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Golfers from 77 countries enter the 2019 BMW TrackMan Open – Chris Killmer and Tzu-Chi Lin defend their titles.

- **Global and digital golf tournament, in which amateurs can take on the best players in the world, attracts 2,465 entrants.**
- **Chris Killmer (USA) and Tzu-Chi Lin (TPE) prove unbeatable again in season two.**
- **Top amateurs Frida Kinhult (SWE) and Frederik Eisenbeis (GER) win week tickets to the Ryder Cup 2020 with Worldwide Partner BMW.**

Munich. The second season of the BMW TrackMan Open has drawn to a close. The number of “Combine Tests”, which must be completed and uploaded in order to enter the tournament, rose by three percent to 3,974. In this global tournament format, which boasts a total prize purse of 100,000 US dollars, the accuracy of golf shots is recorded digitally and the score is submitted in real time. The Open Category was won for the second year in a row by American Chris Killmer, who improved his winning score from 2018 by half a point to 94.5. Tzu-Chi Lin from Taiwan (Ladies) also successfully defended her title and improved from 91.3 to 93.1 points.

“BMW has been a global partner of golf for more than three decades, during which time it has consistently expanded its commitment and broken new ground,” said Jörn Plinke, Head of BMW Golfsport Marketing. “With its extraordinary, flexible and individual tournament format, the BMW TrackMan Open is a good example of this and has once again demonstrated the technological leadership of BMW and TrackMan in their segment.”

The TrackMan is a tablet-sized device for analysing and evaluating golf shots. It uses vision and radar technology to precisely record distance, club head speed and attack angle, among other things. In order to enter the BMW TrackMan Open, competitors must complete the “Combine Test”: 60 shots at a total of ten virtual targets, with a maximum score of 100 points.



Chris Killmer was rewarded for achieving the best result of all of this season's entrants (94.5 points) with a winner's cheque for 50,000 US dollars. The Ladies Category competition featured 20,000 US dollars in prize money for this year's winner Tzu-Chi Lin (93.1 points). Almost every tenth person who entered the 2019 BMW TrackMan Open was female – a rise of 22 percent compared to last year.

One feature of the BMW TrackMan Open is the fact that this tournament format allows amateurs to go head to head with professionals. Frida Kinhult (Ladies, 89.8 points) from Sweden and Germany's Frederik Eisenbeis (Open category, 90.9 points) were this season's top amateurs. They won week tickets to next year's golfing highlight, the Ryder Cup with Worldwide Partner BMW.

"2,500 participants from 77 nationalities are a testament to the truly global nature of the BMW TrackMan Open, which aims to give golfers of all skill levels the opportunity to practice with a purpose," said Klaus Eldrup-Jørgensen, CEO and co-founder of TrackMan. "TrackMan and BMW share a passion for innovation and technology so we couldn't have chosen a better partner for this project."

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