

# 2017 EUROPEAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR GOLF RANKING

Congratulations to the top-three ranked players of the 2017 European Women's Amateur Golf Ranking, who receive formal recognition for their achievements in the form of a medal. The final rankings, which are taken one day before the start of European Tour Qualifying School (11 September), were:

1550.99 PTS



IRL

**1 LEONA MAGUIRE**

1457.91 PTS



SUI

**2 ALBANE VALENZUELA**

1280.72 PTS



SWE

**3 JULIA ENGSTROM**

Leona Maguire (IRL), has finished top of the European Women's Amateur Golf Ranking for the third successive year. It is also the third consecutive year she has finished top of the World Amateur Golf Ranking. Her achievements in the last two years include victory at the 2017 Ladies' British Open Amateur Championship, a tied 21st place finish at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio, finishing as low amateur in the 2016 Ricoh Women's British Open, and several scoring records for Duke University. In 2016, Maguire helped Great Britain & Ireland secure the Curtis Cup, winning four of her five matches. She also earned a bronze medal for Ireland at the Espirito Santo Trophy and represented Great Britain & Ireland in the Vagliano Trophy.

Silver medallist, Albane Valenzuela (SUI), who is also second in the World Amateur Golf Ranking, finished as runner-up in this year's European Ladies' Amateur and U.S. Women's Amateur Championships. In the last two years, she has featured in four major championships, making the cut on two occasions, and competed in the 2016 Olympic Games, where she finished tied for 21st alongside Maguire. Valenzuela contributed 3 ½ points from four matches to the Continent of Europe's victory in this year's Vagliano Trophy, her second success in the match after the Continent of Europe's triumph at Malone GC in 2015. In 2016, Valenzuela also represented Europe in the inaugural Patsy Hankins Trophy.

Julia Engström (SWE), who finished third in this year's rankings, is the youngest player ever to win the Ladies'

British Open Amateur Championship. Her victory in 2016 at the age of 15 qualified her for the 2016 U.S. Women's Open, the 2016 Women's British Open and the 2016 Evian Championship. Engström earned bronze medals at the 2016 Girls' British Open Amateur Championship, and the 2017 Annika Invitational Europe. This year she has represented Europe in the 2017 Junior Solheim Cup, the Continent of Europe in the Vagliano Trophy, and helped Sweden to a gold medal at the European Girls' Team Championship.

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<http://www.ega-golf.ch/content/about>

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

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