



118th U.S. Women’s Amateur Championship – Fact Sheet

Aug. 6-12, 2018, The Golf Club of Tennessee, Kingston Springs, Tenn.
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Course Setup

The Golf Club of Tennessee will be set up at 6,275 yards and will play to a par of 36-35–71. Based on the setup, the Course Rating™ is 77.2 and the Slope Rating® is 149.

The Golf Club of Tennessee Hole by Hole

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	4	4	3	5	4	5	3	4	36
Yards	373	408	385	154	502	361	506	160	405	3,254

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	3	5	4	4	3	4	3	5	4	35
Yards	148	496	320	393	169	374	182	528	411	3,021

Note: Yardages subject to change.

About The Golf Club of Tennessee

The course at The Golf Club of Tennessee, located about 25 miles west of Nashville, was designed by Tom Fazio and opened for play in March 1991. The club hosted the 1995 Women’s Trans National Championship, won by that year’s U.S. Women’s Amateur runner-up, Anne-Marie Knight, which set into motion a tradition of hosting national, regional and local events. Since 2013, the course has hosted the Dick’s Sporting Goods Collegiate Challenge Cup and was the site for the 2005 NCAA Men’s East Regional Championship, as well as the 2001 Tennessee State Amateur and the 2006 Tennessee State Open.

Admission

Admission is free. Tickets are not required for this USGA championship, and spectators are encouraged to attend.

Championship Field

A starting field of 156 players will compete in the U.S. Women’s Amateur. Following 18-hole rounds of stroke play on Aug. 6-7, 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. The following 35 people are fully exempt from qualifying and are in the championship field:

Sierra Brooks
Kelsey Chugg
Hailee Cooper
Maria Fassi
Isabella Fierro
Annabell Fuller
Kristen Gillman
Rachel Heck
Alice Hewon
Jiwon Jeon
Jennifer Kupcho
Sophia Lamb

Martha Leach
Lucy Li
Mika Liu
Olivia Mehaffey
Yaelimi Noh
Alexa Pano
Pimnipa Panthong
Ellen Port
Julia Potter
Yuka Saso
Brooke Seay
Erica Shepherd

Yujeong Son
Lauren Stephenson
Maddie Szeryk
Bailey Tardy
Patty Tavatanakit
Albane Valenzeula
Lilia Kha-Tu Vu
Beatrice Wallin
Elizabeth Wang
Bethany Wu
Chia Yen Wu

Sectional Qualifying

Sectional qualifying, played over 18 holes, is being conducted at 23 sites nationwide between June 25 and July 18. Qualifying sites are located in 18 states and Canada. California is hosting three qualifiers. To view qualifying results, visit www.usga.org/womensam.

Schedule of Play

Practice rounds will take place Aug. 4-5, and the championship schedule is as follows:

Aug. 6 (Monday): First round, stroke play
Aug. 7 (Tuesday): Second round, stroke play
Aug. 8 (Wednesday): First round, match play
Aug. 9 (Thursday): Second and third rounds, match play
Aug. 10 (Friday): Quarterfinal round, match play
Aug. 11 (Saturday): Semifinal round, match play
Aug. 12 (Sunday): 36-hole championship final, match play

Television Coverage

The 2018 U.S. Women's Amateur will receive at least 15 hours of live network coverage over five days on FS1, beginning with Wednesday's Round of 64 matches. All times EDT.

Date/Day	Time	Network	Program
Aug. 8/Wednesday	4-7 p.m.	FS1	Round of 64 Matches
Aug. 9/Thursday	4-7 p.m.	FS1	Round of 16 Matches
Aug. 10/Friday	4-7 p.m.	FS1	Quarterfinal Matches
Aug. 11/Saturday	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	FS1	Semifinal Matches
Aug. 12/Sunday	2-5 p.m.	FS1	Championship Match

Live Streaming Coverage

To supplement the Fox Sports broadcast of the 2018 U.S. Women's Amateur, the championship will receive at least four hours of live streaming coverage on usga.org. All times EDT.

Date/Day	Time	Channel	Coverage
Aug. 9/Thursday	Noon-2 p.m.	usga.org	Round of 32 Matches
Aug. 12/Sunday	10 a.m.-Noon	usga.org	Championship Match

What the Winner Receives

- A gold medal and custody of the Robert Cox Trophy for one year
- Exemption from qualifying for the 2018 U.S. Women's Open (provided she remains an amateur)
- 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

2017 Championship

Sophia Schubert defeated Albane Valenzuela, 6 and 5, in the 36-hole final to win the 117th U.S. Women's Amateur Championship at the 6,423-yard, par-72 San Diego Country Club in Chula Vista, Calif. During the morning round, Schubert shot 3-under 69 (with concessions) and went to lunch with a 4 up lead. Valenzuela took the 19th hole when her wedge approach stopped 2 feet from the flagstick for a birdie. Schubert regained her 4-up lead though on the 22nd hole by stuffing her approach to 3 feet.

Schubert's 25-foot birdie from the fringe on the par-3 29th hole virtually sealed the win for the University of Texas golf.

The match would end two holes later with Schubert converting a short par putt.

With her victory, Schubert, 21, of the Oak Ridge, Tenn., became the first player over the age of 19 to win the title in nine years. She was competing in her first U.S. Women's Amateur and just her second USGA Championship. Schubert joins Kelli Kuehne (1995, 1996) and Michiko Hattori as Texas Longhorns to have won the U.S. Women's Amateur. She also became just the fourth champion to have never trailed in the final, joining the ranks of Becky Lucidi (2002), Morgan Pressel (2005) and former world No. 1 Lydia Ko (2012), the latter two being major champions.

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 only 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 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.

Future U.S. Women's Amateur Sites

Aug. 5-11, 2019: Old Waverly Golf Club, West Point, Miss.

Aug. 3-9, 2020: Woodmont Country Club (North Course), Rockville, Md.

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

USGA Championships at Golf Club of Tennessee

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Notable Events Played at Golf Club of Tennessee

1995 Women's Trans National Championship won by Anne-Marie Knight

2001 Tennessee State Amateur won by Tim Jackson

2005 NCAA Men's East Regional Championship win by Wake Forest

2005 Senior Open Sectional Qualifying

2006 Tennessee State Open won by Justin Metzger

2013 Dick's Sporting Goods Collegiate Challenge Cup won by the Southeastern Conference

USGA Championships in Tennessee

The 2018 U.S. Women's Amateur will be the 16th USGA championship conducted in Tennessee. The first USGA championship was the 1937 U.S. Women's Amateur at Memphis Country Club, won by Estelle Lawson Page, and the most recent USGA championship played in Tennessee was the 2016 U.S. Junior Amateur, won by Min Woo Lee at The Honors Course in Chattanooga. This will be the third U.S. Women's Amateur played in the state and the first since it was hosted by Memphis Country Club in 1979.

Additional upcoming USGA championships to be conducted in Tennessee are:

- 2021 U.S. Senior Amateur at The Honors Course in Ooltewah, Tenn. (Aug. 28 – Sept. 2)