

EUROPEAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR GOLF RANKING 2016



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Congratulations to the Top Ranked Players in the European Women's Amateur Golf Ranking 2016. Final results (as of September 12, 2016) were:

1	Leona Maguire	Ireland	1600.18 pts
2	Bronte Law	England	1576.27 pts
3	Maria Parra Luque	Spain	1460.81 pts

Leona Maguire (IRL) has won the European Women's Amateur Golf Ranking's gold medal for the second successive year. This constitutes her fourth medal after she was awarded silver in 2010 and 2011. Maguire has also defended her position as World Leading Women's Amateur which gained her a second WAGR's Mark H McCormack Medal.

The highlight of Maguire's season was her performance in Rio during golf's return to the Olympic Games. Having succeeded to qualify among only three amateurs, she placed tied 21st. Earlier this season, Maguire played a substantial role in Great Britain & Ireland's Curtis Cup victory against the USA in June and won the Smyth Salver after finishing tied 25th, as the leading amateur, in the Ricoh Women's British Open at Woburn. She also played in the U.S. Women's Open at CordeValle and reached the quarter-finals in the Ladies' British Open Amateur Championship.

The 21-year-old started her successful campaign in September 2015 by making the cut and recording the best amateur finish in the Evian Championship shortly before collecting her fourth win of the 2015 season in the Ruth's Chris Tar Heel Invite. In the week following the end of the 52-weeks counting period, her sixth individual finish position in the Espirito Santo Trophy helped Ireland to win the bronze medal in the World Amateur Team Championships. This autumn, Maguire will take part in the Qualifying School for the LPGA Tour.

The other two medallists swapped their positions from 2015 - Bronte Law (ENG) winning silver and Maria Parra Luque (ESP) bronze this year.

Law was a major contributor to England's win in the 2016 European Ladies' Amateur Team Championship, played in Iceland, by winning five of her six matches. Only two weeks later, she shone again on the European stage and became the 2016 European Ladies'

Amateur Champion in Sweden. She made the most of her invitation to the Ricoh Women's British Open by playing all four rounds, being placed tied 15th after 36 holes. Law made history at the Curtis Cup in June, when she became the first Great Britain & Ireland player to win all five of her matches. She also placed tied second in the Campeonato Sudamericano Amateur and recorded three wins in NCAA events (Stanford Intercollegiate hosted by C Rice, PING ASU Invitational and NCAA Bryan Regional) as well as two runner-up finishes.

After a consistent 2015 season, Maria Parra Luque (ESP) was an automatic selection for the 2015 PING Junior Solheim Cup European Team. She had a flying start to the 2016 season with victories in the Copa de Andalucia and the Portuguese International Ladies Amateur Championship. She was part of the European Team for the inaugural Patsy Hankins Trophy played in Portugal, before successfully playing in professional events, including one win in the PGA Halmstad Ladies Open at Haverdal. In the summer, Parra Luque reached the semi-final in the Ladies' British Open Amateur Championship, won the European Ladies Team Championship's qualification in Iceland, helping her country Spain to conquest the silver medal, and placed tied sixth in the European Ladies' Amateur Championship. After two more wins in the professional ranks (Drobak Ladies Open and EVLI Ladies Finnish Open) she ended her amateur career in Mexico after the Espirito Santo Trophy, in which she placed tied eighth individually.

EAGR Conditions and full results for 2016 can be viewed at:
<http://www.ega-golf.ch/content/about>
<http://www.ega-golf.ch/rankings/women>

The first three ranked players will receive formal recognition for their achievement by being awarded EGA medal prizes.