

2016 Rio Olympics Recap

Golf Returns to the Olympics Games

Golf returned to the Olympic Games in 2016 for the first time since 1904. The competition was held at the Olympic Golf Course, designed by Gil Hanse, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Sixty women and 60 men competed in separate 72-hole stroke-play events for three individual medals each. Thirty-four countries were represented on the women's side with the Republic of Korea leading the pack with four athletes, followed by the United States with three. Twenty-one other countries claimed two athletes each.



By all accounts, golf's return to the Olympics was a huge success. The Republic of Korea's Inbee Park captured gold with a winning score of 16-under-par, the same score recorded by Justin Rose who won the men's gold. Taking silver was Lydia Ko who became the youngest medal winner from New Zealand. Ko finished five strokes out of the gold medal position with 11-under-par. Shanshan Feng from China rounded out the podium with the bronze medal at 10-under-par. Haru Nomura, Stacy Lewis and Amy Yang all finished one stroke out of medal position.

LPGA Members in the Olympic Field (39) - Laetitia Beck (Israel); Ashleigh Buhai (South Africa); In Gee Chun (Republic of Korea); Carlota Ciganda (Spain); Shanshan Feng (China); Sandra Gal (Germany); Julieta Granada (Paraguay); Brooke Henderson (Canada); Charley Hull (Great Britain); Karine Icher (France); Ariya Jutanugarn (Thailand); Sei Young Kim (Republic of Korea); Lydia Ko (New Zealand); Candie Kung (Chinese Taipei); Minjee Lee (Australia); Stacy Lewis (USA); Xi Yu Lin (China); Pernilla Lindberg (Sweden); Alejandra Llana (Mexico); Gaby Lopez (Mexico); Caroline Masson (Germany); Catriona Matthew (Great Britain); Stephanie Meadow (Ireland); Giulia Molinaro (Italy); Azahara Munoz (Spain); Haru Nomura (Japan); Anna Nordqvist (Sweden); Su Oh (Australia); Inbee Park (Republic of Korea); Suzann Pettersen (Norway); Pornanong Phatlum (Thailand); Gerina Piller (USA); Paula Reto (South Africa); Giulia Sergas (Italy); Alena Sharp (Canada); Kelly Tan (Malaysia); Lexi Thompson (USA); Mariajo Uribe (Colombia); Amy Yang (Republic of Korea)

Golf will again be on the roster for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and will be played at the Kasumigaseki Country Club.



From left: Lydia Ko (New Zealand), Inbee Park (Republic of Korea), Shanshan Feng (China)