

Meet the U.S. Junior Amateur Quarterfinalists

Austin Eckroat, 18, of Edmond, Okla.

- Born Jan. 12, 1999 in Edmond, Okla.
- No. 156 in World Amateur Golf Ranking™
- Earned medalist honors by shooting 66-66 in stroke play
- His 132 tied the U.S. Junior Amateur 36-hole scoring record
- Defeated Ryan Gerard, 5 and 4, in the Round of 16
- Advanced to the 2016 U.S. Junior Amateur Round of 16
- Tied for 15th in the 2017 Trans-Mississippi Amateur Championship
- Oklahoma Class 6A individual state champion in 2014 and 2017
- Won 2016 Junior Invitational at Sage Valley and finished runner-up in 2017 to Joaquin Niemann
- Will be attending Oklahoma State University in the fall with quarterfinalist opponent Matthew Wolff

Noah Goodwin, 17, of Corinth, Texas

- Born June 20, 2000 in Ann Arbor, Mich.
- No. 27 in World Amateur Golf Ranking™
- Earned No. 19 seed with rounds of 71-70 in stroke play
- Defeated Sean Maruyama, 5 and 3, in the Round of 16
- Competing in his fourth U.S. Junior Amateur
- Runner-up in the 2016 U.S. Junior Amateur
- Named 2016 Rolex Junior Player of the Year
- Advanced to the Round of 64 in the 2015 and 2016 U.S. Amateur
- Same swing coach (Cameron McCormick) as 2015 U.S. Open champion Jordan Spieth
- His father Jeff is a professor of kinesiology at the University of North Texas

Aman Gupta, 18, of Charlotte, N.C.

- Born Feb. 18, 1999 in Easley, S.C.
- No. 2,811 in World Amateur Golf Ranking™
- Earned No. 12 seed with rounds of 70-68 in stroke play
- Defeated Trent Phillips, 2 and 1, in the Round of 16
- Failed to qualify for match play in the 2016 U.S. Junior Amateur
- Best competitive round is 66 at Irish Creek in the first round of the 2016 North Carolina Open
- Tied for 19th in the 2017 Western Junior Amateur
- Finished 20th in the 2017 AJGA Haas Family Invitational

Garrick Higgo, 18, of South Africa

- Born May 12, 1999 in Johannesburg, South Africa
- No. 222 in World Amateur Golf Ranking™
- Earned No. 36 seed with rounds of 76-67 in stroke play
- Defeated Cole Hammer, 2 and 1, in the Round of 16
- Won 2017 Cape Province Open by holing a flop shot on the fourth playoff hole
- Tied for fourth in the 2017 South African Boys U19 Championship
- Youngest winner (16) of the Northern Amateur Match Play Championship in March 2016
- Advanced to the Round of 64 in 2016 U.S. Junior Amateur
- Failed to qualify for match play in the 2016 U.S. Amateur

Davis Shore, 18, of Knoxville, Tenn.

- Born Aug. 25, 1998 in Knoxville, Tenn.
- No. 54 in World Amateur Golf Ranking™
- Earned No. 11 seed with rounds of 69-68 in stroke play
- Defeated Ricky Castillo, 1 up, in the Round of 16
- Competing in his fourth U.S. Junior Amateur

- Advanced to the Round of 32 in the 2016 U.S. Junior Amateur, lost in 23 holes to Eugene Hong
- Advanced to the Round of 16 (with Wilson Furr) in the 2017 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball
- Two-time Tennessee State 2-AA high school champion
- Won 2016 American Junior Golf Association's Rolex Tournament of Champions
- Runner-up in the 2016 AJGA Polo Classic
- Named 2016 USA Today High School Boys Golfer of the Year
- Will be attending the University of Alabama in the fall

Ryan Smith, 15, of Carlsbad, Calif.

- Born May 10, 2002 in Gaithersburg, Md.
- Not ranked in World Amateur Golf Ranking™
- Earned No. 50 seed with rounds of 76-69 in stroke play
- Defeated Kaito Onishi, 2 up, in the Round of 16
- Eliminated Wells Padgett, of Wichita, Kan., in 22 holes in the Round of 64
- Failed to qualify for match play in the 2017 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship
- Rising sophomore at Santa Fe Christian High School
- Helped Eagles win CIF Division 3 Championship
- Named to the CIF-San Diego All-Academic Team

Rayhan Thomas, 17, of India

- Born Nov. 14, 1999 in Dubai
- No. 85 in World Amateur Golf Ranking™
- Earned No. 23 seed with rounds of 72-69 in stroke play
- Defeated Jake Beber-Frankel, 5 and 4, in the Round of 16
- Competing in his first USGA championship
- Won 2016 Dubai Creek MENA Tour Championship at his home club
- Started playing golf at 8 years old
- Tied for 17th in the 2017 Junior Invitational at Sage Valley
- Tied for 10th in the 2017 Qatar Open Amateur
- Made the 36-hole cut in the 2017 Omega Dubai Desert Classic
- Tied for 29th in the 2016 Asia-Pacific Amateur

Matthew Wolff, 18, of Agoura Hills, Calif.

- Born April 14, 1999 in Simi Valley, Calif.
- No. 252 in World Amateur Golf Ranking™
- Earned No. 8 seed with rounds of 69-67 in stroke play
- Defeated Logan McAllister in 19 holes in the Round of 16
- Tied for ninth in the Azalea Invitational on April 2
- Named Ventura County Star Boys Golfer of the Year
- Advanced to the Round of 16 in the 2015 U.S. Junior Amateur
- Advanced to the Round of 64 in the 2016 U.S. Amateur
- Finished runner-up in the 2016 CIF State Championships
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