



120th U.S. Women’s Amateur Championship – Fact Sheet

Aug. 3-9, 2020, Woodmont Country Club, Rockville, Md.

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COURSE SETUP

Woodmont Country Club will be set up at 6,561 yards and will play to a par of 36-36-72. Based on the setup, the Course Rating™ is 78.4 and the Slope Rating® is 134.

WOODMONT COUNTRY CLUB HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	3	5	4	5	3	4	4	4	36
Yards	392	148	484	332	510	183	395	360	421	3,225

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	5	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	36
Yards	552	341	376	132	428	528	187	391	401	3,336

(NOTE: Yardages subject to change.)

ABOUT WOODMONT COUNTRY CLUB

While Woodmont traces its roots to 1913, it moved to its current location in 1950. Alfred Tull designed the North Course with input and assistance from Woodmont member Leopold Freudberg and superintendent Rudy Will. In 1999, the course underwent extensive renovations by Arthur Hills that included work on bunkers and teeing grounds. In 2007, Hills completed further work, replacing all 18 original greens, rebuilding greenside bunkers and installing a new irrigation system.

Led by Joel Weiman, Woodmont recently completed a two-year renovation project on the North Course. The work included a new 18th hole, as well as restored bunkers that are not only eye-catching, but also strategically placed for today's golfer.

The club in suburban Washington D.C. has hosted U.S. Open sectional qualifying 32 out of 33 years since 1986 and was a U.S. Women’s Open sectional site from 2010 to 2012. Woodmont has been the site of numerous state and regional events, including 12 Maryland State Golf Association Open and amateur championships as well as the Bobby Gorin Memorial, a prestigious Washington Metropolitan Golf Association junior tournament, for 58 years.

ENTRIES

The championship is open to female amateur golfers who have a Handicap Index® not exceeding 5.4. The record for entries was set in 2018 with a total of 1,468. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 championship features a fully exempt field.

QUALIFYING

Due to health and safety concerns, qualifying was not conducted for the 2020 U.S. Women's Amateur. The field has been filled entirely through exemptions.

CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD

The U.S. Women's Amateur, typically played with 156 golfers, will be limited to a field size of 132 in 2020 to align with health and safety guidelines. An updated field list can be found [here](#).

Following 18-hole rounds of stroke play on Aug. 3-4, the field will be cut to the top 64 players for match play. Five 18-hole rounds of match play will determine the finalists who will square off in a 36-hole championship match on Aug. 9.

EXEMPTION CATEGORIES

Players in the following categories are eligible for exemption into the 120th U.S. Women's Amateur Championship:

1. Winners of the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship the last 10 years (2010-2019)
2. Runners-up of the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship the last three years (2017-2019)
3. Semifinalists of the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship the last two years (2018-2019)
4. Round of 32 from the 2019 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship
5. Any player who qualified for the 2019 U.S. Women's Open Championship
6. From the U.S. Girls' Junior Championship, winners in 2016-2019; runners-up in 2018-2019 and Round of 16 in 2019
7. From the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship, winners in 2016-2019; runners-up in 2018-2019 and semifinalists in 2019
8. From the U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Championship, winners in 2016-2019 and runners-up in 2018-2019
9. Winners of the 2019 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball Championship
10. Playing members of the United States and Great Britain & Ireland Curtis Cup Teams, four-year exemption once appointed to the team (2018)
11. Playing members of the two most current United States Women's World Amateur Teams (2016 & 2018)
12. Winners of The Women's Amateur Championship, conducted by The R&A (five-year exemption) (2016-2019).
13. Winner of the 2019 European Ladies' Amateur Championship
14. Winner of the 2020 Women's Mexican International Amateur Championship
15. Winners and runners-up of the 2020 North & South Women's Amateur and Women's Western Amateur Championship, and winner and runner-up (including ties) of the 2020 Ladies National Golf Association Championship
16. From the current Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking®/WAGR®, the top 75-ranked players as of June 24, 2020. Players exempt under this category must file an entry prior to the close of entries.
17. From the current Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking, the top 20-ranked players using the WAGR Age Filter as of June 24, 2020. Players cannot be age 19 on or before Aug. 9, 2020. Player's WAGR profile must include date of birth to be considered for this exemption category. Must have filed an entry prior to the close of entries.
18. Special exemptions as selected by the USGA

NOTE: Remaining spots in the championship field will be filled using the Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking®. Once the field is set, the USGA will compile an alternate list based on WAGR®.

SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Practice rounds will take place Aug. 1-2, and the championship schedule is as follows:

- Aug. 3 (Monday): First round, stroke play
- Aug. 4 (Tuesday): Second round, stroke play
- Aug. 5 (Wednesday): Round of 64, match play
- Aug. 6 (Thursday): Rounds of 32 and 16, match play
- Aug. 7 (Friday): Quarterfinal round, match play
- Aug. 8 (Saturday): Semifinal round, match play
- Aug. 9 (Sunday): 36-hole championship final, match play

2019 CHAMPION

Gabriela Ruffels, a rising senior at the University of Southern California, became the first Australian to hoist the Robert Cox Trophy when she defeated Albane Valenzuela, of Switzerland, 1 up, in the 36-hole final at Old Waverly Golf Club in West Point, Miss. It was the second runner-up finish in three years for Valenzuela.

Ruffels birdied four of the last five holes in the final, including a 10-foot, downhill right-to-left curling putt on the 36th hole that clinched the title. It was a putt she needed to hole as Valenzuela had stuffed her 9-iron approach to 3 feet for what would have been a likely birdie to force extra holes.

WHAT THE WINNER RECEIVES:

- A gold medal and custody of the Robert Cox Trophy for one year
- Exemption from qualifying for the 2021 U.S. Women's Open
- Exemption from qualifying for the next 10 U.S. Women's Amateurs, if eligible
- Exemption from qualifying for the next 10 U.S. Girls' Juniors, if eligible
- Exemption from qualifying for the next 15 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateurs, or 15 years from the time the player becomes eligible
- Exemption from qualifying for the next 15 U.S. Senior Women's Amateurs, or 15 years from the time the player becomes eligible

TELEVISION COVERAGE

Golf Channel is scheduled to broadcast 15 hours of live uninterrupted action presented by Rolex from the 120th U.S. Women's Amateur Championship from Aug. 5-9. The broadcast will kick off NBC Sports' new partnership with the USGA. The coverage commences with the Round of 64 on Wednesday, Aug. 5 and concludes with the 36-hole final on Sunday, Aug. 9, of which the afternoon 18 will be broadcast live.

Date/Day	Time (Local/EDT)	Network	Program
Aug. 5/Wednesday	4-7 p.m.	GOLF	Round of 64 Matches
Aug. 6/Thursday	4-7 p.m.	GOLF	Round of 16 Matches
Aug. 7/Friday	1-4 p.m.	GOLF	Quarterfinal Matches
Aug. 8/Saturday	11 a.m.-2 p.m.	GOLF	Semifinal Matches
Aug. 9/Sunday	1-4 p.m.	GOLF	Championship Match (afternoon 18)

Terry Gannon will provide the play-by-play, with two-time U.S. Women's Amateur champion Kay Cockerill serving as the lead analyst from a booth at Woodmont Country Club. Steve Burkowski, a veteran of eight U.S. Women's Amateurs, will be a hole announcer, while 2017 U.S. Women's Amateur champion and current

Symetra Tour player Sophia Schubert is joining Golf Channel regulars Karen Stupples and Curt Byrum as on-course reporters.

CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

The U.S. Women's Amateur Championship is one of the United States Golf Association's original three championships. It was first conducted in 1895, shortly after the inaugural U.S. Amateur and U.S. Open. The Women's Amateur has been conducted every year since, except 1917-18, when it was suspended due to World War I, and 1942-45, when it was suspended due to World War II.

The most decorated champion is Glenna Collett Vare, a lifelong amateur who won the Cox Trophy a record six times. Second to Vare is JoAnne Gunderson Carner, who won five U.S. Women's Amateur Championships. Combined with her two wins in the U.S. Women's Open and one victory in the U.S. Girls' Junior, Carner's eight USGA titles are tied with Jack Nicklaus and eclipsed only by Bob Jones and Tiger Woods, who have each won nine.

U.S. Women's Amateur champions seem to possess a remarkable facility to repeat. Beatrix Hoyt, Alexa Stirling, Vare, Virginia Van Wie and Juli Inkster have all won the U.S. Women's Amateur three consecutive times. Another seven champions – Genevieve Hecker, Dorothy Campbell, Margaret Curtis, Betty Jameson, Kay Cockerill, Kelli Kuehne and Danielle Kang – have won two in a row.

The U.S. Women's Amateur has long identified some of golf's greatest female players, many of whom have gone on to successful professional careers. Along with the champions listed above, Patty Berg, Babe Didrikson Zaharias, Louise Suggs, Marlene Stewart Streit, Anne Quast Sander, Barbara McIntire, Catherine Lacoste, Carol Semple Thompson, Beth Daniel, Morgan Pressel and Lydia Ko have secured a place in golf history.

USGA AND WOODMONT

This is the first USGA championships held at Woodmont Country Club. Woodmont has hosted U.S. Open sectional qualifying 38 times, including 32 out of 33 years since 1986, as well as three U.S. Women's Open qualifiers.

OTHER NOTABLE EVENTS AT WOODMONT

1956 Maryland Open Championship (Walter Romans)
1962 Maryland Open Championship (Dick Whetzle)
1963 Maryland Women's Amateur (Mary Ann Downey)
1965 Middle Atlantic Amateur Championship (James Grant)
1968 Maryland Open Championship (Leo Wykle)
1971 Atlantic Coast Conference Championship (Wake Forest)
1973 Maryland State Amateur (Martin West)
1976 Maryland Open Championship (George Graefe)
1978 Maryland Women's Amateur (Sally Voss)
1981 Middle Atlantic Amateur Championship (Gary Marlowe)
1981 Maryland State Amateur (Martin West)
1984 Maryland Open Championship (Gary Marlowe)
1989 Maryland State Amateur (Gary Mason)
1999 Maryland State Amateur (Brad Hastings)
2001 Maryland Open Championship (Steve Madsen)
2004 Middle Atlantic Amateur Championship (Billy Hurley)
2015 Middle Atlantic Amateur Championship (Erik Dulik)

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MARYLAND

The 2020 U.S. Women's Amateur will be the 23rd USGA championship conducted in the state of Maryland. The first USGA championship in the state was the 1899 U.S. Open at Baltimore Country Club won by Willie Smith, 11 strokes ahead of three runners-up. The last USGA championship conducted in Maryland was the 2011 U.S. Open at Congressional Country Club (Blue Course) in Bethesda, won by Rory McIlroy. This will be the third U.S. Women's Amateur held in the state.

USGA Championships in Maryland (Since 2000)

2002 U.S. Senior Open: Caves Valley G.C., Owings Mills (Don Pooley)

2003 U.S. Junior Amateur: Columbia C.C., Chevy Chase (Brian Harman)

2011 U.S. Open: Congressional C.C., Bethesda (Rory McIlroy)

U.S. WOMEN'S AMATEURS IN MARYLAND

1908: Chevy Chase Club, Chevy Chase (Katherine Harley)

1959: Congressional C.C., Bethesda (Barbara McIntire)

FUTURE U.S. WOMEN'S AMATEUR SITES

Aug. 2-8, 2021 – Westchester Country Club, Rye, N.Y.

Aug. 5-11, 2024 – Southern Hills Country Club, Tulsa, Okla.

Aug. 3-9, 2026 – The Honors Course, Ooltewah, Tenn.

MEDIA INFORMATION

Due to health and safety guidelines in effect due to the COVID-19 pandemic, media availability at the U.S. Women's Amateur will be limited. To request credentials, please email jpine@usga.org.

All media can access the U.S. Women's Amateur page in the online Media Center, which will include important and regularly updated championship information such as tee times, hole locations and player interview transcripts. It can be accessed directly by using mediacenter.usga.org/us-womens-amateur.

The USGA will offer daily, complimentary high-resolution photographs during the U.S. Women's Amateur strictly for editorial use. For more information, email photorequests@usga.org.

Player profiles, which feature pertinent background information submitted by each player in the field, are available for your use. They can be accessed by visiting playerprofile.usga.org. When prompted, the username is *media* and the password is *usgamedia123*.

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