival. Place may be forfeited by a player from whom no word has been received.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Please do not book any travel or hotel accommodations, as there will be specific arrival protocols that need to be adhered to. These protocols and other conditions of competition will be sent to you by a member of the Player Services Team once you complete the Championship Entry Application beginning Friday, June 26.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE
Players must be neat in appearance with respect to personal grooming and clothing.

LOCAL RULES; TERMS OF THE COMPETITION; SCHEDULES
The USGA Championship Committee/on-site Rules Committee reserves the right to alter any of the Local Rules, Terms of the Competition, provisions and/or schedules herein. The decision of the Championship Committee/on-site Rules Committee in any matter will be final. 2020 Terms of the Competition: www.usga.org/content/dam/usga/pdf/2020/rules/2020%20USGA%20Local%20Rules%20and%20Terms%20of%20the%20Competition.pdf.

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL
If a player withdraws, she must notify the USGA (908-326-1950 or via e-mail at champs@usga.org) promptly in order to insure an alternate fair opportunity to play. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from future USGA competitions.
EXEMPTIONS

Players in the following categories will be eligible for exemption in the 2020 Championship only. The USGA reserves the right to revise any of the exemption categories. Exempt players who wish to participate in the Championship must file a Championship Entry Application by July 8, 2020 at 5:00 PM EDT. *(NOTE: Blank entries will be filed by the USGA for players who become exempt after close of entries.)*

1. Winners of the U.S. Women’s Amateur Championship the last 10 years (2010-2019):
   - 2015-HANNAH O’SULLIVAN 2019-GABRIELA RUFFELS
2. Runners-up of the U.S. Women’s Amateur Championship the last three years (2017-2019).
3. Semifinalists of the U.S. Women’s Amateur Championship the last two years (2018-2019):
   - 2019-MEGHA GANNE
   - 2019-GABRIELA RUFFELS
4. Round of 32 from the 2019 U.S. Women’s Amateur Championship:
   - TYLER AKABANE
   - LAUREN BEAUDREAU
   - CAROLINE CANALES
   - KATIE CHIPMAN
   - ALLISON CORPUZ
   - BENTLEY COTTON
   - AMANDA DOHERTY
   - ANNABELL FULLER
   - 2019-MEGHA GANNE
   - 2019-GABRIELA RUFFELS
5. Any player who qualified for the 2019 U.S. Women’s Open Championship:
   - TYLER AKABANE
   - CELESTE DAO
   - MEGHA GANNE
   - PARIS HILINSKI
   - SABRINA IQBAL
   - SHANNON JOHNSON
   - AUSTON KIM
   - GINA KIM
   - DAEOM MA
   - KAITLYN PAPP
   - GABRIELA RUFFELS
   - NANAKO LEKO
   - ROSE ZHANG
   - REAGAN ZIBILSKI
   - 2017-ERICA SHEPHERD
   - 2019-LEI YE
   - 2019-LILLIAN BOURDAGE
   - 2018-ALEXA PANO
   - 2019-JILLIAN BOURDAGE
   - 2018-VIOLETA PAIY
   - 2019-ALEXA PANO
   - 2019-LILLIAN BOURDAGE
   - 2019-VIOLETA PAIY
   - 2017-KELSEY CHUGG
   - 2019-TALIA CAMPBELL
   - 2018-SHANNON JOHNSON
   - 2019-INA KIM-SCHAAD
    - 2017-Julia Potter-Bobb
    - 2018-Kelsey Chugg
    - 2019-Talisa Campbell
    - 2018-Lauren GreenLeod
    - 2019-Ina Kim-Schaad
    - 2018-Anne Chen
    - 2019-Mika (Melia) Jin
    - 2018-Grace Kim
    - 2019-Jasmine Ly
    - 2018-Brooke Seay
    - 2019-Grace Summerhays
    - 2018-Nicole Whiston
    - 2019-Kelly Xu
7. From the U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur Championship, winners in 2016-2019; runners-up in 2018-2019 and semifinalists in 2019:
   - 2016-Julia Potter-Bobb
   - 2017-Kelsey Chugg
   - 2018-SHANNON JOHNSON
   - 2019-INA KIM-SCHAAD
   - 2018-Ellen Port
   - 2019-LARA TENNANT
   - 2018-Sue Wooster
   - 2019-Sue Wooster
   - 2017-JUDITH KRYNIS
   - 2018-LARA TENNANT
8. From the U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur Championship, winners in 2016-2019 and runners-up in 2018-2019:
   - 2016-MEGAN FURTNEY
   - 2016-Mariel Galdiano
   - 2017-JUDITH KRYNIS
   - 2018-LARA TENNANT
   - 2019-LARA TENNANT
9. Winners of the 2019 U.S. Women’s Amateur Four-Ball Championship:
   - MEGAN FURTNEY
   - MARIHEL GOLDSMITH
   - PLAYOFF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE TEAM
10. Players from the United States and Great Britain & Ireland Curtis Cup teams, four year exemption once appointed to the team (2018):
   - USA
   - GB
   - MARIHEL GOLDSMITH
   - ANNABELL FULLER
   - PAULA GRANT
   - LILY MAY HUMPHREYS
   - SHANNON McWILLIAM
   - OLIVIA MEHAYFEE
   - 2018-MARIHEL GOLDSMITH
   - 2019-EMILY TOY