



## 3rd U.S. Adaptive Open Championship – Fact Sheet

July 8-10, 2024, Sand Creek Station, Newton, Kan.

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### COURSE

Sand Creek Station was designed by Jeffrey D. Brauer and is a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. It takes its name from the Sand Creek, which borders several holes, and the town’s long history as a stop on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway. The course hosted the 2014 U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship.

### PAR AND YARDAGE

Sand Creek Station will be set up to five separate yardages, for gender and impairment level.

Yardage	Color	Men’s Categories	Women’s Categories
6,499	Blue	Upper Limb Impairment (1), Intellectual Impairment (1), Lower Limb Impairment, Multiple Limb Amputee (1), Neurological Impairment (1), Short Stature (1)	--
5,987	White	Upper Limb Impairment (2), Intellectual Impairment (2), Multiple Limb Amputee (2), Neurological Impairment (2), Vision Impairment, Short Stature (2)	--
4,898	Red	Seated Players (1)	Upper Limb Impairment (1), Intellectual Impairment (1), Lower Limb Impairment, Multiple Limb Amputee (1), Neurological Impairment (1)
4,398	Purple	Seated Players (2)	Upper Limb Impairment (2), Intellectual Impairment (2), Neurological Impairment (2), Vision Impairment
3,812	Yellow	--	Seated Players (1)

## WHO CAN ENTER

The championship is open to any professional or amateur golfer with a Handicap Index® not exceeding 36.4 who has an eligible impairment confirmed by a WR4GD Pass. Entries closed on Apr. 10. The USGA accepted 278 entries for the third playing of this championship.

## QUALIFYING/FIELD COMPOSITION

Qualifying for the 2024 U.S. Adaptive Open Championship took place at six U.S. sites between Apr. 15 – May 31. To view a full list of qualifying results, visit [usga.org](https://www.usga.org).

In addition to qualifiers, the field is composed of 22 exempt players and seven committee selections.

The field includes 96 players, with spots reserved for at least four male players and two female players per impairment category. Impairment categories are:

- Upper Limb Impairment
- Lower Limb Impairment
- Multiple Limb Amputee
- Vision Impairment
- Intellectual Impairment
- Neurological Impairment
- Seated Players
- Short Stature

## EXEMPTIONS

A total of 22 players were fully exempt into the 2024 U.S. Adaptive Open:

- Kurtis Barkley (3)
- Bailey Bish (2)
- Mike Browne (2, 3)
- Amanda Cunha (2, 3)
- Abigail Davis (3)
- Anton Glass (2)
- Ann Hayes (3)
- Ryanne Jackson (1, 2, 3)
- Kiefer Jones (3)
- Brendan Lawlor (6)
- Simon Lee (1, 2, 3)
- Rasmus Lia (2)
- Evan Mathias (3)
- Kim Moore (1, 2, 3)
- Wayne Perske (6)
- Chad Pfeifer (6)
- Kipp Popert (1, 2, 3, 5, 6)
- Juan Postigo (6)
- Natasha Stasiuk (2, 3, 4)
- Max Togisala (3)
- Chris Willis (4)
- Lachlan Wood (6)

## **Key to Player Exemptions**

- 1) Overall Winners of the U.S. Adaptive Open Championship (five-year exemption)
- 2) From the 2023 U.S. Adaptive Open Championship, the five lowest overall female scores and the five lowest overall male scores, plus ties
- 3) From the 2023 U.S. Adaptive Open Championship, the lowest female scorer and lowest male scorer from each Impairment Category, plus ties
- 4) Overall male champion and overall female champion from the 2023 Canadian All Abilities Championship, presented by BDO (Chris Willis and Natasha Stasiuk)
- 5) Overall male champion and overall female champion from The 2024 G4D Open
- 6) From the current WR4GD Gross Ranking – the top 10 men's point leaders and ties, and the top five females and ties, as of Apr. 3 (one week before entries close)

## **ABOUT THE U.S. ADAPTIVE OPEN**

Now in its third edition, this national championship showcases the world's best golfers with disabilities. The U.S. Adaptive Open Championship serves as the USGA's 15th national championship, showcasing and celebrating the adaptive golf community by providing them the stage to achieve their dreams and compete for a national championship.

## **SCHEDULE OF PLAY**

Eighteen holes of stroke play are scheduled each day on July 10 (Monday) through July 12 (Wednesday). This year's championship will administer a cut for the first time, with the cut being made by low score (top 20 and ties for men, top 10 and ties for women), top three men and ties and top two women and ties from each impairment category, plus any player within five strokes of their impairment category leader, after two rounds.

## **COVERAGE**

Golf Channel will expand coverage of the 3rd U.S. Adaptive Open at Sand Creek to include live reports from Andy Stevenson, near real-time highlight packages, player features produced by Golf Channel Films, and player interviews during Golf Today (1 to 3 p.m. EDT) and Golf Central (5 to 6 p.m. EDT) on Golf Channel from July 8-10. The final 30 minutes of Wednesday's Golf Central will be dedicated to covering the U.S. Adaptive Open with live coverage of the trophy ceremony.

In addition, the USGA will have in-depth coverage on [usga.org](https://www.usga.org) that will include live scoring, video highlights, course information, written features, photos and video features, as well as daily highlight packages on its [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8vXp1vXp1vXp1vXp1vXp1v) channel.

## **WHAT THE WINNER RECEIVES**

Both a male and female overall champion will be crowned.

- Gold medal and custody of the U.S. Open Adaptive Open Trophy for one year
- Exemption into future U.S. Adaptive Opens (5 years for overall champion, one year for each impairment category winner)
- Name inscribed on a plaque recognizing all 2024 USGA champions that will reside in the Hall of Champions at the USGA Golf Museum

## **USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT SAND CREEK STATION**

2014 U.S. Amateur Public Links: Byron Meth def. Doug Ghim, 37 holes

## USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN KANSAS

This will be the 23rd USGA championship contested in Kansas.

**Prairie Dunes C.C.**, Hutchinson (8)  
1964, 1980, 1991 Women's Amateur  
1986 Curtis Cup  
1988 Mid-Amateur  
1995 Senior Amateur  
2002 Women's Open  
2006 Senior Open

**Flint Hills National G.C.**, Andover (3)  
2001 Women's Amateur  
2007 Senior Amateur  
2017 Junior Amateur

**Wichita C.C.**, Wichita (3)  
1955 Women's Open  
1969 Senior Amateur  
2010 Women's Mid-Amateur

**Crestview C.C.**, Wichita (2)  
1980, 1991 Girls' Junior

**Alvamar G.C.**, Lawrence  
1982 Women's Amateur Public Links

**Indian Hills C.C.**, Mission Hills  
2001 Girls' Junior

**Leavenworth C.C.**, Lansing  
1964 Girls' Junior

**Milburn G. & C.C.**, Overland Park  
1960 Junior Amateur

**Rolling Hills C.C.**, Wichita  
1950 Women's Open (conducted by LPGA)

**Sand Creek Station**, Newton  
2014 Amateur Public Links

## FUTURE U.S. ADAPTIVE OPEN SITES

July 7-9, 2025: Woodmont Country Club (Rockville, Md.)

July 6-8, 2026: Woodmont Country Club (Rockville, Md.)

## PHOTO MEDIA SERVICE

The USGA will offer daily complimentary high-resolution photographs during the U.S. Adaptive Open for editorial use only. Please register at [contenthub.usga.org](https://contenthub.usga.org) for access.

## MEDIA OPERATIONS

Please contact Jonathan Coe for more information regarding your U.S. Adaptive Open coverage.

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All information regarding the U.S. Adaptive Open will be available at [usga.org](https://usga.org) and [mediacenter.usga.org](https://mediacenter.usga.org). For more information about the USGA, visit [usga.org](https://usga.org).

Applications for media credentials for the 2024 U.S. Adaptive Open are available at [mediacenter.usga.org/credentials](https://mediacenter.usga.org/credentials).