

2022 U.S. WOMEN'S AMATEUR_

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PRE-TOURNAMENT INTELLIGENCE

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Know the Course: Chambers Bay GC

*The 2015 U.S. Open featured a unique, changing setup where par was altered on some holes depending on the round. Regardless of par, the seventh played as the toughest hole on the course for the championship, as the field was a combined +210 for the week.

Most Difficult Holes

Chambers Bay – 2015 U.S. Open

7th	+210
4th	+184
11th	+168
13th	+121
14th	+171

*Course had some holes set up as different pars in different rounds

*Each of the five most penalizing fairways to miss at Chambers Bay in the 2015 U.S. Open came on the back nine. The most penalizing was the 11th, where a missed fairway was worth more than eight tenths of a stroke.

Highest Missed Fairway Penalty

Chambers Bay – 2015 U.S. Open

11th	0.81
14th	0.80
10th	0.71
12th	0.69
13th	0.65

*The seventh hole was the toughest green to hit in regulation at the 2015 U.S. Open. At 43%, it was the only green on the course that was hit less than 50 percent of the time for the championship.

Toughest Greens to Hit in Regulation

Chambers Bay – 2015 U.S. Open

7th	43.0%
5th	55.5%
14th	55.5%
6th	56.0%
13th	58.6%

*At the 2015 U.S. Open, Chambers Bay yielded a fairways hit percentage of 73.0%, the third-highest of any course on the PGA Tour that season.

Easiest Fairways to Hit

PGA Tour Courses – 2014-15 Season

	Tournament	Fairways hit
Monterey Peninsula CC	AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am	75.6%
TPC Deere Run	John Deere Classic	74.5%
Chambers Bay	U.S. Open	73.0%
St. Andrews (Old Course)	The Open Championship	72.7%

*This will be the fourth time that Chambers Bay has hosted a USGA championship, the last being the Amateur Four-Ball last year:

Most Times as Host for USGA Championship Courses in Washington

Broadmoor GC	4
Tacoma Golf & CC	4
Chambers Bay	3
Indian Canyon GC	3
Seattle GC	3

*Entering 2022 season

*A look at some of the significant competitions held at Chambers Bay, including a pair of Washington State Amateurs and last year's U.S. Amateur Four-Ball:

Notable Events at Chambers Bay Past Champions

2010 U.S. Amateur	Peter Uihlein
2013 Washington State Amateur	Cameron Peck
2015 U.S. Open	Jordan Spieth
2017 Pacific Coast Amateur	Doug Ghim
2020 Washington State Amateur	Sean Kato
2021 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball	Kiko Francisco Coelho & Leopoldo Herrera III

Trends at the U.S. Women's Amateur

*Three of the last five years, six-over was the magic number in stroke play to qualify for at least a playoff to get into the U.S. Women's Amateur Match Play. That includes last year at Westchester CC.

Score Needed to Qualify for Playoff/Advance

Match Play – U.S. Women's Amateur

		Score Needed
2017	San Diego Country Club	+6
2018	Golf Club at Tennessee	+3
2019	Old Waverly Golf Club	+3
2020	Woodmont Country Club	+6
2021	Westchester Country Club	+6

*Since 2010, only two medalists or co-medalists in stroke play have advanced to the quarterfinals. A look at the recent results of players to lead the way in stroke play:

Finish of U.S. Women's Amateur Medalists

Since 2016

		Eliminated in
2016	Mariel Galdiano	Round of 64
2017	Shannon Aubert	Round of 16
2018	Lucy Li	Quarterfinal
	Selin Hyun	Round of 32
2019	Jiarui Lin	Round of 64
	Alexa Pano	Round of 16
2020	Rachel Heck	Round of 16
2021	Rachel Kuehn	Round of 64

*Jensen Castle was the 63rd overall seed last year and won it all. A look at the seedings of the last five U.S. Women's Amateur Champions:

Overall Seed of Champion

U.S. Women's Amateur Since 2017

		Seed
2017	Sophia Schubert	43
2018	Kristen Gillman	24
2019	Gabriela Ruffels	6
2020	Rose Zhang	16
2021	Jensen Castle	63

*No top-ten seeds from stroke play reached the quarterfinals of the 2021 U.S. Women's Amateur. That was the first time that had happened since 2015.

**Top-10 Seeds to Reach Quarterfinals
U.S. Women's Amateur Since 2015**

2015	0
2016	2
2017	1
2018	3
2019	1
2020	4
2021	0

*A look at the average seed number of the semifinalists in the U.S. Women's Amateur the last six years:

**Average Seed Number of Semifinalists
U.S. Women's Amateur Since 2016**

2016	18.3
2017	36.0
2018	28.5
2019	20.5
2020	9.3
2021	36.8

*Each of the last six U.S. Women's Amateur championship matches have featured two players from two different countries. The last time both finalists played under the same flag was in 2015, when Americans Hannah O'Sullivan and Sierra Brooks squared off.

**Countries Represented in Championship Match
U.S. Women's Amateur Since 2010**

	Players		Players
United States	12	Italy	1
Australia	2	Canada	1
Switzerland	2	China	1
South Korea	2	New Zealand	1
Chinese Taipei	1	Thailand	1

*Four times since 2000, a player has won the U.S. Women's Amateur in her first career attempt. The last instance came in 2019 when Gabriela Ruffels did it.

Won U.S. Women's Amateur In First Career Start – Since 2000

2006 Kimberly Kim	Pumpkin Ridge GC
2014 Kristen Gillman	Nassau CC
2017 Sophia Schubert	San Diego CC
2019 Gabriela Ruffels	Old Waverly GC

*No player has won the match play and been the stroke play medalist in the same week since Amanda Blumenherst did it back in 2008.

Champion and Stroke Play Medalist U.S. Women's Amateur History

1964 Barbara McIntire
1970 Martha Wilkinson
1985 Michiko Hattori
1988 Pearl Sinn
1991 Amy Fruhwirth
2001 Meredith Duncan
2008 Amanda Blumenherst

*A look at the fewest match play holes needed by U.S. Women's Amateur champions since the early 1970s:

Fewest Match Play Holes Needed by Champion U.S. Women's Amateur Since 1973

	Holes	Course
1979 Carolyn Hill	103	Memphis CC
2005 Morgan Pressel	105	Ansley GC
1991 Amy Fruhwirth	107	Prairie Dunes CC
1978 Cathy Sterk	108	Sunnybrook GC

Championship Ties

*Eight players have won both the U.S. Women's Amateur and the U.S. Girls' Junior in their careers. Rose Zhang won last year's Girls' Junior the year after winning this championship:

U.S. Women's Amateur & U.S. Girls' Junior Players to Win Both

Patricia Lesser	Dorothy Delasin
JoAnne Gunderson Carner	Marcy Newton
Pat Hurst	Eun Jeong Seong*
Kelli Kuehne	Rose Zhang

*Only player to win both in same season (2016)

*Seven players have won the U.S. Women's Amateur and the U.S. Women's Open in their careers. Juli Inkster is the only woman to win both championships at the same course (Prairie Dunes).

U.S. Women's Amateur & U.S. Women's Open Players to Win Both

Patty Berg	JoAnne Gunderson Carner
Betty Jameson	Catherine Lacoste
Babe Didrikson Zaharias	Juli Inkster
Louise Suggs	

*Rose Zhang won the individual NCAA championship earlier this summer in Arizona. A look at the players to win the NCAA Individual Championship and the U.S. Women's Amateur in their careers:

U.S. Women's Amateur & NCAA Championship Players to Win Both

	NCAA	Women's Amateur
Pat Hurst	1989	1990
Vicki Goetze	1992	1989, 1992
Grace Park	1999	1998
Virada Nirapathpongporn	2002	2003
Emma Talley	2015	2013

Rachel Heck

*Rachel Heck has already won eight collegiate tournaments at Stanford in two seasons. She is one win away from tying Andrea Lee for most individual wins in program history.

Most Individual Career Victories

Stanford Women's Golf History

	Seasons	Wins
Andrea Lee	2016-19	9
Rachel Heck	2021-22	8
Mhairi McKay	1994-97	8
Kathleen McCarthy	1983-87	6

*One season after setting Stanford's single-season scoring average record for a freshman, Heck's teammate Rose Zhang not only broke her mark, but set the NCAA single season record, as well:

Lowest Freshman Scoring Average

Stanford Women's Golf History

2022 Rose Zhang	69.68*
2021 Rachel Heck	69.72
2017 Andrea Lee	71.62
2014 Mariah Stackhouse	72.03

*NCAA single-season record

*In 2021, Rachel Heck became the third woman in NCAA Division I golf history to sweep the conference, regional and national titles in the same season:

Won Conference, Regional and National Titles

Same Season – Women's NCAA Golf History

1996 Marisa Baena	Arizona
2013 Annie Park	USC
2021 Rachel Heck	Stanford

Tsubasa Kajitani

*In 2021, Tsubasa Kajitani became the second ever winner of the Augusta National Women's Amateur. The winner that preceded her, Jennifer Kupcho, won her first professional major championship in 2022.

Augusta National Women's Amateur Champions

2019 Jennifer Kupcho	United States
2021 Tsubasa Kajitani	Japan
2022 Anna Davis	United States

Megha Ganne

*At the 2021 U.S. Women's Open, Megha Ganne held a share of the lead after the opening round. She was the first amateur to hold a share of the lead after any U.S. Women's Open round since 2006.

Megha Ganne – Position by Round

2021 U.S. Women's Open

	Score	Position
Round 1	67	Co-leader
Round 2	71	T-3
Round 3	72	T-3
Round 4	77	T-14

*Ganne was tied for third place through 54 holes at The Olympic Club, tied for the second best 54-hole position by an amateur at the championship over the last 15 years.

Best 54-Hole Position by Amateur

U.S. Women's Open Last 15 Years

		Finish
2017 Hye Jin Choi	T-2	2nd
2021 Megha Ganne	T-3	T-14
2014 Minjee Lee	T-3	T-22
2022 Ingrid Lindblad	T-4	T-11
2020 Kaitlyn Papp	T-5	T-9

Jensen Castle

*Jensen Castle is trying to become the first woman to win this championship in back-to-back years since Danielle Kang in 2010 and 2011. Gabriela Ruffels nearly did it in 2020, losing in the final one year after winning it all at Old Waverly GC. A look at the four women to pull off the feat since 1980:

Consecutive U.S. Women's Amateur Wins Since 1980

	Wins	Years
Juli Inkster	3	1980, 1981, 1982
Kay Cockerill	2	1986, 1987
Kelli Kuehne	2	1996, 1996
Danielle Kang	2	2010, 2011

*Castle defeated Rachel Heck in 19 holes in the semifinals of last year's USWA. Castle did not lead at any point in regulation, then won on the first extra hole. Will we see a rematch this year between the two Americans?

Rachel Heck vs Jensen Castle 2021 U.S. Women's Amateur Semifinal

Thru 4	Heck, 2 Up
Thru 10	All square
Thru 15	Heck, 2 Up
Thru 18	All square
Thru 19	Castle wins 1 Up

Emilia Migliaccio

*Migliaccio won gold in both the individual women's and the mixed team golf competitions at the 2019 Pan American Games:

Gold Medalists At 2019 Pan American Games

Women	Men	Mixed Team
Emilia Migliaccio	Fabrizio Zanotti	United States
United States	Paraguay	Stewart Hagestad, Rose Zhang, Emilia Migliaccio & Brandon Wu