



## 123rd U.S. Open Championship– Fact Sheet

June 15-18, 2023, Los Angeles (Calif.) Country Club (North Course)

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### PAR AND YARDAGE

The Los Angeles Country Club's North Course will be set up at 7,381 yards and will play to a par of 35-35-70. The yardage for each round of the championship will vary due to course setup and conditions.

### HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	5	4	4	3	4	4	3	5	3	35
Yards	578	497	419	228	480	325	284	547	171	3,529
Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	35
Yards	374	290	380	507	623	124	542	520	492	3,852

### ARCHITECTS

George C. Thomas Jr., 1927; restoration by Gil Hanse, 2010.

### WHO CAN ENTER

The championship is open to any professional golfer and any amateur golfer with a Handicap Index® not exceeding 1.4. Entries open in late February 2023.

### ENTRIES

Since 2012, the USGA has annually surpassed the 9,000 mark in entries, with a record 10,127 entries accepted for the 2014 U.S. Open at Pinehurst Resort & Country Club. In 2022, the USGA accepted 9,265 entries, the sixth-highest total in U.S. Open history.

### LOCAL AND FINAL QUALIFYING

Local qualifying, played over 18 holes, will be conducted at more than 100 sites in the months of April and May. Final qualifying, played over 36 holes, will be held at approximately a dozen U.S. and international sites. Most of the final qualifiers will be played on Monday, June 5.

### CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD

The starting field of 156 golfers will be cut after 36 holes to the low 60 scorers (and ties).

### SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Eighteen holes of stroke play are scheduled each day from June 15 (Thursday) through June 18 (Sunday). In the event of a tie after 72 holes, a two-hole aggregate playoff will take place following the completion of Sunday's final round.

### TELEVISION COVERAGE

NBCUniversal (NBC, USA Network, Peacock) will provide live broadcast coverage of all four rounds of the 123rd U.S. Open Championship. The broadcast schedule will be announced at a later date.

### 2022 CHAMPION

Matt Fitzpatrick, a 27-year-old Englishman, triumphed nine years earlier at The Country Club when he claimed the U.S. Amateur, and in June he became the 13th man and the first non-American to also add the U.S. Open

Championship to his portfolio. In winning the 122nd edition of the championship by one stroke over Will Zalatoris and Scottie Scheffler, Fitzpatrick joined World Golf Hall of Famer and 18-time major champion Jack Nicklaus as the only golfers to have won the USGA's two oldest championships at the same venue. Nicklaus accomplished his feat at Pebble Beach Golf Links in 1961 and 1972. Fitzpatrick carded a final-round 68 for a 6-under total of 274 that included a ball-striking clinic, hitting 17 of 18 greens. Trailing Zalatoris by one, Fitzpatrick's fortunes changed at the par-4 13th when he converted a 49-foot birdie putt. When Fitzpatrick won the 2013 U.S. Amateur title over Oliver Goss of Australia, he closed out the final match on the 15th hole, and he essentially won the U.S. Open on the same hole, making a 19-footer for birdie after reaching the green with a 220-yard 5-iron from the right rough. Zalatoris made bogey on No. 15 to fall two behind and Fitzpatrick would finish with three consecutive pars, including reaching the putting surface on the 18th from 160 yards out of a fairway bunker. Zalatoris, who lost in a playoff to Justin Thomas in the PGA Championship in May, had one last chance to force a playoff, but his 15-foot putt on the final hole burned the left edge. Scheffler, who won the Masters two months earlier, birdied three of his first four holes in the final round but was derailed by a double bogey on the par-3 11th.

### **WHAT THE WINNER RECEIVES**

Among the benefits enjoyed by the U.S. Open winner are:

- ▶A U.S. Open exemption for the next 10 years
- ▶An invitation to the next five Masters Tournaments
- ▶An invitation to the next five Open Championships, conducted by The R&A
- ▶An invitation to the next five PGA Championships
- ▶An invitation to the next five Players Championships
- ▶Exempt status on the PGA Tour for five years
- ▶Custody of U.S. Open Trophy for one year and the Jack Nicklaus Medal

### **QUALIFYING FOR THE OTHER MAJORS**

The top 10 finishers (and ties) are exempt into the following year's U.S. Open. The top four finishers (and ties) are invited to the following year's Masters Tournament.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY**

This is the 123rd U.S. Open Championship. The U.S. Open, which was first played in 1895, was not contested for two years (1917-1918) during World War I and for four years (1942-1945) during World War II. The youngest winner of the U.S. Open is 19-year-old John McDermott, who won in 1911; he is among nine players age 21 or younger who have won the U.S. Open. The oldest winner is Hale Irwin, who was 45 and playing on a special exemption when he won his third U.S. Open title in 1990. Irwin also won in 1974 and 1979.

There are four four-time U.S. Open winners: Willie Anderson (1901, 1903, 1904, 1905), amateur Bob Jones (1923, 1926, 1929, 1930), Ben Hogan (1948, 1950, 1951, 1953), and Jack Nicklaus (1962, 1967, 1972, 1980).

Only six players have won the Masters and U.S. Open titles in the same year: Craig Wood (1941), Ben Hogan (1951, 1953), Arnold Palmer (1960), Jack Nicklaus (1972), Tiger Woods (2002) and Jordan Spieth (2015).

### **PURSE**

The 2022 purse was \$17.5 million, the highest among golf's major championships; the winner earned \$3.15 million. The 2023 purse is to be announced.

### **THE LOS ANGELES COUNTRY CLUB NOTES**

- ▶The 123rd U.S. Open will be the first conducted at The Los Angeles Country Club
- ▶Los Angeles will host its first U.S. Open in 75 years; it was played at The Riviera Country Club in 1948
- ▶LACC will host its fourth USGA championship and first since the 2017 Walker Cup Match
- ▶The 2023 U.S. Open will be the 86th USGA championship held in California, 2nd-most of any state (Pennsylvania, 90)
- ▶In 2023, the U.S. Open Championship will be played in California for the 15th time

### **THE LOS ANGELES COUNTRY CLUB HISTORY**

In 1897, a group calling themselves the Los Angeles Golf Club led by Joseph Sartori and Edward Tufts organized an association to further the cause of one of Southern California's newest sports. After outgrowing two locations and years of planning, the club at Beverly Hills officially opened on May 30, 1911. Its stately clubhouse, tennis courts and golf courses have served as the club's home ever since. The original 18-hole golf course was laid out by Sartori, Tufts, Norman Macbeth and Charles Orr.

In 1921, British golf architect W. Herbert Fowler created two new 18-hole courses at the existing location to address the increasing popularity of the game of golf and The Los Angeles Country Club. In the late 1920s,

legendary golf course architect and club member George C. Thomas Jr. redesigned the North Course, later called his greatest design. In 2010, the North Course was unveiled after a five-year restoration project as noted architect Gil Hanse worked on Thomas' original architecture. Balancing the unique architectural vision of the North Course and the functionality necessary to sustain its design well into the future, Hanse achieved what Thomas himself envisioned when he said: "In golf course construction, art and utility meet. Both are absolutely vital; one is utterly ruined without the other." Archived photos, written documents and physical unearthing of landforms provided the framework for a finished product that reflects the past.

In March 2015, a significant 16-month renovation of the historic 106-year-old clubhouse at The Los Angeles Country Club (designed by architect and club member Sumner Hunt) began. The completed work restored its original grandeur. A grand reopening in August 2016 included the rededication of the Reagan Terrace in honor of Ronald Reagan, the 40th president of the United States and member of The Los Angeles Country Club.

In late 2015, Hanse began work to redesign and rebuild the South Course at The Los Angeles Country Club. Designed to provide a different but complementary golf experience from the North Course, the South Course was designed in the spirit of Augusta National with wide fairways transitioning to wood chips and native grasses with no rough. The South Course reopened in July 2016.

### **USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT LACC**

The Los Angeles Country Club's North Course has previously hosted three USGA championships. Glenna Collett (Vare) won the fifth of a record six U.S. Women's Amateur titles when she defeated Virginia Van Wie, 6 and 5, in the 1930 championship final. In 1954, Foster Bradley defeated Allen Geiberger, 3 and 1, in a battle of two Southern Californians for the U.S. Junior Amateur title. In each case, it was the first time that the championships were contested on the West Coast.

In 2017, Maverick McNealy was one of three Americans to win all four of his matches in leading the United States to a convincing 19-7 victory over Great Britain and Ireland in the 46th Walker Cup Match. McNealy was joined by Collin Morikawa and Doug Ghim with perfect marks as the USA recorded the Match's second-largest margin of victory. The Americans entered the second day of the competition with an 8-4 advantage and went on to post a 3-1 record in foursomes and a 7-1-2 mark in singles. GB&I's Jack Singh Brar, of England, went 3-1 in his matches. It was the second Walker Cup to be contested in California.

**1930 U.S. Women's Amateur:** Glenna Collett (Vare) def. Virginia Van Wie, 6 and 5

**1954 U.S. Junior Amateur:** Foster Bradley def. Allen Geiberger, 3 and 1

**2017 Walker Cup Match:** USA def. Great Britain and Ireland, 19-7

### **OTHER EVENTS AT LACC**

1926 Los Angeles Open: Harry Cooper by three strokes over George Von Elm, 279-282

1934 Los Angeles Open: Macdonald Smith by eight strokes over Willie Hunter, Bill Mehlhorn, 280-288

1935 Los Angeles Open: Vic Ghezzi def. Johnny Revolta, 285 (73) – 285 (75)

1936 Los Angeles Open: Jimmy Hines by four strokes over Henry Picard, Jimmy Thomson, 280-284

1950 Los Angeles Open: Lawson Little by one stroke over Clayton Heafner, 282-283

### **USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN CALIFORNIA**

This will be the 86th USGA championship played in California and the 15th U.S. Open contested in the state. In 2023, the U.S. Women's Open will be played at Pebble Beach (Calif.) Golf Links, the U.S. Women's Amateur will be held at Bel-Air Country Club, in Los Angeles, and the U.S. Senior Amateur will be contested at Martis Camp Club, in Truckee.

### **U.S. Open Championships in California (14):**

1948: The Riviera Country Club, Pacific Palisades (Ben Hogan)

1955: The Olympic Club (Lake Course), San Francisco (Jack Fleck)

1966: The Olympic Club (Lake Course), San Francisco (Billy Casper)

1972: Pebble Beach Golf Links, Pebble Beach (Jack Nicklaus)

1982: Pebble Beach Golf Links, Pebble Beach (Tom Watson)

1987: The Olympic Club (Lake Course), San Francisco (Scott Simpson)

1992: Pebble Beach Golf Links, Pebble Beach (Tom Kite)

1998: The Olympic Club (Lake Course), San Francisco (Lee Janzen)

2000: Pebble Beach Golf Links, Pebble Beach (Tiger Woods)

2008: Torrey Pines Golf Course (South Course), San Diego (Tiger Woods)

2010: Pebble Beach Golf Links, Pebble Beach (Graeme McDowell)

2012: The Olympic Club (Lake Course), San Francisco (Webb Simpson)  
2019: Pebble Beach Golf Links, Pebble Beach (Gary Woodland)  
2021: Torrey Pines Golf Course (South Course), San Diego (Jon Rahm)

### **1948 U.S. OPEN**

Ben Hogan won the first of his four U.S. Opens with a 72-hole score of 276 (8 under par), two strokes better than Jimmy Demaret. Hogan shot 68-69 on the final day to smash Ralph Guldahl's championship scoring mark by five shots and his three rounds in the 60s were a first in U.S. Open competition. In a little more than one year, Hogan won the 1947 and 1948 Los Angeles Opens and the U.S. Open at The Riviera Country Club, in Pacific Palisades, Calif. From the point forward, the course – also a George C. Thomas Jr. design – became known as “Hogan's Alley.”

### **LONGEST U.S. OPEN COURSES**

7,845 yards, Erin Hills, first round, Erin, Wis., 2017  
7,839 yards, Erin Hills, second round, Erin, Wis., 2017  
7,818 yards, Erin Hills, third round, Erin, Wis., 2017  
7,721 yards, Erin Hills, fourth round, Erin, Wis., 2017  
7,695 yards, Chambers Bay, second round, University Place, Wash., 2015  
7,676 yards, Torrey Pines Golf Course (South Course), fourth round, San Diego, Calif., 2021  
7,664 yards, Torrey Pines Golf Course (South Course), second round, San Diego, Calif., 2021  
7,637 yards, Chambers Bay, third round, University Place, Wash., 2015  
7,635 yards, Torrey Pines Golf Course (South Course), first round, San Diego, Calif., 2021  
7,616 yards, Torrey Pines Golf Course (South Course), third round, San Diego, Calif., 2021  
7,603 yards, Torrey Pines Golf Course (South Course), second round, San Diego, Calif., 2008

### **LONGEST PAR 3s IN U.S. OPEN HISTORY**

300 yards, 8th, fourth round, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2007  
299 yards, 8th, fourth round, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2016  
281 yards, 8th, second round, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2007  
281 yards, 8th, second round, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2016  
279 yards, 8th, third round, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2007  
266 yards, 3rd, fourth round, Merion G.C. (East Course), Ardmore, Pa., 2013  
264 yards, 2nd, first round, Shinnecock Hills G.C., Southampton, N.Y., 2018  
261 yards, 8th, first round, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2007  
258 yards, 8th, first round, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2016  
256 yards, 3rd, third round, The Olympic Club (Lake Course), San Francisco, Calif., 2012

### **LONGEST PAR 4s IN U.S. OPEN HISTORY**

551 yards, 13th, second round, Chambers Bay, University Place, Wash., 2015  
544 yards, 11th, second round, Chambers Bay, University Place, Wash., 2015  
542 yards, 4th, third round, Pinehurst Resort & C.C. (Course No. 2), Village of Pinehurst, N.C., 2014  
541 yards, 11th, first round, Chambers Bay, University Place, Wash., 2015  
541 yards, 11th, fourth round, Chambers Bay, University Place, Wash., 2015  
536 yards, 14th, first round, Shinnecock Hills G.C., Southampton, N.Y., 2018  
534 yards, 14th, third round, Chambers Bay, University Place, Wash., 2015  
534 yards, 6th, third round, Torrey Pines Golf Course (South Course), San Diego, Calif., 2021  
533 yards, 13th, third round, Chambers Bay, University Place, Wash., 2015  
530 yards, 11th, third round, Chambers Bay, University Place, Wash., 2015

### **LONGEST PAR 5s IN U.S. OPEN HISTORY**

684 yards, 12th, first round, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2016  
681 yards, 18th, fourth round, Erin Hills, Erin, Wis., 2017  
676 yards, 18th, second round, Erin Hills, Erin, Wis., 2017  
674 yards, 12th, third round, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2016  
671 yards, 16th, third round, The Olympic Club (Lake Course), San Francisco, Calif., 2012  
667 yards, 12th, first round, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2007  
667 yards, 12th, second round, at Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2007  
667 yards, 12th, fourth round, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2007  
667 yards, 18th, third round, Erin Hills, Erin, Wis., 2017  
660 yards, 16th, first round, The Olympic Club (Lake Course), San Francisco, Calif., 2012

## **THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED AT THE U.S. OPEN**

Matt Fitzpatrick: last international winner (2022)

Brooks Koepka: last to defend title (2018)

Francis Ouimet: last winner in his first attempt (1913)

Webb Simpson: last winner in his second attempt (2012)

Martin Kaymer: last start-to-finish winner with no ties (2014)

Jon Rahm: last winner to birdie the 72nd hole to win by one stroke (2021)

Jon Rahm: last winner to birdie the 72nd hole (2021)

Tiger Woods: last winner to birdie the 72nd hole to force a playoff (2008)

Geoff Ogilvy: last winner without a round in the 60s (2006)

Gary Woodland: last winner with all rounds in the 60s (2019)

Matt Fitzpatrick: last winner between ages 20-29 (27 in 2022)

Gary Woodland: last winner between ages 30-39 (35 in 2019)

Payne Stewart: last winner age 40 and higher (42 in 1999)

Gary Woodland: last defending champion to miss the cut (2020)

Hale Irwin: last winner who received a special exemption (1990)

Lucas Glover: last winner to come through final qualifying (2009)

Orville Moody: last winner to come through local and final qualifying (1969)

John Goodman: last amateur winner (1933)

## **CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY**

The first United States Open Championship was won by Horace Rawlins in September 1895 at Newport Golf Club in Rhode Island. Rawlins earned \$150, a gold champion's medal, and possession of the championship sterling silver cup for one year. The trophy was designated for display at Rawlins' club until it was presented to the next year's champion. Thus began a perennial rite that has endured for more than a century.

The original two-handled cup was destroyed by fire in September 1946 at Lloyd Mangrum's home country club, Tam O'Shanter, outside of Chicago. The USGA considered replacing it with a new design, but opted instead to preserve the look of the original with a full-scale replica on April 24, 1947. This replica remained in service, passed from champion to champion until 1986, when it was permanently retired to the USGA Golf Museum. Today, the U.S. Open champion receives possession of the 1986 full-scale replica. The original U.S. Open Trophy is on display at the USGA Golf Museum in Liberty Corner, N.J.

## **FUTURE U.S. OPENS IN THIS DECADE**

June 13-16, 2024: Pinehurst Resort & Country Club (Course No. 2), Village of Pinehurst, N.C.

June 12-15, 2025: Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club

June 18-21, 2026: Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, Southampton, N.Y.

June 17-20, 2027: Pebble Beach (Calif.) Golf Links

June 15-18, 2028: TBD

June 14-17, 2029: Pinehurst Resort & Country Club (Course No. 2), Village of Pinehurst, N.C.

## **MERCHANDISE**

2023 U.S. Open merchandise is available online at [usgashop.com](https://usgashop.com).

## **PHOTO MEDIA SERVICE**

The USGA will offer daily complimentary high-resolution photographs during the U.S. Open (Monday-Sunday) for news use only. For more information and to register, contact John Mummert at [jmummert@usga.org](mailto:jmummert@usga.org).

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