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JAPANESE PHENOM RYO ISHIKAWA COMMITS TO THE 2012 TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT FIELD

HARTFORD, Conn., May 2, 2012 – Tournament officials announced Ryo Ishikawa's early commitment to this year's Travelers Championship. Ishikawa will be making his first appearance at the Travelers Championship at TPC River Highlands.

"We are very excited to have a young star golfer like Ryo Ishikawa commit to our field," said Travelers Championship Tournament Director Nathan Grube. "The addition of Ishikawa reflects our ongoing commitment to host one of the strongest fields on the PGA TOUR."

Born in Japan, **Ryo Ishikawa** has 11 international victories, including his first professional victory at the age of 15 – the only teenager to win on the Japan Golf Tour since the Tour formed in 1973. Ishikawa won his first professional event at the Munsingwear Open KSB Cup in 2007 at just 15 years old, making him the youngest winner ever of a men's tournament. Since that victory, he has won eight more times in Japan, including shooting a 58 at The Crowns in 2010, which set a record for the lowest score ever on a major tour. He posted a 2-2-0 record at the 2011 Presidents Cup as the youngest member on the International team, his second Presidents Cup appearance.

Ishikawa is currently playing on the PGA TOUR with a special temporary membership, where he has said it is his "dream to be playing the majority of the events over here." Ishikawa can secure full status on the PGA TOUR for 2013 by earning enough to finish among the top 125 winners this season. His best finish on the PGA TOUR is second place at the 2012 Puerto Rico Open.

Ryo Ishikawa joins an already notable field, including defending champion Fredrik Jacobson, Masters champion Bubba Watson, Hunter Mahan, Webb Simpson, Keegan Bradley, Pádraig Harrington, Ian Poulter, Anthony Kim, Patrick Cantlay and many others. The Travelers Championship is the PGA TOUR's only early summer stop in the Northeast and will be held June 18 to 24, 2012, at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, Conn. Tournament tickets are on sale now at www.TravelersChampionship.com.

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About the Travelers Championship

As the only PGA TOUR event in the Northeast in early summer, the Travelers Championship is one of the region's premier sporting events. The tournament proudly supports the PGA TOUR Tradition of Giving Back by donating 100 percent of net proceeds to charities. The event is sponsored by Travelers, a leading provider of property casualty insurance for home, auto and business. Travelers has been doing business in the community for more than 150 years, and today has more than 7,000 employees in Connecticut. The Official Property Casualty Insurance Provider of the PGA TOUR, Travelers has been a sponsor of this event each year since its inception in 1952, becoming title sponsor in 2007. Complete details are available on www.TravelersChampionship.com.



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