



7th U.S. AMATEUR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP – FACT SHEET

May 14-18, 2022

Country Club of Birmingham (West and East Courses), Birmingham, Ala.

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PAR AND YARDAGE

Country Club of Birmingham's West Course will be set up at 7,185 yards and will play to a par of 35-36-71.

Country Club of Birmingham's East Course, which will serve as the stroke-play co-host course for the first two days, will be set up at 6,611 yards and will play to a par of 35-35-70.

(NOTE: Yardages subject to change.)

COUNTRY CLUB OF BIRMINGHAM (WEST COURSE) HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	4	4	5	3	4	4	3	4	35
Yards	378	448	426	547	213	418	483	189	400	3,502

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	5	3	4	3	4	5	4	4	4	36
Yards	550	180	339	189	450	610	438	455	431	3,683

COUNTRY CLUB OF BIRMINGHAM (EAST COURSE) HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	4	35
Yards	413	312	167	424	454	480	202	412	419	3,283

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	5	4	3	4	3	4	4	4	35
Yards	389	563	440	195	450	188	306	393	404	3,328

ARCHITECTS

The West Course, originally designed by Donald Ross in 1926 with small greens in a Native American valley, was converted by Robert Trent Jones to large greens protected by signature bunkers and lakes, and later revised again by Pete Dye. The architectural firm of Warren, Knight, & Davis created the Tudor-style clubhouse, which opened in 1927.

WHO CAN ENTER

The championship is open to teams (or sides) of amateurs, with each player's Handicap Index® not exceeding 5.4. The deadline for entries was Aug. 11, 2021. There are no age restrictions and partners are not required to be from the same club, state or country.

ENTRIES

The USGA accepted 2,468 entries (4,936 players) for the 2022 championship, the second-most entries since the championship began in 2015. The most entries accepted was 2,544 in 2021.

QUALIFYING

Qualifying, conducted over 18 holes, was held at 52 sites nationwide between Aug. 18 and Dec. 13, 2021. These qualifying sites were in 35 states, including five in California and three in Florida and Texas.

SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Practice rounds will be held May 12-13. The starting field of 128 sides (256 players) will play two rounds of stroke play, with the low 32 sides (64 players) advancing to match play. The schedule is as follows:

May 14 (Saturday): First round, stroke play

May 15 (Sunday): Second round, stroke play

May 16 (Monday): Round of 32, match play

May 17 (Tuesday): Round of 16 and quarterfinal rounds, match play

May 18 (Wednesday): Semifinal and championship rounds, match play

ADMISSION

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

2021 CHAMPIONS

Florida teens Kiko Francisco Coelho, 18, of Lake Mary, Fla., and Leopoldo Herrera III, 19, of Doral, Fla., were crowned 2021 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Champions following a dramatic 19-hole victory over Canadians and University of Nevada teammates Brendan MacDougall, 23, and Sam Meek, 21, at Chambers Bay. With the match tied on the 605-yard 18th hole, MacDougall nearly holed out a 40-yard pitch shot. The tap-in birdie was conceded, forcing either Coelho or Herrera to convert a birdie putt. Coelho missed from 20 feet, but Herrera made his 14-footer. On the 19th hole, the 555-yard, par-5 first hole, MacDougall hit a wayward tee shot and eventually picked up his ball. Meek laced his drive and hit his second shot to the fringe of the green. Coelho reached the green in two, while Herrera was just off the putting surface. Coelho lagged to 2 feet and made birdie. After Herrera missed his eagle try, Meek had 4 feet for birdie to continue the match, but missed just to the left.

USGA AND COUNTRY CLUB OF BIRMINGHAM

This is the third USGA championship at the Country Club of Birmingham. The club hosted the 2013 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship when Michael McCoy earned an 8-and-6 victory over Bill Williamson. In 2016, the club hosted the USGA Men's State Team Championship, with Michigan (Evan Bowser, Anthony Sorentino and Tom Werkmeister) capturing the title by three strokes over North Carolina and Arizona.

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT COUNTRY CLUB OF BIRMINGHAM

- 2013 U.S. Mid-Amateur: Michael McCoy def. Bill Williamson, 8 and 6
- 2016 USGA Men's State Team: Michigan, 4 under (Evan Bowser, Anthony Sorentino and Tom Werkmeister)

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN ALABAMA

This will be the 9th USGA championship and first U.S. Amateur Four-Ball contested in Alabama. Three USGA championships have been held at both Lakewood G.C. (1974, 1986 and 2021 U.S. Senior Women's Amateurs) and Shoal Creek (1986 U.S. Amateur, 2008 U.S. Junior Amateur and 2018 U.S. Women's Open).

OTHER CHAMPIONSHIPS AT COUNTRY CLUB OF BIRMINGHAM

The Southern Amateur has been played eight times (1932, 1941, 1946, 1958, 1966, 1991, 1998 and 2006) at the Country Club of Birmingham.

EXEMPT PLAYERS: A total of eight sides or 16 players are fully exempt into the 2022 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball based on performances in USGA championships and other elite amateur competitions. Two additional players (one side) gained exemption into the championship by being in the top 400 of the World Amateur Golf Ranking™ (WAGR) as of the close of entries on Aug. 11, 2021.

- **Nathan Smith/Todd White** (2015 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball champions)
- **Scott Harvey/Todd Mitchell** (2019 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball champions)
- **Marc Dull/Chip Brooke** (2018 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball runners-up)
- **Taylor Wood/Andrew Medley** (2019 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball semifinalists)
- **Kiko Francisco Coelho/Leopoldo Herrera III** (2021 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball champions)
- **Devin Johnson/Tyler Anderson** (2021 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball semifinalists)

CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

The U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship was played for the first time in 2015, along with the U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball. The championships were the first additions to the USGA competition roster since the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur was first conducted in 1987. The addition of the two Amateur Four-Ball championships to the USGA competition schedule was announced on Feb. 11, 2013. The U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship Trophy and its companion trophy for the U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball Championship were the first new commemorative pieces commissioned by the USGA since 1953. The etching on its face reflects golfers in contemporary attire, while the design pays homage to the Association's storied traditions. The trophy was designed by Colin Hellier, with engravings by David Williams, and manufactured by Nicholas Winton, Ltd., of Cheshire, England.

U.S. AMATEUR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

2015: Nathan Smith & Todd White def. Sherrill Britt & Greg Earnhardt, 7 and 5; The Olympic Club (Lake Course), San Francisco, Calif.

2016: Benjamin Baxter & Andrew Buchanan def. Brandon Cigna & Ben Warnquist, 3 and 2; Winged Foot G.C. (East Course), Mamaroneck, N.Y.

2017: Frankie Capan & Shuai Ming Wong def. Clark Collier & Kyle Hudelson, 2 and 1; Pinehurst R. & C.C. (Course No. 2), Village of Pinehurst, N.C.

2018: Garrett Barber & Cole Hammer def. Chip Brooke & Mark Dull, 4 and 3; Jupiter Hills Club (Hills Course), Tequesta, Fla.

2019: Scott Harvey & Todd Mitchell def. Blake Taylor & Logan Shuping, 2 and 1; Bandon Dunes (Old Macdonald Course), Bandon, Ore.

2020: No championship (COVID-19)

2021: Kiko Francisco Coelho & Leopoldo Herrera III def. Brendan McDougall & Sam Meek, 1 up (19 holes); Chambers Bay, University Place, Wash.

FUTURE U.S. AMATEUR FOUR-BALL SITES

May 20-24, 2023: Kiawah Island (S.C.) Club (Cassique and River Courses)

May 25-29, 2024: Philadelphia Cricket Club (Wissahickon and Militia Hill Courses)

TBD, 2037: Bandon Dunes Golf Resort

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 plays with only 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.

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