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FINAL OLYMPIC GOLF RANKINGS PUBLISHED

The two-year qualification process for golf's return to the Olympic Games for the first time in 112 years has been completed with the publication today of the Final Olympic Golf Rankings.

With no fewer than 40 countries included in the Final Rankings across the men's and women's competitions, to be played at Reserva de Marapendi Golf Course between August 11 and 20, the composition of the Olympic fields will highlight the broad global diversity of the sport in Rio de Janeiro.

Already, the 'Olympic effect' can be witnessed by the increase in the number of National Federations under the umbrella of the International Golf Federation (IGF), which has grown from just over 100 to an all-time high of 147, with opportunities arising for increased support to grow the game.

The Olympic golf competitions, beginning with the men from August 11-14 followed by the women from August 17-20, will have a potential global audience of around 3.6 billion, representing the ultimate shop-window for the sport and having the capacity to reach a brand new audience, especially among the younger generation across all the continents.

Peter Dawson, President of the IGF, said: "After eight years of intense planning and preparation for golf's historic return to the Olympic Games, the IGF is extremely excited finally to have reached this important milestone of identifying those players who are eligible to compete in Rio de Janeiro.

"We are particularly gratified to see how many countries are represented among the men and women and anticipate compelling competitions for both on the outstanding golf course that Gil Hanse and Amy Alcott have created. It has taken a tremendous amount of work by a number of people to get to this stage, and we at the IGF are extremely grateful for the role each and every one of them has played in making this possible."

Qualification began on July 14, 2014 and concluded yesterday (Sunday, July 10). The full list of qualifiers confirms the names of the 120 players – 60 male and 60 female – who are now eligible to be entered by their respective National Olympic Committees (NOCs) in accordance with the qualification criteria.

The IGF will send confirmation of the quota places to the NOCs no later than 17.00 Eastern US time tomorrow (Tuesday, July 12). The NOCs will then confirm use of allocated quota places to the IGF who, in turn, will reallocate all unused quota places before the Rio 2016 Sport Entries Deadline on July 18.

The IGF will publish a further list of 60 names for both the men's and women's events on Monday, July 18, which will provide ratification of all the competitors who will comprise the respective fields at the Olympic Games.

The Final Rankings underline the diversity of the fields who will tee off in Olympic competition next month for the first time in over a century, with a total of 40 countries being represented across both the men's and women's events.

Additionally, every continent is represented in the Rankings, affording golf a unique opportunity to grow the game in unexposed territories and to achieve greater visibility with the potential television audience during the Games in Rio. Across the two individual competitions, Africa has eight eligible players; Asia 29; Australasia & Oceania eight; Europe 52; North America 11; South America 12.

Full information on the Qualifying System for the 2016 Olympic Games can be found here:

<http://www.igfgolf.org/olympic-games/qualification-system/>

POS	MEN'S RANKING		WOMEN'S RANKINGS	
	PLAYER	COUNTRY	PLAYER	COUNTRY
1	Bubba Watson	USA	Lydia Ko	NZL
2	Henrik Stenson	SWE	Brooke M. Henderson	CAN
3	Rickie Fowler	USA	Inbee Park	KOR
4	Danny Willett	GBR	Lexi Thompson	USA
5	Justin Rose	GBR	Sei Young Kim	KOR
6	Sergio Garcia	ESP	Amy Yang	KOR
7	Patrick Reed	USA	Ariya Jutanugarn	THA
8	Matt Kuchar	USA	In Gee Chun	KOR
9	Rafa Cabrera Bello	ESP	Stacy Lewis	USA
10	Byeong Hun An	KOR	Anna Nordqvist	SWE
11	Thongchai Jaidee	THA	Shanshan Feng	CHN
12	Danny Lee	NZL	Minjee Lee	AUS
13	Emiliano Grillo	ARG	Gerina Piller	USA
14	David Lingmerth	SWE	Suzann Pettersen	NOR
15	Soren Kjeldsen	DEN	Harukyo Nomura	JPN
16	Bernd Wiesberger	AUT	Charley Hull	GBR
17	Martin Kaymer	GER	Teresa Lu	TPE
18	Kiradech Aphibarnrat	THA	Candie Kung	TPE
19	Francesco Molinari	ITA	Pornanong Phatlum	THA
20	Anirban Lahiri	IND	Carlota Ciganda	ESP
21	Thorbjorn Olesen	DEN	Su-Hyun Oh	AUS
22	Joost Luiten	NED	Shiho Oyama	JPN
23	Thomas Pieters	BEL	Azahara Munoz	ESP
24	Jaco Van Zyl	RSA	Xiyu Lin	CHN
25	Fabian Gomez	ARG	Sandra Gal	GER
26	Jeunghun Wang	KOR	Karine Icher	FRA
27	Scott Hend	AUS	Catriona Matthew	GBR
28	Marcus Fraser	AUS	Caroline Masson	GER
29	Brandon Stone	RSA	Nicole Broch Larsen	DEN
30	Yuta Ikeda	JPN	Pernilla Lindberg	SWE
31	Shingo Katayama	JPN	Alena Sharp	CAN
32	Gregory Bourdy	FRA	Gaby Lopez	MEX
33	Julien Quesne	FRA	Mariajo Uribe	COL
34	Nicolas Colsaerts	BEL	Nanna Koerstz Madsen	DEN
35	Ricardo Gouveia	POR	Christel Boeljon	NED
36	David Hearn	CAN	Paula Reto	RSA
37	Wu Ashun	CHN	Gwladys Nocera	FRA
38	Miguel Tabuena	PHI	Julieta Granada	PAR
39	Hao Tong Li	CHN	Kelly Tan	MAS
40	Alex Cejka	GER	Marianne Skarpnord	NOR
41	Graham DeLaet	CAN	Ashleigh Simon	RSA
42	Fabrizio Zanotti	PAR	Laetitia Beck	ISR
43	Padraig Harrington	IRL	Giulia Molinaro	ITA
44	Ryan Fox	NZL	Ursula Wikstrom	FIN
45	SSP Chawrasia	IND	Noora Tamminen	FIN
46	Danny Chia	MAS	Klara Spilkova	CZE
47	Mikko Ilonen	FIN	Christine Wolf	AUT
48	Jhonattan Vegas	VEN	Giulia Sergas	ITA
49	Felipe Aguilar	CHI	Maria Verchenova	RUS
50	Cheng Tsung Pan	TPE	Leona Maguire	IRL
51	Adilson da Silva	BRA	Anne Van Dam	NED
52	Seamus Power	IRL	Albane Valenzuela	SUI
53	Espen Kofstad	NOR	Alejandra Llaneza	MEX
54	Roope Kakko	FIN	Chloe Leurquin	BEL
55	Nino Bertasio	ITA	Fabienne In-Albon	SUI
56	Siddikur Rahman	BAN	Tiffany Chan	HKG
57	Camilo Villegas	COL	Michelle Koh	MAS
58	Wen-Tang Lin	TPE	Aditi Ashok	IND
59	Angelo Que	PHI	Miriam Nagl	BRA
60	Gavin Kyle Green	MAS	Cathryn Bristow	NZL