



40th U.S. MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP – FACT SHEET

Sept. 25-30, 2021

Sankaty Head Golf Club, Siasconset, Mass.

Stroke-Play Co-Host Course: Miacomet Golf Course, Nantucket, Mass.

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PAR AND YARDAGE

Sankaty Head Golf Club will be set up at 6,652 yards and will play to a par of 35-35-70. Miacomet Golf Course, which will serve as the stroke-play co-host course for the two days of stroke play, will be set up at 6,765 yards and play to a par of 35-35-70.

(NOTE: Yardages subject to change.)

SANKATY HEAD GOLF CLUB HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	5	4	35
Yards	390	392	193	478	416	175	407	597	280	3,328
								(560)		

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	4	3	4	3	4	4	5	4	35
Yards	424	447	225	377	144	407	380	540	380	3,324
					(113)		(330)		(411)	

MIACOMET GOLF COURSE HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	4	35
Yards	394	343	204	470	507	385	434	228	379	3,344

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	5	35
Yards	400	374	196	420	491	172	435	443	490	3,421

THE COURSES

Sankaty Head Golf Club, located on the eastern edge of Nantucket Island, 30 miles south of Cape Cod, was designed by Emerson Armstrong and opened for play in 1923. The links-style course, which was restored by Jim Urbina along with current superintendent C.J. Penrose in 2017, offers views of historic Sankaty Head Lighthouse on the outward nine.

Miacomet Golf Course, which will serve as the stroke-play co-host, was originally a nine-hole course that opened in 1963. It was expanded to an 18-hole public facility in 2003, designed by Howard Maurer. The links-style course is owned by the Nantucket Island Land Bank and features rolling terrain and tall fescue. The original nine holes were renovated in 2008.

COURSE RATING AND SLOPE

Based on the course setup for the championship, the Course Rating™ for Sankaty Head Golf Club is 72.6 and its Slope Rating® is 126. The Course Rating for Miacomet Golf Course is 73.6 and its Slope Rating is 128.

WHO CAN ENTER

The championship is open to any amateur golfer who is 25 years old by Sept. 25 with a Handicap Index® not exceeding 3.4.

ENTRIES

The USGA accepted a record 5,339 entries for the 2021 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship. The previous record of 5,271 was set in 1997. The 2020 U.S. Mid-Amateur was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and 4,751 entries were filed for the 2019 championship.

QUALIFYING

Qualifying, conducted over 18 holes, took place between Aug. 10-Sept. 2. There were 66 sites in 41 U.S. states. California had the most, with seven qualifying sites, while Texas had five qualifiers and Illinois had four.

SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Practice rounds will take place Sept. 23-24. The starting field of 264 players will play two rounds of stroke play (one round on each course), with the low 64 scorers advancing to match play. The schedule is as follows:

Sept. 25 (Saturday): First round, stroke play
Sept. 26 (Sunday): Second round, stroke play
Sept. 27 (Monday): Round of 64, match play
Sept. 28 (Tuesday): Round of 32 and Round of 16, match play
Sept. 29 (Wednesday): Quarterfinal and semifinal rounds, match play
Sept. 30 (Thursday): Championship match (36 holes)

ADMISSION

Admission is free. Tickets are not needed for this USGA championship, and fans are welcome to attend.

2019 CHAMPION

In 2019, Lukas Michel, 25, of Australia, became the first international golfer to win the U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship, rallying twice from 3-hole deficits to defeat Joseph Deraney, 36, of Tupelo, Miss., 2 and 1, in the 36-hole final at Colorado Golf Club. By winning the 39th playing of this national championship, Michel earned an exemption into the 2020 U.S. Open at Winged Foot Golf Club. He was also the second Australian to claim a USGA title in 2019, joining U.S. Women's Amateur champion Gabriela Ruffels, and the 12th overall from his country to win a USGA championship. As the temperature heated up throughout the day, so did Michel's putter, and it was the flat stick that carried him. He grabbed his first lead since the second hole on the par-5 33rd, converting a 12-foot birdie putt. One hole later, he lagged a 30-foot eagle putt from the fringe to 18 inches for what turned into a winning birdie when Deraney failed to make his 12-footer. During the match, Michel shot the equivalent of 4 under par, with the usual match-play concessions, and Deraney was 3 under.

U.S. MID-AMATEUR NOTES

- ▶ The 40th U.S. Mid-Amateur is the first USGA championship to be conducted at Sankaty Head G.C.
- ▶ This is the 58th USGA championship and first U.S. Mid-Amateur held in Massachusetts
- ▶ 17 U.S. Mid-Amateur champions have been members of the USA Walker Cup Team
- ▶ Four U.S. Mid-Amateur champions have served as captains of the USA Walker Cup Team

SANKATY HEAD GOLF CLUB HISTORY

Sankaty Head Golf Club is hosting its first USGA championship. Sankaty Head, a name that is derived from a Native American word meaning highland, is also known for its caddie camp, which was founded in 1930 and is one of the last remaining in the United States. Each summer, a group of nearly 60 youths come from all over the world to learn the nuances of caddieing and prepare for life in college and beyond.

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MASSACHUSETTS

This will be the 58th USGA championship played in Massachusetts and the first U.S. Mid-Amateur contested in the state. In 2022, the Bay State will host the 122nd U.S. Open at The Country Club, in Brookline, and the 67th U.S. Senior Amateur at The Kittansett Club, in Marion.

Recent USGA Championships in Massachusetts

2001 U.S. Senior Open, Salem Country Club, Peabody (Bruce Fleisher)
2003 USGA Women's State Team, Wellesley Country Club (Ohio)
2003 USGA Men's State Team, Charles River Country Club, Newton Centre (Tennessee)
2004 U.S. Women's Open, Orchards Golf Club, South Hadley (Meg Mallon)

2005 U.S. Junior Amateur, Longmeadow Country Club (Kevin Tway)
2009 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links, Red Tail Golf Club, Devens (Jennifer Song)
2010 Curtis Cup Match, Essex County Club, Manchester-by-the Sea (USA)
2013 U.S. Amateur, The Country Club, Brookline (Matthew Fitzpatrick)
2016 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur, Wellesley Country Club (Ellen Port)
2017 U.S. Senior Open, Salem Country Club, Peabody (Kenny Perry)

U.S. MID-AMATEURS IN NEW ENGLAND REGION

Years, Courses and Winners

1996: Hartford Golf Club, West Hartford, Conn. (John "Spider" Miller)

2002: The Stanwich Club, Greenwich, Conn. (George Zahringer)

EXEMPT PLAYERS: A total of 42 players are fully exempt into the 2021 U.S. Mid-Amateur based on performances in USGA championships and other elite amateur competitions, or by being in the top 40 age-eligible points leaders of the World Amateur Golf Ranking®/WAGR® as of the close of entries on Aug. 4.

Jordan Batchelor (WAGR top 40 age-eligible points leader)
Stephen Behr (WAGR top 40 age-eligible points leader)
Richard "Skip" Berkmeier (WAGR top 40 age-eligible points leader)
Michael Brown (WAGR top 40 age-eligible points leader)
Derek Busby (WAGR top 40 age-eligible points leader)
Mark Costanza (WAGR top 40 age-eligible points leader)
Joseph Deraney (2019 U.S. Mid-Amateur runner-up, WAGR top 40 age-eligible points leader)
Gene Elliott (2021 U.S. Senior Amateur champion, WAGR top 40 age-eligible points leader)
Jeronimo Esteve (WAGR top 40 age-eligible points leader)
Nick Geyer (2019 U.S. Mid-Amateur quarterfinalist)
Jerry Gunthorpe (2021 U.S. Senior Amateur runner-up)
Stewart Hagestad (2016 U.S. Mid-Amateur champion, 2019 U.S. Mid-Amateur semifinalist, 2019 & 2021 USA Walker Cup Team, WAGR top 40 age-eligible points leader)
Doug Hanzel (WAGR top 40 age-eligible points leader)
Scott Harvey (2014 U.S. Mid-Amateur champion, WAGR top 40 age-eligible points leader)
Craig Hurlbert (WAGR top 40 age-eligible points leader)
Haider Hussein (WAGR top 40 age-eligible points leader)
Jake Koppenberg (2019 U.S. Mid-Amateur quarterfinalist)
Randal Lewis (2011 U.S. Mid-Amateur champion)
Nick Maccario (WAGR top 40 age-eligible points leader)
Michael McCoy (2013 U.S. Mid-Amateur champion)
Nate McCoy (WAGR top 40 age-eligible points leader)
Yaroslav Merkulov (2019 U.S. Mid-Amateur quarterfinalist)
Lukas Michel (2019 U.S. Mid-Amateur champion, WAGR top 40 age-eligible points leader)
Billy Mitchell (2021 U.S. Senior Open low amateur)
Josh Nichols (2017 U.S. Mid-Amateur runner-up)
Kevin O'Connell (2018 U.S. Mid-Amateur champion)
Miguel Ordonez (WAGR top 40 age-eligible points leader)
Etienne Papineau (WAGR top 40 age-eligible points leader)
Matt Parziale (2017 U.S. Mid-Amateur champion)
Rhadames Pena (WAGR top 40 age-eligible points leader)
Santiago Quintero (WAGR top 40 age-eligible points leader)
Garrett Rank (WAGR top 40 age-eligible points leader)
Bob Royak (2019 U.S. Senior Amateur champion)
Kyler Sauer (2018 U.S. Mid-Amateur semifinalist)
Daniel Schmieding (WAGR top 40 age-eligible points leader)
Sammy Schmitz (2015 U.S. Mid-Amateur champion)
Andres Schonbaum (2019 U.S. Mid-Amateur quarterfinalist, WAGR top 40 age-eligible points leader)
Jason Schultz (2019 U.S. Mid-Amateur semifinalist)
Nathan Smith (2010, 2012 U.S. Mid-Amateur champion)
Brad Tilley (WAGR top 40 age-eligible points leader)
Alejandro Villavicencio (WAGR top 40 age-eligible points leader)
Chad Wilfong (WAGR top 40 age-eligible points leader)

WHAT THE CHAMPION RECEIVES

Among the benefits received by the 2021 U.S. Mid-Amateur champion are:

- ▶A gold medal and custody of the Robert T. Jones Jr. Memorial Trophy for the ensuing year
- ▶An exemption from final qualifying for the 2022 U.S. Open Championship (if still an amateur)
- ▶An exemption from qualifying for the 2022 and 2023 U.S. Amateur Championships
- ▶An exemption from qualifying for the next 10 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championships
- ▶An exemption from qualifying for the 2022 Amateur Championship, conducted by The R&A
- ▶A likely invitation to the 2022 Masters Tournament

CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

When the USGA announced its intention to hold a U.S. Mid-Amateur in 1981, the Atlanta Athletic Club graciously donated a decorative, sterling silver trophy from its most famous member – Bob Jones. The ornate, three-handled cup, originally named the Davis Freeman Golf Trophy, was first used as the prize for a junior tournament at Atlanta Athletic Club. The trophy was awarded beginning in 1909 and ending with three consecutive victories by Bob Jones in 1917, 1919, and 1920. The Freeman trophy was formally donated by the Atlanta Athletic Club and Georgia State Golf Association, and officially named the Robert T. Jones Jr. Memorial Trophy. With his 1981 Mid-Amateur victory at Bellerive Country Club in St. Louis, Jim Holtgrieve became the first to receive the Jones Memorial Trophy. The original U.S. Mid-Amateur Trophy is on display at the USGA Museum in Liberty Corner, N.J.

CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

This is the 40th U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship. The U.S. Mid-Amateur, for amateur golfers of at least 25 years of age, provides a formal national championship for the post-college amateur, for whom the game is truly an avocation.

Played at Bellerive Country Club in St. Louis, Mo., in 1981, the first U.S. Mid-Amateur drew 1,638 entries. The field included three U.S. Amateur champions: Gary Cowan (1966, 1971), Marvin “Vinny” Giles III (1972) and Fred Ridley (1975). Jim Holtgrieve, 33, of Des Peres, Mo., defeated fellow 1981 USA Walker Cup Team member Bob Lewis Jr., 37, of Warren, Ohio, in the final, 2 up.

In 2017, the USGA began awarding a full exemption into the following year’s U.S. Open Championship to the U.S. Mid-Amateur champion.

FUTURE U.S. MID-AMATEURS

Sept. 10-15, 2022: Erin Hills, Erin, Wis., and Blue Mound Golf and Country Club, Wauwatosa, Wis.

Sept. 9-14, 2023: Sleepy Hollow Country Club, Scarborough, N.Y., and Fenway Golf Club, Scarsdale, N.Y.

Sept. 21-26, 2024: Kinloch Golf Club, Manakin-Sabot, Va., and Independence Golf Club, Midlothian, Va.

Sept. 13-18, 2025: Troon Country Club and Troon North Golf Club, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Sept. 14-19, 2030: Bel-Air Country Club, Los Angeles, Calif.

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