



2022 U.S. WOMEN'S AMATEUR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP – FACT SHEET

April 20-24, 2022

The Grand Reserve Golf Club, Puerto Rico

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ABOUT THE GRAND RESERVE GOLF CLUB

Designed by 1992 U.S. Open champion Tom Kite in 2006, the Grand Reserve stretches across a beachfront peninsula in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, just 15 miles outside the capital city of San Juan. Overlooking El Yunque National Forest, the course features seashore paspalum grass and white silica sand bunkers. It is a parkland style golf course located within the Grand Reserve master plan.

The Grand Reserve Golf Club is best known for annually hosting the PGA Tour's Puerto Rico Open since 2008, which has been won by notables including Tony Finau and 2018 U.S. Amateur champion Viktor Hovland.

ENTRIES

The championship is open to sides of female amateur golfers, each of whom has a Handicap Index® not exceeding 14.4. The USGA accepted 351 side entries for the 2022 championship. The record number of entries is 425 from the 2021 championship. Entries closed on Aug. 11, 2021.

QUALIFYING

Qualifying was conducted over 18 holes at a total of 29 sites, including one in Puerto Rico and one in Mexico, between Aug. 18 and Nov. 15, 2021. California and Texas hosted two qualifiers each.

CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD

A starting field of 64 sides (128 golfers) will compete in the U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball Championship. Following 18-hole rounds of stroke play on April 20 and 21, the field will be cut to the low 32 sides for match play. Five 18-hole rounds of match play will determine the champion.

EXEMPT PLAYERS

The following 10 sides – 20 players – are fully exempt into the 2022 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball:

- **Kelsey Chugg/Julia Potter-Bobb** (Special Exemption/Maternity)
- **Loralie Cowart/Ava Merrill** (2021 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball quarterfinalists)
- **Anna Davis/Lucy Yuan** (2021 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball quarterfinalists)
- **Taylor Ledwin/Megan Welch** (2021 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball quarterfinalists)
- **Savannah Barber/Alexa Saldana** (2021 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball champions)
- **Gianna Clemente/Avery Zweig** (2021 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball semifinalists)
- **Valeria Mendizabal/Pilar Echeverria** (Both players among top 400 points leaders in the Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking)
- **Hsin-Chun Liao/Huai-Chien Hsu** (Both players among top 400 points leaders in the Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking)
- **Valentina Rossi/Leila Raines** (Both players among top 400 points leaders in the Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking)

- **Laney Frye/Maria Villanueva** (Both players among top 400 points leaders in the Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking)

SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Practice rounds will take place April 18-19, and the championship schedule is as follows:

- April 20 (Wednesday): First round, stroke play
- April 21 (Thursday): Second round, stroke play
- April 22 (Friday): Round of 32, match play
- April 23 (Saturday): Round of 16 and quarterfinal rounds, match play
- April 24 (Sunday): Semifinal and championship rounds, match play

WHAT THE WINNERS RECEIVE

- A 10-year exemption from qualifying for the U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball, provided the side remains intact and amateur
- Exemption for each player into the 2022 U.S. Women's Amateur at Chambers Bay
- Exemptions into the 2022 U.S. Girls' Junior, U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur, U.S. Senior Women's Amateur (if age eligible)
- Gold medals and custody of the U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball Trophy for one year
- Their names inscribed on a plaque recognizing all 2022 USGA champions that will reside in the Hall of Champions at the USGA Golf Museum in Liberty Corner, N.J.

2021 CHAMPIONSHIP

A pair of 17-year-olds, Savannah Barber, of Fort Worth, Texas, and Alexa Saldana, of Mexico, defeated Floridians Jillian Bourdage and Casey Weidenfeld, 5 and 4, in the championship match at Maridoe Golf Club in Carrollton, Texas. Barber and Saldana met at a Dallas-area golf academy. Bourdage and Weidenfeld finished as runners-up for the second consecutive championship (the event was not conducted in 2020 due to COVID-19). To read more, click [here](#).

USGA AND PUERTO RICO

The 2022 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball will be the first USGA championship held outside the mainland in a U.S. territory. The Puerto Rico Golf Association (PRGA), which joined the USGA's network of Allied Golf Associations in February 2021, will host the championship.

OTHER NOTABLE EVENTS AT THE GRAND RESERVE

2008 Puerto Rico Open (Greg Kraft)
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 2012 Puerto Rico Open (George McNeill)
 2013 Puerto Rico Open (Scott Brown)
 2014 Puerto Rico Open (Chesson Hadley)
 2015 Puerto Rico Open (Alex Cejka)
 2016 Puerto Rico Open (Tony Finau)
 2017 Puerto Rico Open (D.A. Points)
 2019 Puerto Rico Open (Martin Trainer)
 2020 Puerto Rico Open (Viktor Hovland)
 2021 Puerto Rico Open (Branden Grace)

CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

The inaugural U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball Championship was played in 2015 on the Pacific Dunes Course at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort in Bandon, Ore. Along with the U.S. Amateur Four-Ball, which also debuted in 2015, the championships were the first additions to the USGA's annual competitive schedule since the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur began in 1987.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

2015: Mika Liu and Rinko Mitsunaga def. Robynn Ree and Hannah O'Sullivan, 4 and 3; Bandon Dunes G.R. (Pacific Dunes), Bandon, Ore.

2016: Hailee Cooper and Kaitlyn Papp def. Angelina Kim and Brianna Navarrosa, 19 holes; Streamsong Resort (Streamsong Blue), Bowling Green, Fla.

2017: Alice Chen and Taylor Totland def. Sammi Lee and Mary Ellen Shuman, 4 and 3; The Dunes Golf & Beach Club, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

2018: Katrina Prendergast and Ellen Secor def. Yachun Chang and Lei Ye, 1 up; El Caballero C.C., Tarzana, Calif.

2019: Megan Furtney and Erica Shepherd def. Jillian Bourdage and Casey Weidenfeld, 2 and 1; Timuquana C.C., Jacksonville, Fla.

2020: No Championship - COVID-19 pandemic

2021: Savannah Barber and Alexa Saldana def. Jillian Bourdage and Casey Weidenfeld, 5 and 4; Maridoe Golf Club, Carrollton, Texas

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FOUR-BALL AND FOURSOMES?

While each involves four players, four-ball and foursomes are different formats.

- In four-ball, matches are played in pairs (a player and a partner, called a side, against another player and partner), with each golfer playing his or her own ball on each hole. At the end of each hole, the player with the lowest score wins that hole for the side. In stroke play, the low score is the side's score for that hole.
- Foursomes matches are also played in pairs (one side against another side), but each pair only plays with one ball. In this format, each player takes turns hitting the ball from the teeing ground and during play of each hole, with "Player A" hitting the tee shot, "Player B" the second shot, "Player A" the third, and so on. While the side can choose the order, if "Player A" hits the tee shots on odd-numbered holes, "Player B" must hit them on even-numbered holes.

FUTURE SITES

2037: Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, Bandon, Ore. (Dates TBD)

PHOTO MEDIA SERVICE

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

MEDIA INFORMATION

Please contact Joey Geske (jgeske@usga.org, 651-328-3000) for more information regarding U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball coverage.

The U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball page on the online media center will include important and regularly updated championship information such as tee times, hole locations and player interview transcripts. It can be accessed directly at mediacenter.usga.org/us-womens-amateur-four-ball.

Profiles featuring information submitted by each player in the field can be accessed by visiting playerprofile.usga.org. When prompted, the username is *media@usga.org* and the password is *Media**O*

Applications for media credentials for the 2022 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball will be available in February at mediacenter.usga.org/credentials.