



11th U.S. AMATEUR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP – FACT SHEET

May 16-20, 2026

Desert Mountain Club, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Cochise & Outlaw Courses

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PAR AND YARDAGE

The Cochise Course will be set up at 7,042 yards and play to a par of 36-35-71. The Outlaw Course, which will serve as the stroke-play co-host course for the first two days, will be set up at 7,114 yards and play to a par of 36-36-72.

(NOTE: Yardages subject to change.)

COCHISE COURSE HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	5	4	36
Yards	413	188	475	544	488	341	215	569	433	3,626

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	3	5	3	4	5	4	3	4	35
Yards	424	170	523	143	450	490	415	225	504	3,416

OUTLAW COURSE HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	5	4	3	4	3	4	4	5	36
Yards	413	552	512	217	369	180	432	470	541	3,693

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	4	3	5	4	3	5	4	4	36
Yards	338	357	210	616	338	163	532	382	462	3,421

ABOUT DESERT MOUNTAIN CLUB

Established in 1986, Desert Mountain Club features seven courses, six designed by World Golf Hall of Famer and 18-time major champion Jack Nicklaus. The club has the largest collection of private Jack Nicklaus Signature Courses in the world plus a

par-54 18-hole course. The private club and community extend across 8,300 acres of Sonoran Desert terrain set at an altitude of about 3,000 feet. Its unique collection of courses offers landscapes that range from dramatic elevation changes to rolling fairways reminiscent of Scottish links. The Cochise Course opened for play in 1988 and played host to The Tradition, the first major on the Champions Tour, for over a decade. The Scottish links style Outlaw Course opened in 2003.

ENTRIES

The championship is open to teams (or sides) of amateurs, with each player's Handicap Index® not exceeding 2.4. The deadline for entries was Aug. 7, 2025. There are no age restrictions and partners are not required to be from the same club, state or country. The USGA accepted 2,482 entries (4,964 players) for the 2026 championship. A record 2,638 entries were accepted in 2024.

QUALIFYING

Qualifying, conducted over 18 holes, was held at 52 sites nationwide between Aug. 20 and Dec. 22, 2025. [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. Five 18-hole rounds of match play will determine the champion.

SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Practice rounds will take place May 14 and 15, followed by the championship:

May 16 (Saturday): First round, stroke play

May 17 (Sunday): Second round, stroke play

May 18 (Monday): Round of 32, match play

May 19 (Tuesday): Round of 16 and quarterfinals, match play

May 20 (Wednesday): Semifinals and championship match, 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 2026 U.S. Amateur at Merion Golf Club, in Ardmore, Pa.
- Exemptions into the 2026 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 2026 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 seventeen sides or 34 players are fully exempt into the 2025 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball based on performances in USGA championships. 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. 7, 2025.

- Nathan Smith/Todd White (2015 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball champions)
- Benjamim Baxter/Andrew Buchanan (2016 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball champions)
- Scott Harvey/Todd Mitchell (2019 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball champions)
- Brian Blanchard/Sam Engel (2024 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball champions)
- Luke Colton/Tyler Mawhinney (Side with both players among the top 400 points leaders in the World Amateur Golf Ranking as of Aug. 6, 2025)
- Chad Wilfong/Davis Womble (2022 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball champions; 2025 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball quarterfinalists)
- Drew Kittleson/Drew Stoltz (2023 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball runners-up)
- Evan Beck/Dan Walters (2025 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball runners-up)
- Will Davenport/Mike Smith (2024 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball semifinalists)
- Trey Diehl/Mac Scott (2024 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball semifinalists)
- Chip Brooke/Marc Dull (2025 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball quarterfinalists)
- Carson Looney/Hunter Powell (2025 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball semifinalists)
- Kush Arora/Edan Cui (2025 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball quarterfinalists)
- Zach Foushee/Robbie Ziegler (2025 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball quarterfinalists)
- Jonathan Bale/Tomi Bowen (Side with both players among top 400 points leaders in World Amateur Golf Ranking as of Aug. 6, 2025)
- Andrew Bailey/Garrett Rank (Side with both players among the top 400 points leaders in the World Amateur Golf Ranking as of Aug. 6, 2025)
- Taylor Schmidt/Ty Travis (Special exemption from the USGA)

2025 CHAMPIONSHIP

Will Hartman, of Charlotte, N.C., and Tyler Mawhinney, of Fleming Island, Fla., became the first male golfers from the U.S. National Development Program to win a USGA title when they won the 2025 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship at Plainfield Country Club in Edison, N.J. The junior duo took down then reigning U.S. Mid-Amateur champion Evan Beck, of Virginia Beach, Va., and Dan Walters, of Winston-Salem, N.C., 3 and 1 in the final.

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 Golf Club (East Course), Mamaroneck, N.Y.

2017: Frankie Capan & Shuai Ming Wong def. Clark Collier & Kyle Hudelson, 2 and 1; Pinehurst Resort & Country Club (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)

2024: Brian Blanchard & Sam Engel def. Blades Brown & Jackson Herrington, 1 up; Philadelphia Cricket Club, Flourtown, Pa.

2025: Will Hartman & Tyler Mawhinney def. Evan Beck & Dan Walters, 3 and 1; Plainfield Country Club, Edison, N.J.

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT DESERT MOUNTAIN CLUB

1999 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur (Carole Semple Thompson)

NOTABLE CHAMPIONSHIPS AT DESERT MOUNTAIN CLUB

- Regions Tradition (1989-2001): Notable winners include Jack Nicklaus (4 times), Raymond Floyd, Lee Trevino
- Charles Schwab Cup Championship (2012, 2014-2016): Winners were Tom Lehman, Tom Pernice Jr., Billy Andrade and Paul Goydos
- Southwestern Amateur (2013-Present)
- Annual host of Desert Mountain Collegiate

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN ARIZONA

The 2026 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball will be the 18th USGA championship contested in the state of Arizona. The most recent championship in the state was the 2025 U.S. Mid-Amateur at Troon Country Club.

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 22-26, 2027: Erin Hills, Erin, Wis.

May 20-24, 2028: Chambers Bay, University Place, Wash.

TBD, 2029: Metedeconk National Golf Club, Jackson, N.J.

TBD, 2030: The Ridgewood Country Club, Paramus, N.J.

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 wredmond@usga.org.

MEDIA OPERATIONS/SERVICE

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