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By e-mail only

**TO: All NOCs and  
National Federations**

Lausanne, 20 March 2020

**RE: Golf Qualification System for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games**

Dear Presidents & Secretaries General,

Please find attached statements that have just been released by the Official World Golf Rankings and the World Golf Rankings for professional golf for men and women.

With the cessation of men's and women's professional golf around the world and to protect the integrity of the world rankings during this period of no golf events, both have taken the decision to "freeze" their rankings as of today.

Therefore, given that the Olympic Golf Ranking System for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games is based on these world rankings, in effect the Olympic ranking system will also be frozen until such time as the world ranking systems recommence.

As you are aware the qualification system for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games commenced on 1 July 2018 and will conclude on 22 June 2020 for the men and from 8 July 2018 through to 29 June 2020 for the women. As I stated above, the system is based on the Official World Golf Ranking, where World Ranking Points for each player are accumulated over a two-year "rolling" period with the points awarded for each tournament he or she has played in. This has proven to be a fair and equitable system. With this proposed freeze we currently believe that the system still remains fair to all athletes who are vying for qualification to the Tokyo2020 Olympic Games.

We have discussed this with the IOC Qualifications Task Force and also understand that the proposed freeze has considerable athlete support. These are extraordinary times for all of us in sport and we trust that we have your full solidarity and support for this.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Antony Scanlon', is written over a light blue grid background.

Antony Scanlon  
Executive Director



Encl: Official World Golf Ranking and Rolex Women's World Golf Ranking joint media release

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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**Official World Golf Ranking and Rolex Women's World Golf Ranking Statement**

The Official World Golf Ranking (OWGR) and Rolex Women's World Golf Ranking (WWGR) will be paused until further notice with professional golf currently inactive due to the global threat posed by Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The Governing Boards of the OWGR and WWGR have decided that the rankings will be frozen at Week 11 (the week ending March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 2020) and will continue to monitor the impact of Coronavirus COVID-19.

An announcement about the resumption of each respective ranking will be made in due course.

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