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# 2020 Arnold Palmer Cup Committee Selections Named

**NORMAN, Okla.** – The committee selections for the 2020 Arnold Palmer Cup were announced on Golf Channel's Golf Central today at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard at Bay Hill Club & Lodge. Three men and three women per side were named. Longtime Arnold Palmer partner Rolex is continuing its 50-year relationship through its support of the matches which will be hosted by Lahinch Golf Club on July 3-5, 2020.

The United States team is led by a pair of returners in Emilia Migliaccio (Wake Forest) and Kaitlyn Papp (Texas), who will become the second and third Americans to play in three Arnold Palmer Cups, as the duo has combined to contribute 11.5 of a possible 16 points the past two events. Joining Migliaccio and Papp on the American side will be Ricky Castillo (Florida), Kaitlin Milligan (Oklahoma), John Pak (Florida State), and Davis Thompson (Georgia).

On the International side, Ireland's Olivia Mehaffey (Arizona State) and Matthias Schmid of Germany (Louisville) both make their second appearance in the Arnold Palmer Cup. Four newcomers join Mehaffey and Schmid in Ingrid Lindblad (LSU/Sweden), Pauline Roussin-Bouchard (South Carolina/France), Caolan Rafferty (Maynooth/Ireland), and Ludvig Aberg (Texas Tech/Sweden).

For both the men and women, the six Arnold Palmer Cup Ranking selections will be announced on Golf Channel on March 25<sup>th</sup> along with two additional committee picks for the United States (one of which will be a non-Division I golfer) and one additional committee pick for the International side.

For more information visit arnoldpalmercup.com.



# **About Arnold Palmer Cup**

The Arnold Palmer Cup was co-founded by Arnold Palmer and The Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) and began at the Bay Hill Club & Lodge, Orlando, Fla., in 1997. The event is a Ryder Cup-style tournament featuring the top men's and women's university/college golfers matching the United States against a team of International players. The Arnold Palmer Cup has been played at some of the world's greatest courses including The Old Course, The Royal County Down, Royal Portrush, Baltusrol, The Honors Course, and Cherry Hills. The 2018 matches at Evian Resort Golf Club became the only major tournament which features men and women playing side-by-side as partners.

Since its inception, over 100 former Arnold Palmer Cup alumni have gone on to earn cards on either the PGA Tour, European Tour or LPGA, 29 have represented Europe or the USA in the Ryder Cup or Presidents Cup, and more than 60 have claimed over 240 victories on the PGA or European Tours. The United States leads the series 12-10-1.

The Arnold Palmer Cup is supported by Arnold & Winnie Palmer Foundation. The Arnold Palmer Cup provides a platform for perpetuating Arnold Palmer's commitment to youth development and the growth of amateur/collegiate golf. For more information, please visit <a href="https://example.com">ArnoldPalmerCup.com</a>.

#### **About Arnold & Winnie Palmer Foundation**

It all began in the 1960's when Arnold Palmer's go-for-broke style of golf bolstered a legion of fans, coined by the press as Arnie's Army. Palmer's charisma and unfailing sense of kindness and thoughtfulness endeared him to millions around the world. Over the past four decades, the Palmer family has contributed time and resources to support their passion for helping others and in so doing have made a profound impact on many lives. Founded in 2015, Arnold & Winnie Palmer Foundation has been entrusted to continue Arnold Palmer's legacy of philanthropy by ensuring a brighter future for our youth through children's health, character development and nature-focused wellness. For more information, or to join Arnie's Army, please visit palmerfoundation.org or contact 407-876-3944.

#### **Rolex and the Arnold Palmer Cup**

Through an unwavering commitment to the game of golf for more than 50 years, Rolex has developed one of the broadest and longest-standing relationships between brand and sport. These strong ties date back to 1967 when Rolex partnered with legendary golfer Arnold Palmer. The charismatic American holds a special place in golf history thanks as much to his natural talent and successful playing career as to his pioneering role in the sport. Since that pivotal bond, Rolex has gone on to establish partnerships at every level of the sport, including the governing bodies responsible for advancing the sport and the finest players, from The Big Three to the New Guard who are leading the rankings at the moment. The decision to partner the Arnold Palmer Cup was thus a natural progression for the Swiss watchmaker, and a tribute to the Arnold Palmer's inspiring legacy.

#### **About Rolex**

An unrivalled reputation for quality and expertise

Rolex, a Swiss watch *manufacture* headquartered in Geneva, is recognized the world over for its expertise and the quality of its products. Its Oyster and Cellini watches, all certified as Superlative Chronometers for their precision, performance and reliability, are symbols of excellence, elegance and prestige. Founded by Hans Wilsdorf in 1905, the brand pioneered the development of the wristwatch and is at the origin of numerous major watchmaking innovations, such as the Oyster, the first waterproof wristwatch, launched in 1926, and the Perpetual rotor self-winding mechanism invented in 1931. Rolex has registered over 500 patents in the course of its history. A truly integrated and independent manufacturing company, Rolex designs, develops and produces in-house all the essential components of its watches, from the casting of the gold alloys to the machining, crafting, assembly and finishing of the movement, case, dial and bracelet. Through philanthropic programmes and a broad palette of sponsorship activities, Rolex is also actively involved in supporting the arts, sports and exploration, and encourages the spirit of enterprise, as well as the conservation of natural environments.

## **About Nike**

The exclusive footwear, apparel, headwear, and glove supplier of the Arnold Palmer Cup, Our mission is what drives us to do everything possible to expand human potential. We do that by creating groundbreaking sport innovations, by making our products more sustainably, by building a creative and diverse global team and by making a positive impact in communities where we live and work.

