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All 120 Men and Women qualifying for
the Olympic Games Golf Competitions

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Dear Olympian,

We want to take this opportunity to extend our sincere congratulations to you on qualifying for the first Olympic golf competition in 112 years. This is a tremendous achievement, and we hope you take great pride in being among the 120 golfers worldwide who have earned the honour and distinction of becoming an Olympic athlete.

Simply stated, you are now a part of golf history, with the opportunity to represent your country on sport's grandest stage. In doing so, you will carry the privilege of being known as an Olympian for the rest of your life, something that golf's greatest past champions were never able to claim.

Every four years, the Games serve as an inspiration to millions worldwide who love sports and to those who dare to dream of someday becoming an Olympic athlete. You now have the unique opportunity to be among the athletes who might inspire a young person, while showcasing our sport as one that represents the very best in both competition and sportsmanship.

The last time golf was in the Olympic Programme was 1904, when only two countries took part. Next month, you will be playing for one of 41 countries that will be represented between the men's and women's competitions, a reflection of golf's continued growth and popularity. But as an Olympic sport, golf now has an incredible opportunity for unprecedented exposure and further development throughout the world. You can take great pride in what your participation means to you personally, to your country and to your sport.

So again, we congratulate you for earning your place in golf history. We trust you will find this to be an experience of a lifetime.

We look forward to seeing you in Rio,



Peter Dawson
IGF President

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