



69th U.S. Senior Amateur Championship – Fact Sheet

Aug. 24-29, 2024

The Honors Course, Ooltewah, Tenn.

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PAR AND YARDAGE

The Honors Course will be set up at 6,836 yards and will play to a par of 36-36-72. The yardage for each round of the championship will vary due to course setup and conditions.

THE HONORS COURSE HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	5	3	4	4	5	4	3	4	36
Yards	400	548	182	431	422	541	408	170	360	3,462

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	5	4	4	3	4	3	5	4	36
Yards	417	565	354	391	150	421	161	495	420	3,374

THE COURSE

The Honors Course was designed by Pete Dye and opened for play on July 2, 1983. The course sits at the foot of the White Oak Mountain, near Chattanooga. The club was founded by Coca-Cola bottling heir Jack Lupton and its mission is focused on amateur golf. The property has a rich history of archaeological treasure dating to the Cherokee Indians in the 1500's. The land was later sold to the Chattanooga Dupont Plant and in 1912 became known as Atlas Powder Company, a spin-off of Dupont's munitions operation. A fatal explosion ended all powder manufacturing at the site in 1945.

COURSE RATING AND SLOPE

Based on the course setup for the championship, the Course Rating™ for The Honors Course is 74.4 and its Slope Rating® is 154.

WHO CAN ENTER

The championship is open to any amateur golfer who is 55 years old by Aug. 24 with a Handicap Index® not exceeding 5.4.

ENTRIES

The USGA accepted 2,762 entries for the 2024 U.S. Senior Amateur Championship, the second-highest total in championship history. The record of 2,865 was established in 2022.

QUALIFYING

Qualifying, conducted over 18 holes, was held from July 1-Aug. 7. There were 50 sites in 43 U.S. states. California and Florida had the most, with three qualifying sites apiece, while Texas has two qualifiers.

SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Practice rounds will take place Aug. 22-23. The starting field of 156 players will play two rounds of stroke play, with the low 64 scorers advancing to match play. The schedule is as follows:

Aug. 24 (Saturday): First round, stroke play

Aug. 25 (Sunday): Second round, stroke play

Aug. 26 (Monday): Round of 64, match play

Aug. 27 (Tuesday): Round of 32 and Round of 16, match play

Aug. 28 (Wednesday): Quarterfinal and semifinal rounds, match play

Aug. 29 (Thursday): Championship match (18 holes)

ADMISSION

Admission is free. Tickets are not needed for this USGA championship, and fans are welcome to attend.

1,000 USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS – The USGA conducted its 1,000th championship with the playing of the 2024 U.S. Open at Pinehurst Resort & Country Club's Course No. 2. The first was held at Newport (R.I.) Country Club when Charles B. Macdonald won the 1895 U.S. Amateur. The 2024 U.S. Senior Amateur will be the 1,008th. There have been 744 champions, which includes 163 multiple winners (88 men, 75 women) and 134 international-born titleholders prior to this week. Bob Jones and Tiger Woods are the all-time individual leaders with nine championships. JoAnne Gunderson Carner has won the most championships by a woman with eight.

2023 CHAMPION

Todd White, a high school history teacher and boys' and girls' golf coach at Spartanburg (S.C.) High School, defeated Jody Fanagan, 4 and 3, to claim the Frederick L. Dold Trophy as the champion of the 2023 U.S. Senior Amateur at Martis Camp Club, in Truckee, Calif. White, who captured the inaugural U.S. Amateur Four-Ball title with partner Nathan Smith in 2015 and was a member of the victorious 2013 USA Walker Cup Team, became the ninth stroke-play medalist to win the championship. He took the lead for good with an up-and-down birdie from a greenside bunker on the par-5 seventh that stopped inches from the flagstick. White held a 2-up advantage heading to the inward nine when his pitching-wedge approach landed 4 feet from the hole on No. 9. The 55-year-old from Spartanburg, would close out the match on the par-5 15th by delivering an uphill 264-yard, 5-wood to the back-right portion of the green. The 10-foot eagle putt was conceded and he was a USGA champion for a second time.

U.S. SENIOR AMATEUR NOTES

- ▶ The 69th U.S. Senior Amateur is the sixth USGA championship to be conducted at The Honors Course
- ▶ This is the 17th USGA championship and third U.S. Senior Amateur to be held in Tennessee
- ▶ The Honors Course will host the 2026 U.S. Women's Amateur and 2031 U.S. Amateur
- ▶ In 1955, the first U.S. Senior Amateur was played at Belle Meade C.C., in Nashville, Tenn.

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT THE HONORS COURSE – Five USGA championships have previously been played at The Honors Course. Mitch Voges won four of the first seven holes en route to a 7-and-6 victory over Manny Zerman in the 1991 U.S. Amateur. Janice Moodie posted a 1-up decision against Carol Semple Thompson in the final singles match as Great Britain and Ireland tied the USA, 9-9, in the 28th Curtis Cup Match. GB&I retained the Cup with the tie by virtue of its victory in 1992. Kevin Marsh built a large lead after the first 18 holes in his 2005 U.S. Mid-Amateur triumph, a 10-9 decision over Carlton Forrester. In 2011, Terri Frohnmayer posted a 2-and-1 win over Mina Hardin to capture the U.S. Senior Women's Amateur. Min Woo Lee made a 3½-foot championship-clinching par putt following a 47-minute weather delay to defeat Noah Goodwin, 2 and 1, in the 2016 U.S. Junior Amateur. He joined his sister, Minjee, as a USGA champion as she won the 2012 U.S. Girls' Junior. They are the only brother-sister tandem to win USGA Junior titles.

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT THE HONORS COURSE

1991 U.S. Amateur: Mitch Voges def. Manny Zerman, 7 and 6

1994 Curtis Cup Match: USA and Great Britain and Ireland tied, 9-9

2005 U.S. Mid-Amateur: Kevin Marsh def. Carlton Forrester, 10 and 9

2011 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur: Terri Frohnmayer def. Mina Hardin, 2 and 1

2016 U.S. Junior Amateur: Min Woo Lee def. Noah Goodwin, 2 and 1

FUTURE USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT THE HONORS COURSE

Aug. 3-9, 2026 - U.S. Women's Amateur

Aug. 11-17, 2031 - U.S. Amateur

OTHER CHAMPIONSHIPS HOSTED BY THE HONORS COURSE

Southern Amateur (1986, 2004, 2014)

Tennessee State Amateur (1989, 1999, 2009, 2019)

Tennessee State Women's Amateur (1987, 2008, 2018)

NCAA Division I Men's Championship (1996, 2010)

Palmer Cup (1999)

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN TENNESSEE

This will be the 17th USGA championship played in Tennessee and the third U.S. Senior Amateur contested in the state. J. Wood Platt won the first U.S. Senior Amateur in 1955, which was played at Belle Meade Country Club, in Nashville. In 1959, J. Clark Espie claimed the second of his two Senior Amateur titles at Memphis Country Club.

Recent USGA Championships in Tennessee (champion in parentheses)

2004 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur, Holston Hills C.C., Knoxville (Corey Weworski)

2005 U.S. Mid-Amateur, The Honors Course, Ooltewah (Kevin Marsh)

2011 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur, The Honors Course, Ooltewah (Terri Frohnmayer)

2015 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur, Hillwood C.C., Nashville (Karen Garcia)

2016 U.S. Junior Amateur, The Honors Course, Ooltewah (Min Woo Lee)

2018 U.S. Women's Amateur, The G.C. of Tennessee, Kingston Springs (Kristen Gillman)

RECENT U.S. SENIOR AMATEURS IN SOUTHEAST REGION

Years, Courses and Winners

2010: Lake Nona G. & C.C., Orlando, Fla. (Paul Simson)

2011: Kinloch G.C., Manakin-Sabot, Va. (Louis Lee)

2013: Wade Hampton G.C., Cashiers, N.C. (Doug Hanzel)

2019: Old Chatham G.C., Durham, N.C. (Bob Royak)

EXEMPT PLAYERS: A total of 38 players are fully exempt into the 2024 U.S. Senior Amateur based on performances in USGA championships and other elite amateur competitions, or by being in the top 10 (April 13) or top 25 (June 19) age-eligible points leaders of the World Amateur Golf Ranking®/WAGR®.

Kenneth Brewer (WAGR top 25 age-eligible)

Jon Brown (WAGR top 25 age-eligible)

Ronnie Clark (WAGR top 25 age-eligible)

Mike Combs (WAGR top 25 age-eligible)

Stephen Creed (WAGR top 25 age-eligible)

Nathaniel Crosby (Winners of U.S. Amateur prior to 1992, 15 years from when player becomes age eligible)

Mike Crowe (WAGR top 25 age-eligible)

Craig Davis (WAGR top 25 age-eligible)

Austin Eaton (Winner of U.S. Mid-Amateur in first year of eligibility)

Gene Elliott (2021 U.S. Senior Amateur champion)

Jody Fanagan (2023 U.S. Senior Amateur runner-up)

Jeff Frazier (2022 U.S. Senior Amateur semifinalist)

Jerry Gunthorpe (2021 U.S. Senior Amateur runner-up)

Randy Haag (WAGR top 25 age-eligible)

Jack Hall (WAGR top 25 age-eligible)

Doug Hanzel (2013 U.S. Senior Amateur champion, 2022 U.S. Senior Amateur runner-up, 2023 Canadian Men's Senior Amateur champion, WAGR top 10 age-eligible, WAGR top 25 age-eligible)

Mike Henry (2023 U.S. Senior Amateur quarterfinalist)

Tim Hogarth (WAGR top 25 age-eligible)

Curtis Holck (2023 U.S. Senior Amateur quarterfinalist)

John Kemp (WAGR top 25 age-eligible)

Sean Knapp (2017 U.S. Senior Amateur champion)

Jack Larkin Sr. (WAGR top 10 age-eligible, WAGR top 25 age-eligible)

Jon Lindstrom (WAGR top 10 age-eligible, WAGR top 25 age-eligible)

Chip Lutz (2015 U.S. Senior Amateur champion, WAGR top 25 age-eligible)

Miles McConnell (WAGR top 10 age-eligible, WAGR top 25 age-eligible)

Michael McCoy (USGA special exemption)

Roger Newsom (2023 U.S. Senior Amateur semifinalist)

Joe Palmer (2023 U.S. Senior Amateur quarterfinalist, WAGR top 25 age-eligible)

Brent Paterson (2023 Senior British Amateur champion)

Bob Royak (2019 U.S. Senior Amateur champion, 2022 & 2023 U.S. Senior Amateur semifinalista, WAGR top 10 age-eligible, WAGR top 25 age-eligible)

Dave Ryan (2016 U.S. Senior Amateur champion)

Paul Simson (USGA special exemption)

Rick Stimmel (WAGR top 10 age-eligible, WAGR top 25 age-eligible)

Rusty Strawn (2022 U.S. Senior Amateur champion)

Matt Sughrue (2023 U.S. Senior Amateur quarterfinalist, WAGR top 10 age-eligible, WAGR top 25 age-eligible)

Todd White (2023 U.S. Senior Amateur champion, 2024 Senior British Amateur champion)

Jeff Wilson (2018 U.S. Senior Amateur champion)

WHAT THE CHAMPION RECEIVES

Among the benefits received by the 2024 U.S. Senior Amateur champion are:

- ▶ A gold medal and custody of the Frederick L. Dold Trophy for the ensuing year
- ▶ An exemption from qualifying for the 2025 U.S. Senior Open Championship at The Broadmoor (if still an amateur)
- ▶ An exemption from qualifying for the 2025 and 2026 U.S. Amateur Championships
- ▶ An exemption from qualifying for the next 10 U.S. Senior Amateur Championships
- ▶ An exemption from qualifying for the 2024 and 2025 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship
- ▶ An exemption from local qualifying for the 2025 U.S. Open Championship

CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

The U.S. Senior Amateur Championship trophy was donated in 1955 by Frederick L. Dold, of Wichita, Kan., who had retired from the USGA Executive Committee after five years of service. The art-deco trophy, produced by Rogers Brothers, features a gold-plated stem with blue enamel and a distinctive hand-hammered bowl. The trophy serves as an iconic representation of the championship and a fitting tribute to its champions.

CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

This is the 69th U.S. Senior Amateur Championship. The Senior Amateur, for amateur golfers of at least 55 years of age, debuted in 1955.

The addition of the U.S. Senior Amateur gave the USGA twice as many championships as it had conducted before World War II, when there were just four: the U.S. Amateur, U.S. Open, and U.S. Women's Amateur, all started in 1895, and U.S. Amateur Public Links (1922). From World War II through 1955, the USGA added four championships: the U.S. Junior Amateur (1948), U.S. Girls' Junior (1949), U.S. Women's Open (1953) and U.S. Senior Amateur (1955). The USGA now conducts 15 national championships, 10 of which are exclusively for amateurs.

The first U.S. Senior Amateur, at Belle Meade Country Club, in Nashville, Tenn., received 370 entries from 30 states and the District of Columbia. J. Wood Platt, 56, an eight-time Philadelphia Amateur champion, defeated George Studinger, of San Francisco, Calif., 5 and 4, in the final.

In 1959, J. Clark Espie, who had won in 1957, became the U.S. Senior Amateur's first two-time champion. Lewis W. Oehmig, a record six-time finalist, is the only three-time champion (1972, 1976, 1985). Oehmig is also credited as the oldest U.S. Senior Amateur champion, winning the title in 1985 at age 69.

A total of 14 players have won the championship multiple times, most recently Paul Simson (2010, 2012). Three players have won the championship in consecutive years, including William C. Campbell in 1979 and 1980.

FUTURE U.S. SENIOR AMATEUR HOST SITES IN THIS DECADE

Aug. 23-28, 2025: Biltmore Forest Country Club, Asheville, N.C.
 Aug. 29-Sept. 3, 2026: Baltimore Country Club (East Course), Baltimore, Md.
 Aug. 28-Sept. 2, 2027: Seattle (Wash.) Golf Club
 Aug. 26-31, 2028: Oak Hills Country Club, San Antonio, Texas
 Aug. 25-30, 2029: The Omni Homestead Resort (Cascades Course), Hot Springs, Va.

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