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Local links: Texas Women's Open moves to The Tribute in The Colony; registration open for Texas State Open

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Caney Hines of San Antonio blasts out of a bunker on the 18th hole during competition in Texas Women's Open at the Eastern Hills Country Club in Garland.(LOUIS DeLUCA / 132369)

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The Energy Producers, Inc. Texas Women's Open has been moved to the Old American course at the Golf Clubs at The Tribute in The Colony, the Northern Texas PGA, which operates the tournament, announced Wednesday.

The move was necessary because the city of Garland postponed all outside events during May and June. The tournament had been scheduled for June 3-5 at Firewheel Golf Park.

The new dates are June 2-4 at Old American. The course also hosts the LPGA Tour's Volunteers of America Classic, which has moved to Dec. 3-6. The winner of the Texas Women's Open receives an exemption to the 2021 Marathon LPGA Classic in Toledo, Ohio.

The field for the Texas Women's Open has been reduced from 120 players to 108 with a projected purse of \$50,000. The champion will earn \$10,000.

Players coming from California, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Washington, Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit and Miami are subject to Gov. Greg Abbott's executive order on travel restrictions and are subject to a 14-day quarantine.

Among the players who have signed up is Gerina Piller, an LPGA member from Flower Mound. Also registered are 2019 low amateur Meagan Winans, a rising Plano Senior High senior who has committed to Oklahoma, where her sister Libby plays. Libby, who finished fourth a year ago, is also entered in the tournament.

Registration open for Texas State Open: The 50th Texas State Open is scheduled for July 28-31 at The Cascades Club in Tyler. The entry deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday, June 4. Unless otherwise exempt, professionals and amateurs gain access into the Texas State Open via an 18-hole qualifying event conducted at 17 sites in Texas and surrounding states during June and July.

Mark Harrison, the Executive Director/CEO of the NTPGA, said social distancing guidelines will be followed at both events.

"We will continue to follow the guidance of public health officials, and we will conduct these historic championships in a safe and responsible manner in the coming months," Harrison said. "The health and safety of our contestants and volunteers as well as the staff at The Cascades Club, Golf Clubs at The Tribute and Northern Texas PGA remains our top priority."

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