117th U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP – FACT SHEET


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PAR AND YARDAGE
Erin Hills will be set up at 7,741 yards and will play to a par of 36-36—72. The yardage for each round of the championship will vary due to course setup and conditions.

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ARCHITECTS
Erin Hills, located 35 miles northwest of Milwaukee in the Kettle Moraine region, was designed by the team of Dr. Michael Hurdzan, Dana Fry and Ron Whitten. The public facility opened for play in 2006. Covering 652 acres, the area was host to icy fingers and streams from the last glacier to cover south central Wisconsin. The course features bentgrass greens and fine fescue fairways. The design team oversaw a major renovation to the layout in 2010.

COURSE RATING
Based on the course setup for the championship, the USGA Course Rating™ is 78.4 and the Slope Rating® is 147.

WHO CAN ENTER
The championship is open to any professional golfer and any amateur golfer with a Handicap Index® not exceeding 1.4. The deadline for entries was Wednesday, April 26.

ENTRIES
In 2017, the USGA accepted 9,485 entries, the fifth-highest total in U.S. Open history. The record of 10,127 entries was set in 2014. There were 9,882 entries filed in 2015.
LOCAL QUALIFYING
Local qualifying, played over 18 holes, will be conducted at 114 sites in the U.S. between May 2-18. Qualifying was held in 44 states. Florida hosted 16 local qualifiers, while California was second with 14. Golf Canada hosted a local qualifier for the first time.

SECTIONAL QUALIFYING
Sectional qualifying, played over 36 holes, was conducted at two international sites on May 22 (Japan) and May 29 (England) as well as 10 U.S. sites on Monday, June 5.

CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD
The starting field of 156 golfers will be cut after 36 holes to the low 60 scorers (and ties).

SCHEDULE OF PLAY
Eighteen holes of stroke play are scheduled each day from June 15 (Thursday) through June 18 (Sunday). In the event of a tie after 72 holes, an 18-hole playoff will take place on June 19 (Monday), beginning at 11 a.m. CDT.

2016 CHAMPION
Dustin Johnson, 31, of Myrtle Beach, S.C., carded a final-round 69 for a 72-hole score of 4-under 276 to win by three strokes over third-round leader Shane Lowry, Jim Furyk and Scott Piercy. Johnson, a U.S. Open runner-up the previous year following a three-putt on the 72nd green at Chambers Bay, overcame that memory and the distraction of a potential Rules violation early in the final round. Johnson, who won his first professional major title, punctuated his victory by stuffing a 6-iron approach from 191 yards to 5 feet for a closing birdie. Although Johnson received a one-stroke penalty upon review at the completion of his round, it did not impact his victory. He was nearly flawless in the final round at Oakmont and registered three birdies and two bogeys, one which came on the fifth-green penalty. Lowry, who fired a 65 for a four-stroke lead after 54 holes, struggled to a 6-over 76. Johnson joined Bob Jones (1923, 1926, 1929), Jack Nicklaus (1972), Payne Stewart (1999) and Tiger Woods (2008) as U.S. Open champions who were runners-up the previous year.

PLAYERS IN FIELD WITH MOST U.S. OPEN APPEARANCES (2016 included): Phil Mickelson (26), Ernie Els (24), Jim Furyk (22), Stewart Cink (19), Steve Stricker (19), Angel Cabrera (17) and Sergio Garcia (17).

ACTIVE CONSECUTIVE U.S. OPEN APPEARANCES (2016 included): Ernie Els (24), Phil Mickelson (23), Jim Furyk (21), Angel Cabrera (17) and Sergio Garcia (17).

TITLE DEFENSE
Since 1991, five champions have finished better than 15th in trying to defend their U.S. Open crowns. Tiger Woods tied for sixth in 2009 after capturing his third Open title at Torrey Pines the previous year. Woods also tied for 12th in 2001 after winning his first U.S. Open at Pebble Beach. Retief Goosen tied for 11th in 2005 following his second U.S. Open championship victory, at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club. Graeme McDowell tied for 14th the year after winning the 2010 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach. Justin Rose tied for 12th in 2014 following his victory at Merion Golf Club in 2013. Eight champions missed the cut the next year during this period, including Martin Kaymer in 2015.

WHAT THE WINNER RECEIVES
Among the benefits enjoyed by the U.S. Open winner are:
- A U.S. Open exemption for the next 10 years
- An invitation to the next five Masters Tournaments
- An invitation to the next five Open Championships, conducted by The R&A
- An invitation to the next five PGA Championships
An invitation to the next five Players Championships
Exempt status on the PGA Tour for five years

QUALIFYING FOR THE OTHER MAJORS
The top 10 finishers (and ties) are exempt for the following year’s U.S. Open. The top four finishers (and ties) are invited to next year’s Masters Tournament.

HISTORY
This is the 117th U.S. Open Championship. The U.S. Open, which was first played in 1895, was not contested for two years (1917-1918) during World War I and for four years (1942-1945) during World War II. The youngest winner of the U.S. Open is 19-year-old John McDermott, who won in 1911; he is among nine players age 21 or younger who have won the U.S. Open. The oldest winner is Hale Irwin, who was 45 and playing on a special exemption when he won his third U.S. Open title in 1990. Irwin also won in 1974 and 1979.


PURSE
The 2017 purse will be $12 million and has been increased from $10 million in 2016.

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT ERIN HILLS – Erin Hills has previously hosted two USGA championships. The U.S. Amateur Championship was conducted at the course in 2011. Kelly Kraft defeated Patrick Cantlay, 2 up, in the 36-hole final. Tiffany Joh defeated Kimberly Kim, 6 and 5, to win the 2008 U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship.

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT ERIN HILLS
2008 U.S. Women’s Amateur Public Links: Tiffany Joh def. Kimberly Kim, 6 and 5
2011 U.S. Amateur: Kelly Kraft def. Patrick Cantlay, 2 up

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN WISCONSIN (champion in parenthesis)
1951 U.S. Amateur Public Links, Brown Deer Park G.C., Milwaukee (Dave Stanley)
1966 U.S. Amateur Public Links, Brown Deer Park G.C., Milwaukee (Lamont Kaser)
1969 Walker Cup Match, Milwaukee C.C., River Hills (USA)
1977 U.S. Women’s Amateur Public Links, Yahara Hills G.C., Madison (Kelly Fuiks)
1977 U.S. Amateur Public Links, Brown Deer Park G.C., Milwaukee (Jerry Vidovic)
1986 U.S. Women’s Amateur Public Links, SentryWorld G.C., Stevens Point (Cindy Schreyer)
1988 U.S. Senior Amateur, Milwaukee C.C., River Hills (Clarence Moore)
1998 U.S. Women’s Open, Blackwolf Run, Kohler (Se Ri Pak)
2007 U.S. Senior Open, Whistling Straits, Kohler, Wis. (Brad Bryant)
2008 U.S. Women’s Amateur Public Links, Erin Hills, Erin (Tiffany Joh)
2008 U.S. Mid-Amateur, Milwaukee C.C., River Hills (Steve Wilson)
2011 U.S. Amateur, Erin Hills, Erin (Kelly Kraft)
2012 U.S. Women’s Open, Blackwolf Run, Kohler (Na Yeon Choi)

U.S. OPENS IN THE MIDWEST
This is the first U.S. Open contested in the Midwest since 2003, when Jim Furyk won at Olympia Fields (Ill.) Country Club. The U.S. Open has been played 32 times in Midwest and 13 of those championships were held in Illinois. Oakland Hills Country Club, in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., has hosted six U.S. Opens.
Recent U.S. Open Championships in Midwest
1975: Medinah (Ill.) Country Club (Lou Graham)
1979: Inverness Club, Toledo, Ohio (Hale Irwin)
1990: Medinah (Ill.) Country Club (Hale Irwin)
1991: Hazeltine National Golf Club, Chaska, Minn. (Payne Stewart)
2003: Olympia Fields (Ill.) Country Club (Jim Furyk)

2011 U.S. AMATEUR AT ERIN HILLS
Kelly Kraft defeated Patrick Cantlay, 2 up, in the final match of the 2011 U.S. Amateur Championship at Erin Hills. Kraft, a three-time Conference USA Player of the Year while at Southern Methodist University, joined Hank Kuehne (1998) and Colt Knost (2007) as SMU Mustangs to win the U.S. Amateur. Cantlay, who was 4 down late in the morning round, rallied to square the match on the 24th hole before taking the lead on the par-4 28th. But back-to-back bogeys at Nos. 33 and 34 gave the lead back to Kraft. After a missed par attempt on the 36th green, Cantlay, who was the low amateur at the 2011 U.S. Open, conceded the victory.

2017 U.S. Open Players Who Competed in 2011 U.S. Amateur (18): Byeong-Hun An (WD), Christopher Crawford (FQ), Bryson DeChambeau (Rd. 32), Kevin Dougherty (Rd. 64), Harris English (Rd. 32), Emiliano Grillo (FQ), Stewart Hagestad (FQ), Russell Henley (Rd. 32), Stephan Jaeger (Rd. 32), Brooks Koepka (FQ), Ben Kohles (FQ), Daniel Miernicki (FQ), Cheng-Tsung Pan (FQ), Jonathan Randolph (Rd. 64), Scottie Scheffler (FQ), Jordan Spieth (Q-Final), Justin Thomas (Rd. 32) and Peter Uihlein (Q-Final).

U.S. OPEN – PAR-72 COURSES (9) – since World War II
Canterbury Golf Club, Beachwood, Ohio (1946)
Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club (1953)
Hazeltine National Golf Club, Chaska, Minn. (1970)
Pebble Beach (Calif.) Golf Links (1972)
Pebble Beach (Calif.) Golf Links (1982)
Medinah (Ill.) Country Club (1990)
Hazeltine National Golf Club, Chaska, Minn. (1991)
Pebble Beach (Calif.) Golf Links (1992)
Erin Hills, Erin, Wis. (2017)

FUTURE U.S. OPENS
June 14-17, 2018: Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, Southampton, N.Y.
June 13-16, 2019: Pebble Beach (Calif.) Golf Links
June 18-21, 2020: Winged Foot Golf Club (West Course), Mamaroneck, N.Y.
June 17-21, 2020: Torrey Pines Golf Course (South Course), San Diego, Calif.
June 15-18, 2023: Los Angeles (Calif.) Country Club (North Course)
June 12-15, 2025: Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club
June 18-21, 2026: Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, Southampton, N.Y.

LONGEST PAR 3s IN U.S. OPEN HISTORY
300 yards, 8th at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club, fourth round, 2007
299 yards, 8th at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club, fourth round, 2016
281 yards, 8th at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club, second round, 2007
281 yards, 8th at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club, second round, 2016
279 yards, 8th at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club, third round, 2007
266 yards, 3rd at Merion Golf Club (East Course), Ardmore, Pa., fourth round, 2013
261 yards, 8th at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club, first round, 2007
258 yards, 8th at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club, first round, 2016
254 yards, 17th at Merion Golf Club (East Course), Ardmore, Pa., 2013

LONGEST PAR 4'S IN U.S. OPEN HISTORY
551 yards, 13th at Chambers Bay, University Place, Wash., second round, 2015
544 yards, 11th at Chambers Bay, University Place, Wash., second round, 2015
542 yards, 4th at Pinehurst Resort & Country Club (Course No. 2), Village of Pinehurst, N.C., third round, 2014
541 yards, 11th at Chambers Bay, University Place, Wash., first round, 2015
541 yards, 11th at Chambers Bay, University Place, Wash., fourth round, 2015
534 yards, 14th at Chambers Bay, University Place, Wash., third round, 2015
533 yards, 13th at Chambers Bay, University Place, Wash., third round, 2015

LONGEST PAR 5'S IN U.S. OPEN HISTORY
684 yards, 12th at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club, first round, 2016
674 yards, 12th at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club, third round, 2016
671 yards, 16th at The Olympic Club (Lake Course), San Francisco, Calif., third round, 2012
667 yards, 12th at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club, first round, 2007
667 yards, 12th at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club, second round, 2007
667 yards, 12th at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club, fourth round, 2007
660 yards, 16th at The Olympic Club (Lake Course), San Francisco, Calif., first round, 2012
646 yards, 9th at Congressional Country Club (Blue Course), Bethesda, Md., fourth round, 2011
642 yards, 5th at Southern Hills Country Club, Tulsa, Okla., 2001
640 yards, 12th at Winged Foot Golf Club (West Course), Mamaroneck, N.Y., 2006
640 yards, 4th at Merion Golf Club (East Course), Ardmore, Pa., first round, 2013

THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED AT THE U.S. OPEN
Martin Kaymer: last international winner (2014)
Curtis Strange: last to defend title (1989)
Francis Ouimet: last winner in his first attempt (1913)
Webb Simpson: last winner in his second attempt (2012)
Martin Kaymer: last start-to-finish winner with no ties (2014)
Jordan Spieth.: last winner to birdie the 72nd hole to win by one stroke (2015)
Dustin Johnson: last winner to birdie the 72nd hole (2016)
Tiger Woods: last winner to birdie the 72nd hole to force a playoff (2008)
Geoff Ogilvy: last winner without a round in the 60s (2006)
Rory McIlroy: last winner with all rounds in the 60s (2011)
Jordan Spieth: last winner between ages 20-29 (21 in 2015)
Dustin Johnson: last winner between ages 30-39 (31 in 2016)
Payne Stewart: last winner age 40 and higher (42 in 1999)
Martin Kaymer: last defending champion to miss the cut (2015)
Hale Irwin: last winner who received a special exemption (1990)
Lucas Glover: last winner to come through sectional qualifying (2009)
Orville Moody: last winner to come through local and sectional qualifying (1969)
John Goodman: last amateur winner (1933)
TELEVISION COVERAGE
The U.S. Open will receive more than 45 hours of network coverage. Fox and FS1 will air at least 38 ½ hours of live coverage during championship rounds.

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LIVE STREAMING COVERAGE
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CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY
The first United States Open Championship was won by Horace Rawlins in September 1895 at Newport Country Club in Rhode Island. As the victor, Rawlins earned $150, a gold champion’s medal, and use of the championship sterling silver cup for one year. The trophy was designated for display at Rawlins’ club until presented to the next year’s champion. Thus begun a perennial rite that has endured for more than a century.

The original two-handled cup was destroyed by fire in September 1946 at Lloyd Mangrum’s home country club, Tam O’Shanter, outside of Chicago. The USGA considered replacing it with a new design, but opted instead to preserve the look of the original with a full-scale replica on April 24, 1947. This replica remained in service, passed from champion to champion until 1986, when it was permanently retired to the USGA Golf Museum. Today, the U.S. Open champion receives possession of the 1986 full-scale replica. The original U.S. Open Trophy is on display at the USGA Golf Museum in Far Hills, N.J.
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