



9th U.S. AMATEUR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP – FACT SHEET

May 25-29, 2024

The Philadelphia Cricket Club (Wissahickon Course), Philadelphia, Pa.

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PAR AND YARDAGE

The Philadelphia Cricket Club’s Wissahickon Course will be set up at 7,035 yards and will play to a par of 35-35-70. The club’s Militia Hill course, which will serve as the stroke-play co-host course for the first two days, will be set up at 7,202 yards and will play to a par of 36-36-72.

(NOTE: Yardages subject to change.)

THE PHILADELPHIA CRICKET CLUB (WISSAHICKON) HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	4	3	4	3	4	5	4	4	35
Yards	425	423	118	487	198	475	553	365	370	3,414

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	3	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	4	35
Yards	172	419	546	447	435	240	436	449	487	3,550

THE PHILADELPHIA CRICKET CLUB (MILITIA HILL) HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	4	5	4	3	5	4	4	3	36
Yards	412	405	538	391	188	578	447	404	244	3,607

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	5	4	36
Yards	420	160	397	475	529	200	394	585	435	3,595

ABOUT THE PHILADELPHIA CRICKET CLUB’S WISSAHICKON AND MILITIA COURSES

Established in 1854, The Philadelphia Cricket Club holds the unique distinction of being the oldest country club in the United States of America. In 1920, The Philadelphia Cricket Club commissioned one of its members, A.W. Tillinghast, to create a golf course in Flourtown, Pa. Now known as Wissahickon, the Tillinghast design opened for play in 1922 and underwent a complete restoration from 2013-14 led by architect Keith Foster and Director of Grounds Dan Meersman. Split by an old railroad platform that separates the upper and lower sections of the course, this 7,119-yard par 70 has played host to the 2016 PGA Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship as well as the 2014 Philadelphia Open, the 2015 Club Professional Championship and the 2019 Big 10 Men’s Golf Championship.

ENTRIES

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. 9, 2023. There are no age restrictions and partners are not required to be from the same club, state or country. The USGA accepted 2,638 entries (5,276 players) for the 2024 championship, the most entries since the championship began in 2015. The second-most entries accepted was 2,551 in 2023.

QUALIFYING

Qualifying, conducted over 18 holes, was held at 52 sites nationwide between Aug. 21 and Dec. 13, 2023. [Click here](#) for a full list of qualifying results.

CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD

A 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. Six 18-hole rounds of match play will determine the champion.

SCHEDULE OF PLAY

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

May 25 (Saturday): First round, stroke play

May 26 (Sunday): Second round, stroke play

May 27 (Monday): Round of 32, match play

May 28 (Tuesday): Round of 16 and quarterfinal rounds, match play

May 29 (Wednesday): Semifinal and championship rounds, match play

WHAT THE WINNERS RECEIVE

- A 10-year exemption from qualifying for the U.S. Amateur Four-Ball, provided the side remains intact and amateur
- Exemption for each player into the 2024 U.S. Amateur
- Exemptions into the 2024 U.S. Junior, U.S. Mid-Amateur and U.S. Senior Amateur (if age-eligible)
- Gold medals and custody of the U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Trophy for one year
- Their names inscribed on a plaque recognizing all 2024 USGA champions that will reside in the Hall of Champions at the USGA Golf Museum in Liberty Corner, N.J.

EXEMPT PLAYERS: A total of sixteen sides or 32 players are fully exempt into the 2024 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball based on performances in USGA championships and other elite amateur competitions. Four players (two sides) 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. 9, 2023.

- **Scott Harvey/Todd Mitchell** (2019 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball champions)
- **Benjamin Baxter/Andrew Buchanan** (2016 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball champions)
- **Nathan Smith/Todd White** (2015 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball champions)
- **Drew Kittleson/Drew Stoltz** (2022 and 2023 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball runners-up)
- **Evan Beck/Dan Walters** (2022 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball semifinalists)
- **Carter Loflin/Wells Williams** (2022 and 2023 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball semifinalists)
- **Sampson Zheng/Aaron Du** (2023 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball champions: Both members of side among top 400 points leaders in World Amateur Golf Ranking)
- **Cohen Trolio/Joseph Deraney** (Both members of side among top 400 points leaders in World Amateur Golf Ranking)
- **Hunter Swanson/Maxwell Lange** (2023 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball quarterfinalists)
- **Jeff Koch/Simon Miller** (Special Exemption by the USGA)

- **Maxwell Scodro/Charles Waddell** (Special Exemption by the USGA)
- **Jackson Herrington/Blades Brown** (2023 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball quarterfinalists)
- **Alejandro Villavicencio/Gabriel Palacios** (Both members among the top 400 points leaders in the World Amateur Golf Ranking)
- **Bryce Haney/Tyler Goecke** (2023 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball semifinalists)
- **Nate Menon/Ethan Ng** (Both members among the top 400 points leaders in the World Amateur Golf Ranking)
- **William Sides/Zach Kingsland** (2023 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball quarterfinalists)

2023 CHAMPIONSHIP

University of California-Berkeley teammates Aaron Du and Sampson Zheng, of the People's Republic of China, defeated Drew Kittleson and Drew Stoltz, 2 and 1, to claim the 8th U.S. Amateur Four-Ball title at Kiawah Island (S.C.) Club's Cassique. It was the second consecutive championship-match defeat for Kittleson, the 2008 U.S. Amateur runner-up, and Stoltz, a Sirius/XM PGA Tour Radio host. Du and Zheng were competing just days after the Golden Bears had narrowly missed qualifying for the NCAA Championships in Arizona.

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.

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.

2022: Chad Wilfong & Davis Womble def. Drew Kittleson & Drew Stoltz (19 holes); Birmingham Country Club, Birmingham, Ala.

2023: Aaron Du & Sampson Zheng def. Drew Kittleson & Drew Stoltz, 2 and 1; Kiawah Island (S.C.) Club (Cassique Course)

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT THE PHILADELPHIA CRICKET CLUB

- 1907, 1910 U.S. Opens

OTHER NOTABLE CHAMPIONSHIPS AT THE PHILADELPHIA CRICKET CLUB

- 2019 Big Ten Men's Championship (Team: University of Illinois; Individual: Adrien Dumont de Chassart, Illinois & Angus Flanagan, Minnesota)
- 2017 Philadelphia Amateur (Gregor Orlando)
- 2016 Constellation Senior Players Championship (Bernhard Langer)
- 2016 Philadelphia PGA Section Championship (Jordan Gibbs)
- 2015 PGA Professional National Championship (Matt Dobyns)
- 2004 Philadelphia Amateur (Scott Ehrlich)
- 2004 Philadelphia PGA Section Championship (Terry Hertzog)
- 2003 Philadelphia PGA Section Championship (Terry Hatch)
- 1998 Pennsylvania Open (Stu Ingraham)
- 1983 Pennsylvania Open (Jay Sigel)
- 1978 Philadelphia PGA Section Championship (Terry Hatch)
- 1971 Philadelphia Amateur (Don Morano)
- 1969 Pennsylvania Open (Jay Sigel)
- 1963 Philadelphia Amateur (John G. Hendrickson)
- 1956 Philadelphia Amateur (Howard Everitt)
- 1946 Philadelphia Amateur (John Markel)
- 1940 Philadelphia Amateur (William J. Platt)
- 1931 Pennsylvania Open (Felix Serafin)
- 1911 Philadelphia Amateur (Albert H. Smith)
- 1904 Philadelphia Amateur (Harold B. MacFarland)
- 1900 Philadelphia Amateur (Fergus M. Mackle)

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN PENNSYLVANIA

This will be the 91st USGA championship and first U.S. Amateur Four-Ball contested in Pennsylvania. The Keystone State features a number of historic venues, including Merion Golf Club, which has hosted more USGA championships than any other site in the country (19), including three U.S. Opens, six U.S. Amateurs, four U.S. Women's Amateurs and a pair of Curtis Cups. Not far behind, Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club is tied for second-most hosted USGA championships, leading the nation in the number of U.S. Opens held (9), which combined with a pair of U.S. Women's Opens and six editions of the U.S. Amateur, total 17 championships, a figure matched only by The Country Club in Brookline, Mass.

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.

FUTURE SITES

May 17-21, 2025: Plainfield Country Club, Edison, N.J.

May 16-20, 2026: Desert Mountain Club, Scottsdale, Ariz.

TBD, 2037: Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, Bandon, Ore.

PHOTO MEDIA SERVICE

The USGA will offer daily complimentary high-resolution photographs during the U.S. Amateur Four-Ball for news use only via the USGA Content Hub. The Content Hub requires a one-time, free registration, after which photo and video from all championship becomes available to any user. For more information and to register, contact agodoy@usga.org.

MEDIA OPERATIONS/SERVICE

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Profiles featuring information submitted by each player in the field can be accessed by visiting playerprofiles.usga.org. Media account registration is required. [Click here](#) to register.

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