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London, England – The Governing Board of the Official World Golf Ranking (OWGR) today announces the inclusion of the Clutch Pro Tour into the OWGR System.

The Clutch Pro Tour provides access to its official tournaments, conducted over 54 holes with a 36-hole cut, via its 2024 qualifying series held in the UAE and, for its 2025 season, an annual open qualifying school. It also provides local and regional players opportunities, culminating with a no-cut, season-ending Championship. As such, the Clutch Pro Tour is in keeping with long-standing OWGR Eligibility and Format Criteria.

The Clutch Pro Tour has played a pivotal role in the United Kingdom – particularly since the closure of the EuroPro Tour. Its organization has provided the continuation of playing opportunities and pathways for players to progress to the European Challenge Tour and the DP World Tour.

“This is a significant milestone for golf, and OWGR is deeply encouraged by the achievement and the continued efforts in developing the sport of golf in the United Kingdom. We look forward to watching the progress of the Clutch Pro Tour as it continues to play a key role in the development of players from the region,” said Chairman Peter Dawson.

After a 17-month-long application process, in which the Tour worked continuously toward the standards required to become an OWGR Eligible Golf Tour, the Clutch Pro Tour will become an OWGR Eligible Golf Tour from Week 17, week ending 28th April 2024, and its official Tier 1 tournaments, in accordance with OWGR Regulations, will be eligible for inclusion in the Ranking.

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About the Official World Golf Ranking

The concept of the Ranking originated in the early 1980s by Mark H McCormack and Tony Greer. The SONY RANKING launched on Sunday, April 6th, 1986, during the week of the Masters Tournament. After McCormack's death in 2003, a new company, Official World Golf Ranking, was formed.

The primary objective of the Ranking is to maintain, review, update, administer and promote the recognition of a system that fairly ranks the relative performance of golfers participating in the leading men's professional tournaments throughout the world.

The OWGR is used as a measure of eligibility for the Major Championships, PLAYERS Championship, World Golf Championships, and the Olympic golf competition. In addition, it is used in part to determine the International Team for the Presidents Cup, as part of the qualification for the European Ryder Cup team, and as a qualification tool by several Tours for events worldwide.

Bernhard Langer was the OWGR's first-ever World No. 1 in April 1986, while Tiger Woods holds virtually every OWGR record to date, including most weeks at No. 1 (683) and most consecutive weeks at No. 1 (281). 25 different players have held the distinction of holding the No. 1 position in the OWGR.

The OWGR Governing Board is composed of representatives of the seven founder members:

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