

**APPLICATION TO ENTER  
2017 LPGA OF JAPAN QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT (QT)  
(FOR 2018 LPGA TOURNAMENT)  
CONDUCTED BY  
THE LADIES PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION OF JAPAN  
(LPGA of JAPAN)**

Entry application must be filed online at: [www.lpga.or.jp/page/qualify/qt/2017/summary](http://www.lpga.or.jp/page/qualify/qt/2017/summary)  
(online application is available only in Japanese)

## **I FACT SHEET**

### **1. FIRST QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT**

#### **(1) Eligibility**

Any female golfers who are 18 years of age or over as of April 1, 2017 (who was born before April 1, 1999) and correspond to either of the followings

1. Any players recommended by one of the LPGA of Japan member who has been a LPGA of Japan member for more than 5 years.
2. Any players recommended by a national golf association or any national professional golf association of their respective countries.
3. Any players recommended by a senior manager of golf club or golf practice range in Japan.
4. Any players approved by LPGA of Japan other than above each categories.

#### **<Amateur Status>**

*It is not in itself a breach of the Rules of Amateur Status for an amateur golfer under the jurisdiction of Japan Golf Association Rules to file an entry for and play LPGA of Japan Qualifying Tournament. (Please refer to III-12 AMATEUR STATUS)*

#### **(2) Dates and Venue**

Section A: Aug. 16, 2017 – Aug. 18, 2017 Hitotonoya CC (Tochigi-pref.)

Section B: Aug. 30, 2017 – Sep. 1, 2017 Bellflower CC (Gifu-pref.)

Section C: Aug. 16, 2017 – Aug. 18, 2017 Sanyo GC (Okayama-pref.)

\* The venue allocated to each entrant on a first come, first served basis.

\* A change of venue is not accepted.

#### **(3) Tournament Format**

1. 54 holes stroke play (18 holes on each day for three days at stroke play) scheduled.
2. The First Qualifying Tournament considered as “officially concluded” as all players completed 18 holes principally. In the event of 18 holes has not completed by the end of the last scheduled competitive day, qualifying take place as soon as possible.

#### **(4) Proceeding players to the Second Qualifying Tournament**

1. Approximately 20% of the players in higher rank in the each venue of the First Qualifying Tournament will proceed to the Second Qualifying Tournament. When the entrants exceed 500, however, proceeding players to the Second Qualifying Tournament will be 100 at maximum.
2. LPGA of Japan will announce the number of proceeding players from each venue by posting on the first day of the tournament after all the players completed their first hole of the round.

## **2. SECOND QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT**

### **(1) Eligibility**

Any female golfers who are 18 years of age or over as of April 1, 2017 (Who was born before April 1, 1999) and correspond to either of the followings;

1. LPGA of Japan members and players who registered 2017 Tournament Players Division's one-year membership.
2. Any players who have successfully passed the First Qualifying Tournament.
3. Any players approved by LPGA of Japan other than above categories 1-2.

Note:

Any player who is non-resident of Japan in the above category3 must submit a recommendation from either of followings;

- 1) A national golf association,
- 2) Any national professional golf association of her respective countries
- 3) LPGA of Japan members.

### **(2) Dates and Venue**

Section A: Oct. 31, 2017 - Nov. 2, 2017 Nasuogawa GC (Tochigi-pref.)

Section B: Oct. 31, 2017 - Nov. 2, 2017 Kodama GC (Kanagawa-pref.)

Section C: Oct. 31, 2017 - Nov. 2, 2017 Japan Classic CC Queen Course(Mie pref.)

Section D: Oct. 31, 2017 - Nov. 2, 2017 JFE Setonaikai GC (Okayama-pref.)

\*The venue allocated to each entrant by the LPGA of Japan after the entry closing date.

### **(3) Tournament Format**

1. 54 holes (18 holes on each day for three days at stroke play) scheduled.
2. All tied scores shall be ranked by card play-off as follows:
  - (a) the best 3rd round scores, (b) the best 2nd round scores, (c) the best last 18th hole scores, 17th hole scores, and so on.
3. The Second Qualifying Tournament considered as "officially concluded" as all players completed 18 holes pincipally. In the event of 18 holes has not completed by the end of the last scheduled competitive day, play will be postponed.

### **(4) Proceeding players to the Third Qualifying Tournament**

1. Players in higher rank in the Second Qualifying Tournament at each venue will proceed to the Third Qualifying Tournament.
2. LPGA of Japan will announce the approximate number of proceeding players from each venue by posting on the first day of the tournament after all the players completed their first hole of the round.
3. The Third Qualifying Tournament final filed will be determined after the conclusion of DAIO PAPER ELLEAIR LADIES OPEN (November 19, 2017)

## **3. THIRD QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT**

### **(1) Eligibility**

Any female players who are 18 years of age or over as of April 1, 2017 (Who was born before April 1, 1999) and correspond to either the followings;

1. The winner of the 2017 LPGA of Japan Step-Up-Tour. (Including TPD provisional professional member)
2. Players positioned 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> on the 2017 Step-Up-Tour official money list.
3. Players positioned within top 70<sup>th</sup> in according to 2017 LPGA official money list as of Mitsubishi Ladies Golf Tournament.
4. Any players successfully passed the Second Qualifying Tournament.
5. Any players approved by LPGA of Japan other than above categories 1-4.

\* Any player who is non-resident of Japan in the above category 5 must submit a recommendation from either of followings;

- 1) A national golf association,
- 2) Any national professional golf association of her respective countries
- 3) LPGA of Japan members.

\* 102 players are assumed to be an upper bound in each venue. However, there is a case not to come up to 102 players to make the advancement ratio from Second Qualifying Tournament to Third Qualifying Tournament.

## **(2) Dates and Venues**

Section A: Nov. 21, 2017 - Nov. 23, 2017 Athletic GC (Ibaraki pref.) \*Nov. 24, 2017 reserved for rain day

Section B: Nov. 21, 2017- Nov. 23, 2017 Grand Oak GC (Hyogo pref.) \*Nov. 24, 2017 reserved for rain day

## **(3) Tournament Format**

1. 54 holes (18 holes on each day for three days at stroke play) scheduled.
2. All tied scores shall be ranked by card play off as follows:
  - (a) the best 3rd round scores, (b) the best 2nd round scores, (c) the best last 18th hole scores, 17th hole scores, and so on.
3. The tournament considered as concluded as all players completed 54 holes principally. However the Third Qualifying Tournament is deemed to be "officially concluded" if at least 36 holes have been completed by the end of the reserved rain day.

## **(4) Wait List (alternatives)**

There are wait lists for the Third Qualifying Tournament. Please refer to See II-5 (Substitutions) for further details.

## **(5) Proceeding players to the Final Qualifying Tournament**

1. Players in higher rank in the Third Qualifying Tournament at each venue will proceed to the Final Qualifying Tournament.
2. LPGA of Japan will announce the approximate number of proceeding players from each venue by posting on the first day of the tournament after all players completed their first hole of the round.

## **4. FINAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT**

### **(1) Eligibility**

Any female players who are 18 years of age or over as of April 1, 2017 (Who was born before April 1, 1999) and correspond to either the followings;

1. Players lost her LPGA of Japan tour exemption status at the end of 2017 season.
2. 5 players positioned following top 55 players (excluding any player have won 30 LPGA tournaments) from 2017 LPGA official money list as of 2017 DAIO PAPER ELLEAIR LADIES OPEN
3. Any winners of LPGA of Japan Tour in 2017 who has no exemption status for 2018 season.
4. Any players who received a medical extension in 2017 and has no exemption status for 2018 season.
5. Players positioned 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> on the 2017 LPGA Step-Up-Tour official money list.
6. Any players have successfully passed the Third Qualifying Tournament.
7. Any players approved by LPGA of Japan other than above categories.

\* Any player who is non-resident of Japan in the above category 7 must submit a recommendation from either of followings;

- 1) A national golf association,
- 2) Any national professional golf association of her respective countries
- 3) LPGA of Japan members.

\* 102 players are assumed to be an upper bound.

## **(2) Dates and Venue**

Nov. 28, 2017 – Dec. 1, 2017 Arima CC (Hyogo-pref.) \*Dec. 2, 2017 is reserved for the rain day

## **(3) Tournament Format**

1. 72 holes (18 holes on each day for four days at stroke play) are scheduled.
2. All tied scores shall be ranked by card play off as follows:
  - (a) the best 4th round scores, (b) the best 3rd round scores, (c) the best 2nd round scores, (d) the best last 18th hole scores, 17th hole scores, and so on.
3. The tournament considered as concluded as all players completed 72 holes principally. The Final Qualifying Tournament is “officially concluded” if at least 54 holes have been completed by the end of the reserved rain day.

## **(4) Wait List (alternatives)**

There are wait lists for the Final Qualifying Tournament. Please refer to II-5(Substitution) for the further detail.

## **(5) Qualifying Tournament Priority Ranking List**

The eligibility of priority ranking to play on the LPGA of Japan Tour and LPGA Step-Up-Tour in 2018 will be determined according to the ranking results of the Qualifying Tournament. This priority ranking list will be used until the first reshuffle

## **II. REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES**

### **1. Rules**

The Japan Golf Association (JGA) Rules of Golf and LPGA of Japan Tournament Regulations and its Local Rules will govern all the qualifying tournaments.

### **2. Application for Entry \*Online application is available only in Japanese**

- (1). For LPGA MYPAGE account holder;
  - 1) Login to LPGA MYPAGE and complete entry by online application
  - 2) Submit the documents stated II-3 to LPGA of Japan office
- (2). Players do not have LPGA MYPAGE account
  - 1) Register at LPGA website
  - 2) Login to LPGA MYPAGE and complete entry by online application
  - 3) Submit the documents stated II-3 to LPGA of Japan office.

### **3. Documents**

For Japanese; Submit following (1)(2)

For foreign nationality; Submit following (1)(3)

- (1) Players must submit recommendation from either of one of following;
  - a. A member of LPGA of Japan who has a membership before August 2011.
  - b. A national golf association or any national professional golf association of their respective countries.
  - c. A senior manager of golf club or golf practice range in Japan.
- (2) A copy of driver license or any document, which name and date of birth can prove.
- (3) A copy of passport

[Note:]

If you are foreign player and non LPGA member, you must fill in followings

1. Player's name in Japanese (Chinese character as well as Japanese katakana) and English.
2. Where to make contact in Japan. (Company name, person in charge name, a phone number)

#### 4 Application Terms and Deadlines

Stage	Entry Deadlines	Entry fee	
		LPGA of Japan member	Non member
■First QT	2017/5/31		¥54,000
■Second QT 1. LPGA of Japan members and players who registered LPGA one-year membership for 2017 Tournament Player's Division 2. Proceeded players from the First Qualifying Tournament: 3. Any player approved by LPGA of Japan other than above categories:	2017/8/31  2017/9/8 2017/5/31	¥43,200	¥54,000
■Third QT 1. The winner of the 2017 LPGA of Japan Step-Up-Tour. (Including TPD provisional professional member) 2. Any player who positioned 6 th – 10th on the 2017 Step-Up-Tour official money list. 3. Any player who positioned within top 70th in according to 2017 LPGA official money list as of Mitsubishi Ladies Golf Tournament. 4. Any players who have successfully passed the Second Qualifying Tournament. 5. Any players approved by LPGA of Japan other than above categories 1-4.	: 2017/10/27  2017/11/10  2017/5/31	¥54,000	¥108,000
■Final QT 1. Players who has lost her LPGA of Japan tour exemption status at the end of 2017 season. 2. 5 players who are positioned following top 55 players (excluding any player who have won 30 LPGA tournaments) from 2017 LPGA official money list as of 2017 DAIO PAPER ELLEAIR LADIES OPEN 3. Any winners of LPGA of Japan Tour in 2017 who has no exemption status for 2018 season. 4. Any players who received a medical extension in 2017 and has no exemption status for 2018 season. 5. Any players who positioned 2nd – 5th on the 2017 LPGA Step-Up-Tour official money list. 6. Any players who have successfully passed the Third Qualifying Tournament. 7. Any players approved by LPGA of Japan other than above categories.	2017/11/21      2017/11/24  2017/5/31	¥54,000	¥108,000

Note:

1. Late applications are not acceptable whatever the reason may be.
2. LPGA of Japan will not return application form regardless of any reason.
3. LPGA of Japan will not refund entry fee regardless of any reason.
4. Applications by telephone, fax or e-mail are not accepted.
5. Applicants must pay the entry fee for each stages when file an online at the LPGA MYPAGE.

## **5. Substitutions**

The substitutions procedure for Third Qualifying Tournament and Final Qualifying Tournament is as follows;

- (1) If a proceeded player from the qualifying tournament withdraws by PM5:00 Friday prior week of each tournament, a substitution is allowed from the same venue which the withdraw players participated. The substations will placed in order of the qualifying scores.
- (2) If other than a proceeded player from the qualifying tournament withdraws, waiting registration system will apply. The priority for the player who registered waiting registration system will be determined by drawing lots.
- (3) Players who wish to register waiting system must sign at LPGA office at the venue between following period of time:  
On the day before the first round (practice round), from 1 hour before the first group starts to PM5:00

## **6. Player name**

Every LPGA of Japan non-member must play the Qualifying Tournament by her real name. ( player name or alias is not allowed). LPGA of Japan will indicate foreign player' name by Japanese katakana even the player applied her name with Chinese character.

After the registration for one-year TPD member, the player may change the name however, once you registered the name, it cannot be changed for 5 years.

## **III ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **1. Completion of the entry**

- (1). Entry confirmation is the responsibility of each applicant.
- (2) LPGA of Japan reserves the rights to invalidate the players' entry or tour registration in case that LPGA of Japan judges that the players (or players' conduct) are not suitable for the tournament.

### **2. Registration**

The applicant herself must register at a designated location at each venue between 1 hour before the starting time of the 1st group and 5:00pm one day prior to the tournament day.

\*Applicant failing to register may lose her right to participate in the tournament.

### **3. Fee to the golf course**

Player shall bear the play fees for both practice and tournament days.

### **4. Code of conduct**

LPGA of Japan may reject an entry application, revoke an accepted application, expel from the Qualifying Tournament and/or suspend a player from any LPGA of Japan conducted events, any penalty LPGA of Japan impose if the player engages in conduct as follows;

- (1) Failure to abide LPGA regulation and Qualifying Tournament fact sheet.
- (2) Any violations of the JGA Golf Rules and LPGA Local Rule
- (3) Unexcused withdraw from the tournament
- (4) Verbal or physical abuse of spectators, officials or staff, blatant or excessive profanity, disorderly behavior
- (5) Detrimental to the integrity and image of the game of golf and/or public confidence in LPGA of Japan
- (6) Failure to comply with the law

### **5. Caddie**

A player may provide her own caddie only in Final Qualifying Tournament from designated practice day through the end of the tournament. (providing only the tournament days or only is not allowed). Any players who will provide her own caddie must submit an application to LPGA of Japan with the entry application. Failure to submit an application will forfeit to use her own caddie.

- (1) Caddie must wear flat-sole tennis shoes of non-metal spike shoes. Metal-spike shoes are prohibited.

- (2) Caddie is prohibited to wear very short pants, swim wear, gym wear, jeans, camouflage patterned wear and cargo typed pant or skirt (including rain wear).
- (3) The player is required to take full responsibility for her own caddie.

## 6. Coach and Trainer

A player may accompany her personal coach and trainer to the qualifying tournament by submitting an application to LPGA of Japan in advance. When the player need to use training space, she must submit the application form by Friday PM5:00 proceeding to the tournament.

- (1)The personal coach is admitted to walk in golf course only on the practice day. The coach must sign his/her name at LPGA office at the venue. Failure to sign will forfeit to enter tournament site.
  - \* Registration fee ---5,400yen
- (2)The personal trainer is admitted only in the clubhouse, walking in golf course is not admitted.
  - \* Registration fee---5,400yen
  - \* Fee for using space---10,800yen/ Contact LPGA of Japan office for more details

## 7. Interpreter

**Any players who does not understand Japanese must arrange the interpreter by player's responsibility.**

1. A player must fill in interpreter's name on the application form.
2. The interpreter cannot be the other player's interpreter at the same time.
3. Applicant failing to fill the interpreter's name may lose her right to participate in the qualifying tournament.
4. The player must arrange her interpreter from First Qualifying Tournament to Final Qualifying Tournament.
5. All the posting, rules of play and announcements are provided by Japanese.

## 8. Manner and etiquettes

All applicants are necessary to follow the rule and manners that LPGA provided. The first time notes, and assumes the second to be a penalty or leaving when not following it.

- \* First ---reprimand
  - \* Second---30,000yen
  - \* Third---50,000yen
- (1) Practice round besides the designated practice round must set up with golf course in advance by player and never bother other guests. (Player should not hit more than one ball, keep a group behind waiting or make practice stroke on the green just finished.)
  - (2) Players shall not wear jeans, camouflage pattern wear, and cargo pants as well as skirt (including rain wear) at the qualifying tournament site. In the case player wears a sweat shirt, the collar of polo under the sweat shirt must be seen. Player allowed to wear T-shirt as long as it is produced by golf manufacture and accepted as a golf fashion. Mules and sandals are prohibited. The LPGA of Japan reserves the rights to order players to leave the tournament when the players' conduct is not becoming or their clothing is not suitable for the tournament.
  - (3) Any tattoo or sealing tattoo is prohibited. The LPGA of Japan reserves the rights to order players to leave the tournament site when tattoo is found.

## 9. Rights to usage of player's likeness

All television, radio, photographic, motion pictures, documentary film, internet or similar media rights of players participating in the qualifying tournaments shall granted and assigned to LPGA of Japan. All such rights granted and assigned to the LPGA of Japan are thereafter the property of and reserved by the LPGA of Japan. This section apply through the designated practice round to final round of the tournament within the golf course.

## 10. Privacy Policy

Player must agree that LPGA of Japan uses personal information of applicants within the scope of the following purpose.

\* Any event conducts by LPGA of Japan such as LPGA tour, LPGA Step-Up-Tour LPGA Legend' s tour Qualifying Tournament Pro-test etc.

\* LPGA of Japan will provide applicants' names and other information to each QT operating company, golf course, media for the purpose of supplying LPGA tournament.

\* LPGA of Japan will store the application forms and tournament results for the purpose of providing the data when requested.

## **11. Others**

(1)When the fact becomes known when there is a lie in the content, the qualification is lost.

(2)The LPGA of Japan reserves the rights to postpone or shorten any of the qualifying tournaments due to adverse weather conditions or other occurrence of condition beyond the control of the LPGA of Japan

(3) The LPGA of Japan reserves the right to alter any conditions and schedules herein. The decision of the LPGA in any matter shall be final.

## **12. AMATEUR STATUS**

In the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the JGA, any players will forfeit the amateur status when players register themselves as TPD One-year member. It is recommended to consult with Japan Golf Association (Phone: 03-3566-0003) regarding to the details about amateur status before making an application for tournament.

## **13. Reshuffling qualifying ranking**

LPGA of Japan tour will apply reshuffling system from 2018 LPGA of Japan tour.

(LPGA Step-Up-Tour is not applicable)

## **IV Registration for 2018 Tournament Players' Division (TPD) One-year member**

(Valid period of registration is 2018/1/1-2018/12/31)

Any player who proceeded to Third Qualifying Tournament and Final Qualifying Tournament must attend the TPD One-year member orientation in order to register on 2018 LPGA of Japan Tournament Players' Division One-year member

### **1. Orientation for TPD One-year member**

Any player who wishes to register on TPD One-year member must attend this orientation 3 consecutive year or 3 times.

#### **(1) DATE**

Orientation scheduled 3days in December, 2017

\* A place and time are to be announced.

\* The representative's attendance is not admitted.

#### **(2) The attendance**

1)Any player who obtains 2018 exempt status and wish to register as 2018 LPGA of Japan TPD One-year member

2)Any player who proceeded to Third and Final QT and wish to register as 2018 LPGA of Japan TPD One-year member

#### **(3) Agenda**

1) LPGA of Japan tournament regulations

2) Golf Rules

3) Etiquettes

4) Registration process for 2018 TPD One-year member

#### **(4) Interpreter**

The orientation will be in Japanese. For foreign players who do not understand Japanese, LPGA of Japan will provide simultaneous translation for English, Korean and Chinese. It is not necessary for players to arrange their own interpreter. Player's companions are not allowed to attend the orientation.



## 2. Registration Deadline Dec. 15, 2017

The registration document and registration fee must be submitted to LPGA of Japan by the deadline.

## 3. Rule Exam

(1) Rule exam will be held right after the conclusion of Second Qualifying Tournament. A place and time will be announced by LPGA of Japan by posting.

\*Any player who is exempted from Second QT must take the exam on the practice round of Third QT.

\*Any player who is exempted from Third QT must take the exam on the practice round of Final QT.

(2) Any player proceeded to Third QT or who is willing to sign waiting list (alternatives) for Third QT or any player wish to register as a 2018 LPGA of Japan TPD One-year member must take this rule exam. (otherwise the player may not make a registration for 2018 TPD One-year member)

(3) LPGA of Japan will distribute 20 questions in advance. The rule exam will be made by 10 questions from these 20 questions and new other 20 questions. The passing mark will be getting more than 21 correct answers. If players can not get reach to the passing mark, she is able to retake a rule exam for only one time. If she still can not get reach to the passing mark, she may not proceed to Third QT. The rule exam will be available only Japanese and English. The players may not accompany her interpreter to the rule exam.

**4. Annual Tour Registration Fee is ¥540,000** including consumption tax.

**5. Working Visa** is required to play at the tournaments in Japan for those who does not resident in Japan.

Note: Any players who wish to register as a 2018 LPGA of Japan TPD One-year member must receive a recommendation from one of the LPGA of Japan professional members or International professional member who have been a LPGA of Japan member for more than 5 years (any LPGA of Japan member who obtains license before 2009) as well as guarantor's signature on the application form

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