



6th U.S. SENIOR WOMEN’S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP – FACT SHEET

Aug. 1-4, 2024, Fox Chapel Golf Club, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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PAR AND YARDAGE

Fox Chapel Golf Club will be set up at 5,964 yards and will play to a par of 36-35—71. 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	4	5	3	4	4	3	4	5	4	36
Yards	382	461	158	412	324	160	279	457	391	3,024

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	3	5	35
Yards	363	138	321	354	326	352	367	185	534	2,940

THE COURSE

Seth Raynor, who took his inspiration from the best holes in Scotland and Europe, designed Fox Chapel Golf Club, which opened for play in 1923. Brian Silva renovated the course in 2001 and Fazio Design completed an extensive restoration in 2020 that re-introduced a variety of original greens and bunkers. The historic Brandon Smith and Alden/Harlow Clubhouse is a registered architectural landmark that underwent major improvements in 2016.

COURSE RATING AND SLOPE – Based on the course setup for the championship, the Course Rating™ is 76.4. The Slope Rating® is 136.

WHO CAN ENTER

The championship is open to any female professional or amateur golfer who is 50 years of age or older as of Aug. 1, 2024. An amateur is eligible with a Handicap Index® not exceeding 7.4.

ENTRIES

The USGA accepted 404 entries for the 2024 U.S. Senior Women’s Open. More than 400 entries were accepted for the second consecutive year. The record was established in 2018, when 462 golfers applied to play in the inaugural championship at Chicago Golf Club, in Wheaton, Ill.

QUALIFYING

In 2024, qualifying was held at 16 sites around the country between June 4 and July 11. Qualifying sites were scheduled in 15 states, including two in California, and were conducted over 18 holes.

CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD

The starting field of 120 golfers will be cut after 36 holes to the low 50 scorers and ties.

SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Eighteen holes of stroke play are scheduled each day from Thursday, Aug. 1, through Sunday, Aug. 4. In the case of a tie after 72 holes, a two-hole aggregate playoff will commence immediately after the conclusion of the fourth round.

TELEVISION COVERAGE

NBCUniversal will provide live broadcast coverage of the final two rounds of the 6th U.S. Senior Women's Open Championship. Rolex is the exclusive presenting partner of coverage for six USGA Championships in 2024, including the U.S. Senior Women's Open. Rolex's commitment will allow an uninterrupted broadcast of these championships, providing fans with hours of continuous live action. Peacock will provide live streaming on Saturday and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. EDT with Golf Channel re-airing the broadcast from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

<u>Date/Day</u>	<u>Time (Local/EDT)</u>	<u>Channel</u>	<u>Coverage</u>
Saturday, Aug. 3	2-5 p.m.	Peacock	Third Round
	8-11 p.m.	Golf Channel	Third Round (Tape)
Sunday, Aug. 4	2-5 p.m.	Peacock	Fourth Round
	8-11 p.m.	Golf Channel	Fourth Round (Tape)

2023 CHAMPION

Trish Johnson, 57, of England, posted a one-stroke victory over Leta Lindley in winning the 2023 U.S. Senior Women's Open at Waverley Country Club, in Portland, Ore. Johnson, who has played in all five championships, tied for second in 2019 and was third in 2018. Lindley, the runner-up for the second consecutive year, and Catriona Matthew, who finished third at 2-under 286, were locked in a three-way battle with the champion right down to the last hole. Johnson closed with an even-par 72, following a third-round 67, to finish with a 72-hole score of 4-under-284. She broke free of the pack on the par-4 15th by delivering a wedge to tap-in range and then made a 15-foot birdie on No. 16 to pull two strokes clear. Annika Sorenstam, the 2021 champion, birdied the final two holes to finish at even-par 288 and tied for fourth with Moira Dunn-Bohls.

WHAT THE WINNER RECEIVES

Among the benefits enjoyed by the U.S. Senior Women's Open winner are:

- ▶ A U.S. Senior Women's Open exemption for the next 10 years
- ▶ An exemption into the 2025 U.S. Women's Open Championship at Erin Hills, in Erin, Wis.
- ▶ Custody of U.S. Senior Women's Open Trophy for one year and a gold medal

CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

This is the 6th U.S. Senior Women's Open Championship. The USGA announced the establishment of the championship On Feb. 6, 2015.

In 2018, World Golf of Famer Laura Davies, of England, posted a 10-stroke victory over Juli Inkster en route to winning the inaugural title at historic Chicago Golf Club. Helen Alfredsson, of Sweden, took home the trophy the following year before the championship was canceled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2021, three-time U.S. Women's Open champion Annika Sorenstam, of Sweden, produced a wire-to-wire victory in her first year of eligibility at Brooklawn Country Club, in Fairfield Conn. Jill McGill became the first American to win the championship in 2022. Her one-stroke triumph at NCR Club in Kettering, Ohio, was her third USGA title. Last year, Trish Johnson claimed the title by a single stroke over Lindley, who finished runner-up for the second consecutive time.

PURSE

The 2023 purse was \$1 million; the winner earned \$180,000. The 2024 purse will be announced at a later date.

2024 U.S. SENIOR WOMEN'S OPEN NOTES

- ▶ Fox Chapel Golf Club will host its fourth USGA championship and first U.S. Senior Women's Open
- ▶ This will be the 94th USGA championship to be contested in the state of Pennsylvania
- ▶ Laura Davies and Annika Sorenstam are the only players to win the U.S. Women's Open and U.S. Senior Women's Open championships
- ▶ Pittsburgh area native Carol Semple Thompson made a 27-foot birdie putt that secured the USA victory in the 2002 Curtis Cup Match at Fox Chapel Golf Club

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT FOX CHAPEL GOLF CLUB

This will be the first U.S. Senior Women's Open and fourth USGA championship to be conducted at Fox Chapel Golf Club.

In 1965, Robert B Kiersky, 57, of Oakmont, Pa, defeated George C. Beechler on the 19th hole of the U.S. Senior Amateur final. Kiersky two-putted for par on the 405-yard extra hole, but his opponent was short with his approach that led to a bogey. Each finalist upended U.S. Senior Amateur champions in the semifinals.

Michiko Hattori, 16, of Japan, registered a 5-and-4 decision over Cheryl Stacy in the final of 1985 U.S. Women's Amateur. Hattori, who won the title on her first attempt, became the youngest champion in 14 years and the first international winner in seven years. Stacy held a 1-up lead through 13 holes in the morning round but then bogeyed three of the last four holes. Hattori held off a string of four birdies by Stacy on the outward nine in the afternoon. The champion birdied No. 28 for a 2-up advantage and then parred the next four holes to close out the victory.

Carol Semple Thompson, playing in her record 12th Curtis Cup Match, sank a 27-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole to secure the USA's 11-7 victory over Great Britain and Ireland in 2002. The USA had a comfortable lead after the first day, but GB&I posted two victories in second-day foursomes to slice the deficit to 8-4. Needing 5½ points in afternoon singles to claim victory, GB&I was at one point leading in four matches and tied in the

remaining two. Meredith Duncan, the 2001 U.S. Women's Amateur champion, gave the USA its 10th point with her second singles win in the Match and Laura Myerscough rebounded from 5 down for a 2-up triumph. GB&I's Rebecca Hudson, competing in her third Curtis Cup, won twice in singles.

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT FOX CHAPEL GOLF CLUB

1965 U.S. Senior Amateur: Robert B. Kiersky def. George C. Beechler, 19 holes

1985 U.S. Women's Amateur: Michiko Hattori def. Cheryl Stacy, 5 and 4

2002 Curtis Cup Match: USA def. Great Britain & Ireland, 11-7

OTHER CHAMPIONSHIPS AT FOX CHAPEL GOLF CLUB

2012 Senior Players Championship: Joe Daley by two strokes over Tom Lehman, 266-268

2013 Senior Players Championship: Kenny Perry by five strokes over Fred Funk, 261-266

2014 Senior Players Championship: Bernhard Langer def. Jeff Sluman, 265-265 (2nd playoff hole)

Pennsylvania State Women's Amateur (1960, 1969, 1994)

Pennsylvania State Amateur (1934, 1938, 1949, 1963, 1971, 1992, 2004)

Pennsylvania State Open (1947, 1980)

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN PENNSYLVANIA

This will be the 94th USGA championship played in Pennsylvania and the first U.S. Senior Women's Open contested in the state. In 2024, the Quaker State also hosted the U.S. Women's Open at Lancaster Country Club and the U.S. Amateur Four-Ball at Philadelphia Cricket Club.

Recent USGA/Pennsylvania Championships (champion in parenthesis)

2014 U.S. Mid-Amateur, Saucon Valley C.C., Bethlehem (Scott Harvey)

2015 U.S. Women's Open, Lancaster C.C., Lancaster (In Gee Chun)

2016 U.S. Open, Oakmont C.C., Oakmont (Dustin Johnson)

2016 U.S. Women's Amateur, Rolling Green G.C., Springfield (Eun Jeong Seong)

2016 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur, Kahkwa Club, Erie (Julia Potter)

2016 U.S. Mid-Amateur, Stonewall, Elverson (Stewart Hagestad)

2021 U.S. Amateur, Oakmont C.C., Oakmont (James Piot)

2022 Curtis Cup Match, Merion G.C, Ardmore (USA)

2022 U.S. Senior Open, Saucon Valley C.C., Bethlehem (Padraig Harrington)

2023 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur, Stonewall, Elverson (Kimberly Dinh)

2024 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball, Philadelphia Cricket Club, Flourtown (Brian Blanchard, Sam Engel)

2024 U.S. Women's Open, Lancaster C.C., Lancaster (Yuka Saso)

LONGEST U.S. SENIOR WOMEN'S OPEN COURSES

6,279 yards, Chicago G.C., first round, Wheaton, Ill., 2018

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6,207 yards, NCR C.C. (South Course), third round, Kettering, Ohio, 2022

6,196 yards, Chicago G.C., third round, Wheaton, Ill., 2018

6,178 yards, Chicago G.C., fourth round, Wheaton, Ill., 2018

6,178 yards, NCR C.C. (South Course), fourth round, Kettering, Ohio, 2022

LONGEST PAR 3s in U.S. SENIOR WOMEN'S OPEN HISTORY

206 yards, 16th, third round, Waverley C.C., Portland, Ore., 2023
203 yards, 16th, second round, Waverley C.C., Portland, Ore., 2023
191 yards, 15th, third round, NCR C.C. (South Course), Kettering, Ohio, 2022
185 yards, 2nd, third round, Brooklawn C.C., Fairfield, Conn., 2021
185 yards, 13th, fourth round, NCR C.C. (South Course), Kettering, Ohio, 2022

LONGEST PAR 4s in U.S. SENIOR WOMEN'S OPEN HISTORY

428 yards, 12th, fourth round, NCR C.C. (South Course), Kettering, Ohio, 2022
405 yards, 9th, first round, Chicago G.C., Wheaton, Ill., 2018
401 yards, 9th, third round, Chicago G.C., Wheaton, Ill., 2018
401 yards, 14th, first round, Brooklawn C.C., Fairfield, Conn., 2021
401 yards, 14th, fourth round, Brooklawn C.C., Fairfield, Conn., 2021

LONGEST PAR 5s in U.S. SENIOR WOMEN'S OPEN HISTORY

546 yards, 7th, fourth round, Brooklawn C.C., Fairfield, Conn., 2021
540 yards, 7th, third round Brooklawn C.C., Fairfield, Conn., 2021
533 yards, 7th, first round, Brooklawn C.C., Fairfield, Conn., 2021
533 yards, 8th, second round, Waverley C.C., Portland, Ore., 2023
533 yards, 8th, third round, Waverley C.C., Portland, Ore., 2023

WINNERS OF U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN AND U.S. SENIOR WOMEN'S OPEN

Laura Davies (1987 U.S. Women's Open; 2018 U.S. Senior Women's Open)
Annika Sorenstam (1985, 1996, 2006 U.S. Women's Open; 2021 U.S. Senior Women's Open)

THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED AT THE U.S. SENIOR WOMEN'S OPEN

Trish Johnson – the last international winner (2023)
Jill McGill – the last to win on her first attempt (2022)
Helen Alfredsson – the last to win on her second attempt (2019)
Annika Sorenstam – the last start-to-finish winner with ties (2021)
Laura Davies – the last winner to birdie the 72nd hole (2018)
Jill McGill – the last winner without a round in the 60s (2022)
None – the last winner with all rounds in the 60s
None – the last defending champion to miss the cut
None – the last winner to come through qualifying

FUTURE SITES IN THIS DECADE

Aug. 21-24, 2025: San Diego Country Club, Chula Vista, Calif.
2026: TBD
Aug. 19-22, 2027: Tacoma Country & Golf Club, Lakewood, Wash.
2028: TBD
2029: TBD

CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

The U.S. Senior Women's Open Championship was announced in 2015 in recognition of the growth of women's golf and the increasing number of worthy age-eligible competitors from around the world. Made of sterling silver, the trophy celebrates the accomplishments of its competitors as well as the opportunity this championship represents. Its design elements include olive leaves, which symbolize intergenerational inspiration; the USGA seal, marking the organization's longstanding commitment to the game of golf; a pineapple crown, signifying that the championship is open to all; and round beads encircling the base that denote femininity and honor the significant role women have played in the game's history. Designed and produced by

Nicholas Winton, Ltd., of Cheshire, England, the trophy stands 22 inches tall, is 12 inches from handle to handle and weighs 13 pounds, making it the heaviest of the five USGA Open championship trophies.

CONTENT HUB

Championship images, videos and audio files are available complimentary to media for usage in editorial coverage of the 2024 U.S. Senior Women's Open courtesy of the USGA through the [Content Hub](#). A one-time [registration](#) is required.

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