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То:	LPGA Tournament Members
From:	Libba Galloway, Deputy Commissioner
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Re:	Priority List

Attached is the Priority List for entering standard eligibility LPGA tournaments in 2009. Thanks to the Player Executive Committee members who have spent countless hours throughout this year providing valuable insight into the development of this list, which we believe is an optimum platform for showcasing the very best in women's professional golf. Thanks also to all other LPGA members who provided input throughout the process.

If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact Jane Geddes, Mindy Moore or me.

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PRIORITY FOR 2009 STANDARD ELIGIBILITY TOURNAMENTS

Priority List

1. <u>Top 80 Category:</u> Top 80 on the LPGA Official Money List at the end of the last official LPGA tournament of the previous year, with priority based on the order of the list.

1(a). <u>Top 40 Two Years Prior Category</u>. For the 2009 season, Top 40 on the LPGA Official Money List at the end of the last official LPGA tournament of 2007, with priority based on the order of the list.

2. <u>Career Top 20 Category:</u> Top 20 on the LPGA career earnings list as of the end of the last official LPGA tournament of the previous year, with priority based on the order of the list, provided that: (a) the player must have competed in at least 10 official LPGA tournaments in the previous two years, (b) the player must notify the LPGA that she wants to be included in the Career Top 20 Category by December 1 of the previous year, (c) if a player elects to be included in the Career Top 20 Category, she will be in this Category for two years, and (d) a player may only be in the Career Top 20 Category or the Career Top 40 Category (but not both) once in her career (and being in the Career Top 20 and Career Top 40 categories in years prior to 2009 counts against this one-time allowance).

3. <u>Major Winner Category:</u> Winners of LPGA Major Championships during the previous five years, with priority based on the number of such wins during the previous five years (and any ties broken by the players' positions on the LPGA career earnings list as of the end of the previous year). To be eligible for this category, a player must have played in at least 10 official LPGA tournaments during the previous two years.

4. <u>Two Win Category:</u> Winners of at least two official LPGA tournaments during the previous four years, with priority based on the number of wins in official LPGA tournaments during the previous four years (and any ties broken by the players' positions on the LPGA career earnings list as of the end of the previous year). To be eligible for this category, a player must have played in at least 10 official LPGA tournaments during the previous two years.

5. <u>Current Year Win Category:</u> Winners of official LPGA tournaments during the current year, with priority based on the earliest date of such wins, and provided that any non-LPGA member winner must have joined the LPGA in order to be placed in this category.

5(a). <u>Three Wins in the Same Season Category.</u> For the 2009 LPGA season, winners of three or more official LPGA tournaments during the same calendar year from 2004-2008; for the 2010 LPGA season, winners of three or more official LPGA tournaments during the same calendar year from 2005-2009; for the 2011 LPGA season, winners of three or more official LPGA tournaments during the same calendar year from 2006-2010; for the 2012 LPGA season, winners of three or more official LPGA tournaments during the same calendar year from 2006-2010; for the 2012 LPGA season, winners of three or more official LPGA tournaments during the same calendar year from 2007-2011; and

for the 2013 LPGA season, winners of three or more official LPGA tournaments during the same calendar year from 2008-2012; in each case with priority based on the number of wins during any calendar year (and with any ties broken by the players' positions on the LPGA career earnings list as of the end of the previous year).

6. <u>One Win Category:</u> For the 2009 LPGA season, winners of one official LPGA tournament during calendar years 2006-2008; for the 2010 LPGA season, winners of one official LPGA tournament during calendar years 2007-2009; and for the 2011 LPGA season, winners of one official LPGA tournament during calendar years 2008-2010; in each case with priority based on the number of wins in official LPGA tournaments during the previous three years (and any ties broken by the players' positions on the LPGA career earnings list as of the end of the previous year). For the 2012 LPGA season and thereafter, winners of one official LPGA tournament during the previous two years, with priority based on the number of wins in official LPGA tournament during the previous two years (and any ties broken by the players' positions on the LPGA career earnings list as of the end of the previous tournament during the previous two years (and any ties broken by the players' positions on the LPGA career earnings in official LPGA tournament during the previous two years (and any ties broken by the players' positions on the LPGA career earnings list as of the end of the previous tournament during the previous two years (and any ties broken by the players' positions on the LPGA career earnings list as of the end of the previous tournament during the previous two years (and any ties broken by the players' positions on the LPGA career earnings list as of the end of the previous year).

7. <u>Non-Member Win Category:</u> Winners of at least one official LPGA official tournament during the previous calendar year while not an LPGA member, with priority based on the earliest date of such wins.

8. <u>Current Year Top 40 Category:</u> For the 9th through 15th official LPGA tournaments of the year, players in the Top 40 on the current year's LPGA Official Money List as of the conclusion of the 7th official LPGA tournament of the year, with priority based on the order of the list. For the 16th through 22nd official LPGA tournaments of the year, players in the Top 40 on the current year's LPGA Official Money List as of the conclusion of the 14th official LPGA tournament of the year, with priority based on the order of the list. For the year, with priority based on the order of the list. For the 23rd through 29th official LPGA tournament of the year, so of the 21st official LPGA tournament of the year, with priority based on the order of the list. For the remaining official LPGA tournaments of the year, players in the Top 40 on the current year's LPGA Official LPGA tournament of the year, with priority based on the order of the list. For the 21st official LPGA tournament of the year, with priority based on the order of the list. For the remaining official LPGA tournaments of the year, players in the Top 40 on the current year's LPGA Official LPGA tournament of the year, players in the Top 40 on the order of the list. For the remaining official LPGA tournaments of the year, players in the Top 40 on the current year's LPGA Official LPGA tournaments of the year, players in the Top 40 on the current year's LPGA Official LPGA tournaments of the year, players in the Top 40 on the current year's LPGA Official Money List as of the 28th official LPGA tournament of the year, with priority based on the order of the list.

9. <u>Top 5 Duramed Category:</u> Top 5 on the previous year's Official Money List of the Duramed Futures tour, with priority based on the position on the list.

10. <u>Non-Member Top 80 Category:</u> Each player who, as of the conclusion of the last official LPGA tournament of the previous year, won an amount of money as a non-LPGA member during such year in official LPGA co-sponsored domestic tournaments with fields of 75 or more, that is equal to or greater than the amount of official money won by the player who was in 80th place on the LPGA Official Money List at that time (with priority based on the amount of money won in such tournaments).

11. <u>Top 20 Q-School Category/Nos. 81-100 Category:</u> In alternating order, top 20 from the previous year's LPGA final Qualifying Tournament and Nos. 81-100 on the LPGA Official Money List at the end of the last official LPGA tournament of the previous year, with (in the case of the Qualifying Tournament players) any ties broken on the basis of the lowest most recent round in the final and sectional Qualifying Tournament, except that in the event of a tie

for 20^{th} place at the Qualifying Tournament, the 20^{th} place shall be determined through a play-off held at the Qualifying Tournament. Alternating order starts with the top finisher at the Qualifying Tournament, then goes to the 81^{st} player on the Official Money List, then goes to the 2^{nd} place finisher at the Qualifying Tournament, then goes to the 82^{nd} player on the Official Money List, etc.

12. <u>Top 40 Two Years Prior Category</u>: Top 40 on the LPGA Official Money List of two years previous, with priority based on the order of the list. To be eligible for this category, a player must have played in at least 10 official LPGA tournaments during the previous two years.

13. <u>Three-Time Duramed Current-Year Win Category:</u> Winners of three official Duramed Futures Tour tournaments during the current year, with priority based on the earliest date of such wins.

14. <u>Career Top 40 Category:</u> Top 40 on the LPGA career earnings list as of the end of the previous year, with priority based on the order of the list, provided that: (a) the player must have competed in at least 10 official LPGA tournaments in the previous two years, (b) the player must notify the LPGA that she wants to be included in the Career Top 40 Category by December 1 of the previous year, and (c) a player may only be in the Career Top 40 Category or the Career Top 20 Category (but not both) once in her career (and being in the Career Top 20 and Career Top 40 categories in years prior to 2009 counts against this one-time allowance).

15. <u>Nos. 101-125 Category:</u> Nos. 101-125 on the LPGA Official Money List at the conclusion of the last official LPGA tournament of the previous year, with priority based on the order of the list.

15(a). <u>Tournament Winners Category "A"</u>: For the 2009 and 2010 seasons, winners of official LPGA tournaments held within the previous 20 calendar years, with priority based on the number of wins, and any ties broken by the players' positions on the LPGA career earnings list as of the end of the previous year, provided that a player shall not be placed in this category if she has already been in Tournament Winners Category "A" prior to 2009 and her time in that category expired prior to 2009 (and if she has been in Tournament Winners Category "A" prior to 2009, she shall not be placed in this category in 2010).

16. <u>Nos. 21-30 Category:</u> From the previous year's LPGA Qualifying Tournament, the 10 players finishing after the player who finished in 20th place, with priority based on the order of their finish at the Qualifying Tournament (and any ties broken on the basis of the lowest most recent round in the final Qualifying Tournament).

17. <u>Nos. 6-10 Duramed Category:</u> Nos. 6-10 on the previous year's Official Money List of the Duramed Futures Tour, with priority based on the position on the list.

18. <u>Multiple Tournament Winners with Recent Strong Performance Category.</u> Winners of more than one official LPGA tournament who have been in the top 80 on the LPGA Official Money List as of the conclusion of the last official LPGA tournament of one of the previous three years, with priority based on the number of wins (and any ties broken by the players' positions on the LPGA career earnings list as of the end of the previous year).

19. <u>Tournament Winners Category:</u> Winners of official LPGA tournaments held within the previous 20 calendar years, with priority based on the number of wins (and any ties broken by the players' positions on the LPGA career earnings list as of the end of the previous year).

20. <u>Nos. 31-40 Category:</u> From the previous year's LPGA Qualifying Tournament, the next 10 players after the 10 players eligible under the Nos. 21-30 Category (regardless of whether they have a priority higher than that category), with priority based on the order of their finish at the Qualifying Tournament (and any ties broken on the basis of the lowest most recent round in the final Qualifying Tournament).

21. <u>Class A/Veteran International Members Category:</u> Other Class A LPGA Tournament Division members and other International members who have been LPGA members in good standing for 10 or more consecutive years, with priority based on the players' positions on the LPGA career earnings list as of the end of the previous year.

<u>T&CP Entries:</u> The Champion of the most recent LPGA Teaching and Club Professional (T&CP) National Championship and the Champion of the most recent T&CP Section Championship of each T&CP Section may enter one standard eligibility event during her tenure as Champion, falling in priority behind Category 21, with priority among the T&CP members going first to the National Champion, and then to the Section Champion whose Section residence is closest to the event.

<u>Medical, Maternity and Family Leave Extensions</u>: For 2009, players with medical, maternity and family leave extensions of status will slot in the bottom of the priority list categories that most closely approximate their status at the beginning of 2008.

<u>Re-Ordering:</u> For the 9th through 15th LPGA tournaments of the year, players who were in Categories 14 through 20 at the beginning of the season will be re-ordered with priority based on the order of the current year's LPGA Official Money List as of the 7th official LPGA tournament of the year, falling in priority behind Category 13. For the 16th through 22nd LPGA tournaments of the year, such players will be re-ordered based on the order of the current year's LPGA Official LPGA tournament of the year, falling in priority behind Category 13. For the 16th through 22nd LPGA tournaments of the year, such players will be re-ordered based on the order of the current year's LPGA Official Money List as of the 14th official LPGA tournament of the year, falling in priority behind Category 13. For the 23rd through 29th official LPGA tournaments of the year, such players will be re-ordered based on the order of the current year's LPGA Official Money List as of the 21st official LPGA tournament of the year, falling in priority behind Category 13. For the remainder of the LPGA tournaments of the year, such players will be re-ordered based on the order of the 28th official LPGA tournament of the year, falling in priority behind Category 13. For the remainder of the LPGA tournaments of the year, such players will be re-ordered based on the order of the year, falling in priority behind Category 13. For the remainder of the LPGA tournaments of the year, such players will be re-ordered based on the order of the year, falling in priority behind Category 13. For the remainder of the current year's LPGA Official Money List as of the 28th official LPGA tournament of the year, falling in priority behind Category 13.

Special Entries

Places will be reserved in tournaments with standard eligibility fields, as follows:

1. <u>Hall of Fame/Tournament Winners Entries:</u> Two places will be reserved for LPGA Tour Hall of Fame members not otherwise eligible, with priority based on the number of official LPGA tournament wins as of the end of the previous year (and any ties broken by the players' positions

on the LPGA career earnings list as of the end of the previous year). Any such places not used will be filled with winners of official LPGA tournaments held within the previous 20 years who are not otherwise eligible, with priority based on the number of wins (and any ties broken by the players' positions on the LPGA career earnings list as of the end of the previous year). Note: Beginning with the 2011 season, an LPGA member must have won at least eight official LPGA tournaments (provided that in calculating the number of wins for this purpose, a win of any LPGA Major Championship shall be counted as two wins), the last having been won within the previous 20 calendar years, in order to be eligible to fill a place not used by a Hall of Fame member, and the member may enter no more than two tournaments a year through this entry criteria.

2. <u>Sponsor Exemptions.</u> Two places will be reserved for sponsor invitations (in special circumstances necessitated by a tournament location outside the United States or a sponsor from another country, a limited number of additional sponsor invitations may be made available).

3. <u>Local Qualifying</u>. Two places will be reserved for players competing in a local qualifying round.

4. <u>Late Entries.</u> Two places will be reserved for the following players who have not committed to the tournament by the commitment deadline: (a) the winner of the immediately preceding week's official LPGA tournament and (b) Hall of Fame members, provided that (i) such player notifies an LPGA Tournament Official at the site of the immediately preceding tournament of her intention to enter no later than one hour after the conclusion of such immediately preceding tournament and (ii) a player may not enter this way more than once a year. Priority will first be given to the winner of the immediately preceding week's tournament, and then to Hall of Fame members based on the number of official LPGA tournament wins as of the end of the previous year (and any ties broken by the players' positions on the LPGA career earnings list as of the end of the previous year).

5. <u>Previous Week Top 10.</u> Two places will be reserved for players who are not otherwise eligible, as follows: Each of the top two of such players who finish in the top 10 in a standard-eligibility LPGA tournament prior to the final standard-eligibility tournament of the year (a "Top 10 Event") are entitled to places in the next standard-eligibility tournament after the Top 10 Event, with any tie for the second such player broken by according the place to the player with the lowest most recent round in the Top 10 Event or other official LPGA tournament. If the LPGA tournament immediately following the Top 10 Event is not a standard eligibility event, the players shall be entitled to places in the next standard-eligibility tournament after that.

Note: Only LPGA Tour members are entitled to enter tournaments under the foregoing priority list and special entries, except for Sponsor Exemptions, Local Qualifying and the T&CP Category.

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