On the 6th (Korea time), U.S. golf media Golf Week said in a letter to players of LIV Golf prior to the tournament in Hong Kong from the 9th, "We did our best to fight for you and be recognized within the existing world ranking system, but unfortunately, the World Golf Ranking Committee (OWGR) has shown little willingness to cooperate productively with us."

LIV Golf, which was established in 2022 with the support of Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund (PIF), has seen a large number of top players who have played in the PGA and the DP World Tour in Europe. Immediately after its creation, it applied for world ranking points to the OWGR, which refused to do so.

OWGR said, "LIV Golf can be compared to other 24 tours that receive world ranking points by 54 holes, starting shotguns and playing no-cut competitions, and we are also concerned about the qualifying and relegation methods adopted by LIV Golf."

Following the OWGR's rejection announcement, Norman questioned the world ranking system and unleashed a barrage of criticism at the OWGR board.

The OWGR board of directors is comprised of representatives from Augusta National Golf Club, the PGA of America, the U.S. Golf Association, and the R&A, which host the four major golf competitions. World ranking is one of the criteria for eligibility to participate in major competitions. The Olympics are also granting participation rights based on the world ranking.

LIV Golf players have not received world ranking points, making it difficult to avoid falling in rankings. Currently, there are four in the top 50 and eight in the top 100, but the number is likely to decrease.

Cameron Smith, who won the 2022 major tournament De-Open, rose to second place in the world at the time, but now fell to 24th place as his ranking fell after moving to LIV Golf.

Some players are using ways to participate in Asian tours and DP World tours to prevent a drop in rankings, but the points are lower than those of the PGA Tour, which is not enough to prevent a drop in rankings.