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Latin America Amateur Championship

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To: National Golf Federations in Latin America
From: Executive Committee, Latin America Amateur Championship
Date: 17 September 2018
Re: 2019 Latin America Amateur Championship

In January 2014, the Masters Tournament, The R&A, and the United States Golf Association (USGA) announced the formation of the Latin America Amateur Championship (LAAC), a new amateur golf competition aimed at stimulating growth and inspiring even greater interest in the game throughout South America, Central America, Mexico, and the Caribbean.

The LAAC consists of 72 holes of stroke play, with a cut after 36 holes. The fourth edition was played earlier this year in Chile. Joaquin Niemann of Chile, the #1 player in the world at the time, was the champion.

The 2019 LAAC will take place 17-20 January 2019 at Casa de Campo (Teeth of the Dog Course), in the Dominican Republic.

For participants, the LAAC will cover all costs associated with air travel, accommodations, meals, ground transfers, golf fees, and various other expenses. In addition, a special package will be offered to officials and relatives wishing to attend.

2019 Exemptions – The LAAC champion will receive an invitation to compete in the Masters Tournament. In addition, the winner and the runner(s)-up will receive exemptions into the final stages of qualifying for The Open Championship and U.S. Open Championship. The champion will also receive full exemptions into The Amateur Championship, U.S. Amateur Championship and any other USGA amateur championship for which he is eligible. These exemptions will apply provided players maintain their amateur status.

In order to participate in the LAAC, a player must be a citizen of a country that is a Latin America National Federation Member of the International Golf Federation (please see attached list).

Please see the attached Eligibility and Entry Conditions document for further information regarding field composition.

Shortly after the World Amateur Golf Ranking™ update of 26 September 2018, letters will be sent to national federations identifying players from their countries who have earned places in the field. This letter will also include information regarding acceptance and booking procedures. National federations will be asked to confirm that they have forwarded this information to their respective players.

The World Amateur Golf Ranking™ (WAGR) is offered by The R&A and USGA as a global service to golf. Top players from specific countries can be viewed at any time on WAGR by selecting a country name as the search criteria on the following page: <http://www.wagr.com/en/Mens-Ranking.aspx>.



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If any additional information is needed regarding the LAAC, please contact Tournament Coordinator, Victoria Lawrie, at vlawrie.laacgolf@gmail.com. Kindly confirm to Victoria that you have received this letter; at the same time, please verify the preferred contact information for your federation for LAAC invitation purposes.

Sincerely,

Executive Committee,
Latin America Amateur Championship
Matt Williams – Masters Tournament
Mark Lawrie – The R&A
John M. Bodenhamer – USGA

Enclosures:

Latin America IGF National Federation Members
2019 LAAC Eligibility and Entry Conditions



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