



11th U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship – Fact Sheet

May 16-20, 2026

Desert Mountain Club, Scottsdale, Ariz.

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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 7,090 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	448	341	215	571	433	3,628

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	3	5	3	4	5	4	3	4	35
Yards	423	170	523	142	450	562	415	225	504	3,414

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	219	369	180	432	470	541	3,688

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	466	3,402

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.

JACK NICKLAUS QUOTE

"I said for many years that Desert Mountain is one of the finest private clubs and residential golf facilities in the

country. There are six courses I had the pleasure of designing, and all of them present a different personality, flavor, and golf experience. One of the biggest contrasts will be between Cochise and Outlaw. Cochise is the fun, sporty course, but a good challenge that we played The Tradition on for years. For Outlaw, we did not move very much dirt, and the golf course is pretty much what the land dictated. I know both are very good golf courses and the players at the U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship will enjoy the challenges that both courses present."

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 was conducted over 18 holes 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, and the championship schedule is as follows:

- 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

Gold medals and custody of the U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Trophy for one year

- 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)
- 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 15 sides (or 30 players) are fully exempt into the 2026 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball based on performances in USGA championships. Two sides (4 players) gained exemption into the championship by being within 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
- **Brian Blanchard/Sam Engel:** 2024 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball champions
- **Luke Colton/Tyler Mawhinney:** Both players among the top 400 points leaders in the World Amateur Golf Ranking as of Aug. 7, 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 semi-finalists
- **Trey Diehl/Mac Scott:** 2024 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball semi-finalists
- **Chip Brooke/Marc Dull:** 2025 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball quarterfinalists
- **Carson Looney/Hunter Powell:** 2025 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball semi-finalists
- **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:** Both players among top 400 points leaders in World Amateur Golf Ranking as of Aug. 7, 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)

OTHER 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 CHAMPIONSHIP'S 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 side), with each golfer playing his or her own ball on each hole. At the end of each hole, the player with the lowest score determines the score for the side.
- Foursome matches are also played in pairs (one side against another side), but each pair plays with only one ball. In this format, also known as alternate shot, the players take 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.

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

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

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 championships become available to any user. For more information and to register, contact wredmond@usga.org.

MEDIA OPERATIONS/SERVICE

Please contact Will Redmond (wredmond@usga.org, 314-288-8190) for more information regarding your U.S. Amateur Four-Ball coverage.

The U.S. Amateur Four-Ball page on the online media center will include important and regularly updated championship information such as tee times, hole locations and player interview transcripts. It can be accessed directly at mediacenter.usga.org/us-amateur-four-ball.

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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