



The Harris County – Houston Sports Authority issued and continues to manage the nearly \$1 billion bond debt service on Minute Maid Park, NRG Stadium and Toyota Center. In addition to providing oversight to these world-class venues, the HCHSA promotes sports related events, which enhance the economic development of the region and bring better quality of life to its residents. [#WeAreHoustonSports](#)

"The volunteers are off to an unprecedented start," Coppins said. "Thanks to support of the Texas Golf Association and the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority team we were able to target specific groups core audience before we reach out to general public. It's the general helping nature how strong volunteerism is here."

There are still some educational elements to work on the next 11 months as well. Although the PGA TOUR has had a strong presence here with the Houston Open and Insuperity Invitational events, the LPGA players are not as well known.

"There are a lot of golfers here, but there are people who may not know the faces on the LPG Tour and the international players," Coppins said. "We're going to do our best to let them know."

"While Houston has hosted Tour events and LPGA events, they really haven't had a women's golf championship of this caliber. We're excited to come to a market that supports its events and has such a rich history with major sporting events, and we've got something special and unique. We want to show them some of the game's greatest golfers who also happen to be some of the most approachable, appreciated professional athletes you'll see in any sport."

The 2020 Women's Open will put Champions in the company of Pinehurst No. 2 as the only courses to host a Ryder Cup, a U.S. Open, a Women's Open and a U.S. Amateur. As history would have it, Jack Burke played on that 1951 Ryder Cup at Pinehurst.

One other interesting fact? Robin Burke played in three U.S. Women's Opens, but never made the cut. She will be there at the 72nd hole Sunday June 7, 2020, however, to help welcome next year's champion.

"We're gonna learn a lot in the next 11½ months," Godbold said. "We've got this and we're gonna do this. And we're gonna do it well."