



73rd U.S. JUNIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP – FACT SHEET

July 19-24, 2021

The Country Club of North Carolina (Dogwood Course), Village of Pinehurst, N.C.

Stroke-Play Co-Host Course: The Country Club of North Carolina (Cardinal Course), Village of Pinehurst, N.C.

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PAR AND YARDAGE

The Country Club of North Carolina (Dogwood Course) will be set up at 7,301 yards and will play to a par of 36-36-72. The Country Club of North Carolina (Cardinal Course), which will serve as the stroke-play co-host course for the two days of stroke play, will be set up at 7,210 yards and play to a par of 35-36-71.

(NOTE: Yardages subject to change.)

THE COUNTRY CLUB OF NORTH CAROLINA (DOGWOOD COURSE) HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	5	36
Yards	430	425	154	387	526	440	445	223	603	3,633

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	4	5	3	4	4	3	4	5	36
Yards	401	426	561	196	444	466	239	420	515	3,668

THE COUNTRY CLUB OF NORTH CAROLINA (CARDINAL COURSE) HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	4	5	35
Yards	323	522	192	418	398	481	185	381	585	3,485

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	5	3	4	4	5	4	3	4	36
Yards	403	549	200	440	408	610	467	217	431	3,725

THE COURSES

Established in 1963, The Country Club of North Carolina (CCNC) is a member-owned, 2,000-acre facility that features longleaf pines and three lakes. A certified member of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program since 2003, the club is located less than 3 miles from Pinehurst Resort and Country Club, the site of three U.S. Open Championships and five future U.S. Opens, including 2024. The Dogwood Course was designed by Ellis Maples and Willard Byrd and renovated by Kris Spence in 2016. The Cardinal Course was designed by Byrd and Robert Trent Jones Sr. and renovated by Arthur Hills between 1999-2002.

COURSE RATING AND SLOPE

Based on the course setup for the championship, the USGA Course Rating™ for CCNC's Dogwood Course is 75.7 and its Slope Rating® is 140. The Course Rating for CCNC's Cardinal Course is 75.9 and its Slope Rating is 145.

WHO CAN ENTER

The championship is open to amateur golfers who will not have reached their 19th birthday on or before July 24, and who have a Handicap Index® not exceeding 4.4.

ENTRIES

The USGA accepted 3,346 entries for the 2021 U.S. Junior Amateur. The 2020 championship was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were 3,496 entries in 2019. The record number of entries is 4,508 in 1999.

QUALIFYING

Qualifying, played over 18 holes, was conducted between June 2-July 1 at 61 sites in 40 U.S. states, Canada and Mexico. California had the most qualifying sites with six, while North Carolina, Florida, Pennsylvania and Texas each had four.

FIELD SIZE INCREASE IN 2021

Aligning with ongoing USGA initiatives to expand support of junior golf, the field size for the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship is increased from 156 players to 264, beginning with the 2021 championship at The Country Club of North Carolina.

In 2017, the USGA announced several significant enhancements to the U.S. Junior Amateur. The maximum age for USGA junior championships was raised from 17 to 18, the field size was increased from 156, and a U.S. Open exemption was awarded to the champion. The exemption was first awarded in 2018; the age limit of 18 was introduced in 2019; this is the first year for the expanded field.

CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD

A starting field of 264 golfers will compete in the U.S. Junior Amateur. Practice rounds will be held on July 17-18. The championship begins with 18-hole stroke-play rounds on July 19-20. The field will then be cut to the low 64 scorers for match play. Six rounds of match play will determine the champion. The championship match is contested over 36 holes.

SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Monday, July 19 – First round, stroke play, 18 holes
Tuesday, July 20 – Second round, stroke play, 18 holes
Wednesday, July 21 – Round of 64, match play
Thursday, July 22 – Round of 32 and Round of 16, match play
Friday, July 23 – Quarterfinal and semifinal rounds, match play
Saturday, July 24 – Championship match, 36 holes

2019 CHAMPION

It was only fitting that Preston Summerhays received the flag from the 17th hole as a memento at the closing ceremony of the 2019 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship at Inverness Club. His performance on the 489-yard par 4 was the difference in his 2-and-1 victory over Bo Jin in the 36-hole final match.

In the morning 18, Summerhays pulled closer to Jin on the dogleg-left hole by purposely hitting his drive down the adjacent 16th fairway, knocking a wedge to 35 feet, and draining the right-to-left curling putt. In the afternoon, Summerhays hit “the shot of his life,” according to his father and coach, Boyd, to set up a match-clinching birdie that gave him the Junior Amateur trophy, as well as a berth in the 2020 U.S. Open Championship at Winged Foot Golf Club.

Summerhays, 16, of Scottsdale, Ariz., seemed to have taken control in the seesaw match after it turned to the final nine. He birdied the par-4 10th and 11th holes to assume a 2-up lead, his largest of the day, thanks in part to a nice break on No. 11, when his wayward drive ended up on a forward tee for No. 13 and he capitalized by punching a 9-iron to 3 feet.

Later trailing by only one, Jin, 17, of The People’s Republic of China, had a solid opportunity to square the match on the 34th hole. He found the green with his approach on the 398-yard par 4 and Summerhays overshot the green, then left his up-and-down effort in the rough. Summerhays wedged on to 15 feet, and after Jin hit his first putt to 6 feet, Summerhays curled in his putt for bogey. When Jin’s par try slid by on the low side, the opportunity slipped past.

It appeared that Jin would have another chance to tie Summerhays on the next hole, No. 17. Jin drove into the fairway and Summerhays again opted to play his tee shot down the adjacent 16th fairway. This time, he missed his target and left himself in the rough between the fairways, with a large tree blocking his view. He followed by hitting a pitching wedge over that tree to 8 feet.

Jin then left his approach on the front of the green, skirted the hole with his long birdie try, then missed the comebacker. With two putts for the win, Summerhays made birdie to seal the victory.

WHAT THE WINNER RECEIVES:

- ▶ A gold medal and custody of the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship Trophy for one year
- ▶ An exemption for all future U.S. Junior Amateurs (if eligible)
- ▶ An exemption from qualifying for the next two U.S. Amateurs (2021, 2022)
- ▶ An exemption from qualifying for the 2022 U.S. Open (must be an amateur)

ADMISSION

Admission to the 2021 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship is free and the public is welcome.

HISTORY

In 1948, the USGA inaugurated the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship to determine the best junior golfer in the United States and to expand opportunities for juniors. The first U.S. Junior Amateur received 495 entries and was played at the University of Michigan Golf Course.

Dean Lind, of Rockford, Ill., was the first champion. Lind defeated Ken Venturi, of San Francisco, a future U.S. Open champion, in the final. Only two players, Tiger Woods and Jordan Spieth, have won the Junior Amateur more than once; Woods winning in 1991, 1992 and 1993, and Spieth in 2009 and 2011.

In 2017, the U.S. Junior Amateur champion began receiving a full exemption into the following year's U.S. Open Championship.

CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

This large sterling silver trophy, produced by J.E. Caldwell and Co., of Philadelphia, is a replica of a bowl produced by noted early American silversmith Samuel Williamson, which is in the collection of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Dean Lind was the first to receive the trophy after his 1948 victory at the University of Michigan Golf Course, in Ann Arbor, Mich.

The original U.S. Junior Amateur Trophy is on display at the USGA Golf Museum in Far Hills, N.J.

COUNTRY CLUB OF NORTH CAROLINA NOTES

- ▶ The 73rd U.S. Junior Amateur is the third USGA championship to be conducted at the club
- ▶ This is the 34th USGA championship and first U.S. Junior Amateur held in North Carolina
- ▶ This is the first U.S. Junior Amateur to be contested with 264 players and two courses
- ▶ CCNC has hosted seven Southern Amateurs, four Carolinas Amateurs and seven North Carolina Amateurs

USGA AND THE COUNTRY CLUB OF NORTH CAROLINA

This is the third USGA championship to be conducted at The Country Club of North Carolina and the first U.S. Junior Amateur. In 1980, Hal Sutton defeated Bob Lewis Jr., 9 and 8, to win the U.S. Amateur. Sutton's victory capped a spectacular summer in which he won the Western Amateur, the North & South Amateur and the Northeast Amateur, and also helped the USA capture the World Amateur Team Championship. In 2010, Doris Chen won the U.S. Girls' Junior by rallying in the afternoon round to post a 3-and-2 victory over Katelyn Dambaugh.

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT CCNC

1980 U.S. Amateur: Hal Sutton def. Bob Lewis Jr., 9 and 8
 2010 U.S. Girls Junior: Doris Chen def. Katelyn Dambaugh, 3 and 2

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN NORTH CAROLINA

This will be the 34th USGA championship and first U.S. Junior Amateur contested in North Carolina. In 2022, the U.S. Women's Open will be played at Pine Needles Lodge and Golf Club, in Southern Pines.

Recent USGA Championships in North Carolina

2019 U.S. Senior Amateur: Old Chatham Golf Club, Durham (Bob Royak)
 2019 U.S. Amateur: Pinehurst Resort & Country Club (Courses No. 4 & No. 2), Village of Pinehurst (Andy Ogletree)
 2019 U.S. Senior Women's Open: Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club, Southern Pines (Helen Alfredsson)
 2018 U.S. Mid-Amateur: Charlotte Country Club, Charlotte (Kevin O'Connell)
 2017 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball: Pinehurst Resort & Country Club (Course No. 2), Village of Pinehurst (Frankie Capan & Shuai Ming (Ben) Wong)
 2014 U.S. Women's Open: Pinehurst Resort & Country Club (Course No. 2), Village of Pinehurst (Michelle Wie)
 2014 U.S. Open: Pinehurst Resort & Country Club (Course No. 2), Village of Pinehurst (Martin Kaymer)

OTHER EVENTS AT CCNC

Year, Event and Champion

1971 Liggett & Myers Open Match Play Championship (DeWitt Weaver)
1971 Southern Amateur (Ben Crenshaw)
1972 U.S. Professional Match Play Championship (Jack Nicklaus)
1979 Southern Amateur (Rafael Alarcon)
1985 Southern Amateur (Len Mattiace)
1990 Southern Amateur (Jason Widener)
1996 Southern Amateur (Rob Manor)
2007 Southern Amateur (Webb Simpson)
2013 Atlantic Coast Conference Championship (Team: Duke; Individual: Anders Albertson, Georgia Tech)
2017 Southern Amateur (Karl Vilips)

HONORARY CHAIRMAN: Webb Simpson, the 2012 U.S. Open champion, is serving as honorary chairman of the 73rd U.S. Junior Amateur Championship. Simpson, who was born in Raleigh and competed as a collegian at Wake Forest University, grew up playing at The Country Club of North Carolina and hosts a local youth tournament called the Webb Simpson Challenge. He was involved with pre-championship activities as well as player/club-related functions during the competition dates.

Simpson shot a final-round 68 to win the U.S. Open at The Olympic Club, in San Francisco, Calif., to overcome a four-stroke deficit and edge Graeme McDowell and Michael Thompson. He is a seven-time PGA Tour winner, including victories in the Players Championship in 2018 and the Waste Management Phoenix Open and RBC Heritage in 2020. A three-time USA Ryder Cup Team member (2012, 2014, 2018), Simpson has played in 17 USGA championships, including two U.S. Junior Amateurs. Simpson, a three-time All-American and the 2008 Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year at Wake Forest, was a member of the victorious USA Walker Cup and USA Palmer Cup teams in 2007.

WINNERS OF U.S. OPEN & U.S. JUNIOR AMATEUR

Winners, Years of Championships

Johnny Miller (1973 Open; 1964 Junior Amateur)
Tiger Woods (2000, 2002, 2008 Open; 1991, 1992, 1993 Junior Amateur)
Jordan Spieth (2015 Open; 2009, 2011 Junior Amateur)

LONGEST COURSES IN U.S. JUNIOR AMATEUR HISTORY

7,740 yards, Martis Camp Club, Truckee, Calif., 2013
7,366 yards, Colleton River Plantation Club (Dye Course), Bluffton, S.C., 2015
7,339 yards, Inverness Club, Toledo, Ohio, 2019
7,326 yards, The Honors Course, Ooltewah, Tenn., 2016
7,313 yards, Baltusrol Golf Club (Lower Course), Springfield, N.J., 2018
7,280 yards, Baltusrol Golf Club (Upper Course), Springfield, N.J., 2018
7,275 yards, The Club at Carlton Woods (Nicklaus Course), The Woodlands, Texas, 2014
7,271 yards, The Country Club of North Carolina (Dogwood Course), Village of Pinehurst, N.C., 2021
7,251 yards, Shoal Creek (Ala.) Golf & Country Club, 2008
7,175 yards, Golf Club of New England, Stratham, N.H., 2012
7,133 yards, Gold Mountain Golf Club (Olympic Course), Bremerton, Wash., 2011

TELEVISION SCHEDULE

The 2021 U.S. Junior Amateur will receive at least four hours of live network coverage. NBCUniversal (Golf Channel, Peacock) will air semifinal matches on Friday and the championship match on Saturday. Rolex is the exclusive presenting partner of coverage for eight USGA championships in 2021, including the U.S. Junior Amateur. Rolex's commitment will allow an uninterrupted broadcast of these championships, providing fans with hours of continuous live action.

Date	Network	Broadcast Hours (Local/EDT)
July 23	Peacock	Semifinal matches, 3-5 p.m. (live)
	Golf Channel	Semifinal matches, 7:30-9:30 p.m. (replay)
July 24	Golf Channel	Semifinal matches, 3-5 p.m. (replay)
	Golf Channel	Championship match, 5-7 p.m. (live)

EXEMPT PLAYERS: There are 36 players who were fully exempt from qualifying for the 2021 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship. Kelly Chinn, a 2019 semifinalist, is among those exempted. The exemption for the World Amateur

Golf Ranking®/WAGR® is for the top 85 point leaders using the WAGR® Age Filter and anyone tying for 85th place as of the close of entries. The players currently exempt are:

Cameron Adam (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Jonas Baumgartner (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Kelly Chinn (2019 U.S. Junior Amateur semifinalist, WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Luke Clanton (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Kiko Francisco Coehlo (2021 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball champion)
Martin Couvra (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
John Daly II (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Alejandro Fierro (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
David Ford (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Maxwell Ford (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Maxence Giboudot (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Mykhailo Golod (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Andrew Goodman (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Conor Gough (2019 Great Britain and Ireland Walker Cup Team, WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Jonathan Griz (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Arjun Gupta (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Benjamin James (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Scotty Kennon (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Sean Lee (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Ruben Lindsay (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Jolo Timothy Magcalayo (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Omar Morales (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Felipe Odio (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Virgilio Paz (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Luke Potter (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Benjamin Reuter (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Jesse Saareks (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Luke Sample (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Gordon Sargent (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Caleb Surratt (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Hunter Thomson (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Cohen Trolio (2019 U.S. Amateur semifinalist, WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Brendan Valdes (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Jackson Van Paris (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Wells Williams (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)
Alexander Yang (WAGR Top 85 based on age filter)

PHOTO MEDIA SERVICE

The USGA will offer daily complimentary high-resolution photographs during the U.S. Junior Amateur (Monday-Saturday) for news use only. For more information and to register, contact photorequests@usga.org.

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