



## 79th U.S. Women's Open Championship Presented by Ally – Fact Sheet May 30-June 2, 2024, Lancaster (Pa.) Country Club

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### PAR AND YARDAGE

Lancaster Country Club will be set up at 6,629 yards and will play to a par of 35-35-70. 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   | 4   | 4   | 4   | 4   | 3   | 5   | 3   | 4   | 35    |
| Yards | 412 | 375 | 420 | 346 | 392 | 173 | 517 | 199 | 418 | 3,252 |

| Hole  | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | Total |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Par   | 4   | 4   | 3   | 5   | 4   | 4   | 4   | 3   | 4   | 35    |
| Yards | 444 | 417 | 183 | 521 | 403 | 439 | 357 | 176 | 437 | 3,377 |

### ARCHITECTS

Designed by William Flynn, the Old Course at Lancaster Country Club opened in 1920. Lancaster has three nine-hole courses, including Meadowcreek, Dogwood and the Highlands. The Old Course is comprised of the Meadowcreek and Dogwood nines. A course restoration was completed in 2007, under the guidance of Ron Forse and Jim Nagle.

### WHO CAN ENTER

The championship is open to any female professional and female amateur golfer with a Handicap Index® not exceeding 2.4. Entries open in February 2024.

### ENTRIES

Since 2014, the USGA has annually surpassed the 1,500 mark in entries, with a record 2,107 entries accepted for the 2023 U.S. Women's Open at Pebble Beach (Calif.) Golf Links. There were 1,874 entries for the 2022 championship at Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club, in Southern Pines, N.C. In 2015, 1,873 entries were accepted for the 2015 U.S. Women's Open at Lancaster Country Club.

### QUALIFYING

Qualifying, played over 36 holes, will be conducted at more than 20 U.S. and international sites in the months of April and May.

### CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD

The starting field of 156 golfers will be cut after 36 holes to the low 60 scorers (and ties).

## SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Eighteen holes of stroke play are scheduled each day from May 30 (Thursday) through June 2 (Sunday). In the event of a tie after 72 holes, a two-hole aggregate playoff will take place following the completion of Sunday's final round.

## TELEVISION COVERAGE

NBCUniversal (NBC, USA Network, Peacock) will provide live television coverage of all four rounds of the 79th U.S. Women's Open Championship. The broadcast schedule will be announced at a later date.

## 2023 CHAMPION

Allisen Corpuz, 25, of Kapolei, Hawaii, shot a final-round 69 for a 72-hole score of 9-under-par 279 to claim the 78th edition of the U.S. Women's Open by three strokes over Charley Hull, of England, and Jiyai Shin, of the Republic of Korea. Corpuz became the first American since Brittany Lang in 2016 to hoist the Harton S. Semple Trophy and only the seventh in the last 23 years. She also joined a long list of players to make the U.S. Women's Open their first win on the LPGA Tour, a group that includes World Golf Hall of Famers Annika Sorenstam and Laura Davies. Corpuz, who was the lone player in the field to post all four rounds under par, was stellar on the greens, registering 10 one-putts over the final 18 holes. She sank a clutch 16-footer for par on the par-3 12th and made birdies on holes 10, 14 and 15, without any putts longer than 10 feet. Bailey Tardy, the surprise 36-hole leader, and Nasa Hataoka, the 54-hole leader following a third-round 66, shared fourth at 3-under 285. Hull matched the week's best round with a 66 on the final day, with six birdies and an eagle on the par-5 second.

## WHAT THE WINNER RECEIVES

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

- A U.S. Women's Open exemption for the next 10 years
- An exemption to the next five Chevron Championships
- An exemption to the next five AIG Women's Opens
- An exemption to the next five KPMG Women's PGA Championships
- An exemption to the next five Amundi Evian Championships
- Custody of Harton S. Semple Trophy for one year, the Mickey Wright Medal and a replica trophy

## CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

This is the 79th U.S. Women's Open Championship. The first U.S. Women's Open, played at Spokane (Wash.) Country Club in 1946, was the only one conducted at match play. The Women's Professional Golfers Association (WPGA) conducted the inaugural championship, won by Patty Berg. The WPGA conducted the Women's Open until 1949, when the newly formed Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) took over operation of the championship. The LPGA ran the Women's Open for four years, but in 1953 asked the United States Golf Association to conduct the championship, which it has done ever since.

The youngest winners of the U.S. Women's Open are Inbee Park (2008) and Yuka Saso (2021). Each player captured the championship at the age of 19 years, 11 months, 17 days. Babe Didrikson Zaharias, who won the 1954 Women's Open at age 43 years, 6 months, is the oldest winner.

In 1967, Catherine Lacoste, daughter of French tennis player Rene Lacoste and 1927 British Ladies Amateur champion Simone Thion de la Chaume, became the only amateur to date to win the U.S. Women's Open. Seven other amateurs – most recently Hye-Jin Choi in 2017 – have finished as runner(s)-up.

In 2020, the championship was moved from its original June dates to mid-December due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. For the first time in U.S. Women's Open history, the championship was played on two courses (Cypress Creek Course and Jackrabbit Course at Champions Golf Club) to account for reduced daylight in December. The previous latest championship dates occurred when Babe Didrikson Zaharias was crowned the 1950 champion on Sept. 30.

## **PURSE**

The 2023 purse was \$11 million, the highest among women's golf's major championships; the winner earned \$2 million. The 2024 purse will be announced at a later date.

## **LANCASTER COUNTRY CLUB NOTES**

- Lancaster Country Club is hosting its second U.S. Women's Open Championship (2015, 2024)
- This will be the 10th U.S. Women's Open played in the state of Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania will host its 93rd USGA championship, the highest total of any state

## **USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT LANCASTER COUNTRY CLUB**

2015 U.S. Women's Open: In Gee Chun by one stroke over Amy Yang, 272-273

### **2015 U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN**

In Gee Chun, a 20-year-old from the Republic of Korea, produced one of the U.S. Women's Open's more improbable final-round performances. Chun's 4-under-par 66 over the 6,288-yard layout, which included three consecutive birdies from No. 15, was enough for a one-stroke victory over countrywoman and 54-hole leader Amy Yang. Chun posted a 72-hole total of 8-under 272 to match the championship's scoring record held by Hall of Famers Annika Sorenstam (1996) and Juli Inkster (1999). She also joined 2005 champion Birdie Kim, Kathy Cornelius (1956) and inaugural winner Patty Berg (1946) as players who claimed the Harton S. Semple Trophy in their first attempt. Chun hit her tee shot to within 4 feet on the par-3 17th to set up her third consecutive birdie and then watched as Yang missed a 10-foot par putt on the 72nd hole that would have forced a playoff. Inbee Park, a two-time U.S. Women's Open champion, and Stacy Lewis tied for third at 5-under 275.

## **USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN PENNSYLVANIA**

This will be the 93rd USGA championship and 10th U.S. Women's Open contested in Pennsylvania. In 2024, the U.S. Amateur Four-Ball will be played at Philadelphia Cricket Club and the U.S. Senior Women's Open will be held at Fox Chapel Golf Club, in Pittsburgh.

### **Recent USGA Championships in Pennsylvania**

2014 U.S. Mid-Amateur: Saucon Valley Country Club, Bethlehem (Scott Harvey)

2015 U.S. Women's Open: Lancaster Country Club, Lancaster (In Gee Chun)

2016 U.S. Open: Oakmont Country Club, Oakmont (Dustin Johnson)

2016 U.S. Women's Amateur: Rolling Green Golf Club, 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 Country Club, Oakmont (James Piot)

2022 Curtis Cup Match: Merion Golf Club, Ardmore (USA)

2022 U.S. Senior Open: Saucon Valley Country Club, Bethlehem (Padraig Harrington)

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

## **OTHER EVENTS AT LANCASTER COUNTRY CLUB**

Pennsylvania State Open (2002, 2007, 2018)  
Pennsylvania State Women's Amateur (1971, 1990, 2005, 2022)  
Pennsylvania State Amateur (1937, 1948, 1966, 1980, 1988, 1993, 2000, 2011)

### **LONGEST U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN COURSES**

7,026 yards, The Broadmoor (East Course), first round, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2011  
6,986 yards, The Broadmoor (East Course), third round, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2011  
6,944 yards, The Broadmoor (East Course), second round, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2011  
6,860 yards, The Broadmoor (East Course), fourth round, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2011  
6,799 yards, Blackwolf Run, second round, Kohler, Wis., 2012  
6,783 yards, CordeValle, first round, San Martin, Calif., 2016  
6,782 yards, Blackwolf Run, fourth round, Kohler, Wis., 2012

### **LONGEST PAR 3s IN U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN HISTORY**

257 yards, 8th, fourth round, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2010  
243 yards, 8th, first round, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2010  
234 yards, 8th, fourth round, Interlachen C.C., Edina, Minn., 2008  
233 yards, 8th, second round, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2010  
230 yards, 8th, third round, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2010

### **LONGEST PAR 4s IN U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN HISTORY**

468 yards, 10th, second round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2011  
464 yards, 10th, third round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2011  
464 yards, 13th, second round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2011  
460 yards, 15th, third round, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2010  
460 yards, 18th, second round, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2010

### **LONGEST PAR 5s IN U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN HISTORY**

623 yards, 17th, second round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2011  
606 yards, 17th, third round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2011  
603 yards, 17th, fourth round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2011  
602 yards, 12th, second round, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2010  
602 yards, 12th, third round, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2010

### **THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED**

Last international winner: Minjee Lee, 2022  
Last to defend title: Karrie Webb, 2001  
Last to win Women's Open on first attempt: A Lim Kim, 2020  
Last to win Women's Open on second attempt: Sung Hyun Park, 2017  
Last amateur to win Women's Open: Catherine Lacoste, 1967  
Last start-to-finish winner: Annika Sorenstam, 2006  
Last winner to birdie the 72nd hole: A Lim Kim, 2020  
Last winner to birdie the 72nd hole to force playoff: So Yeon Ryu, 2011  
Last winner to birdie the 72nd hole to win by one stroke: A Lim Kim, 2020  
Last to win with four sub-par rounds: Allisen Corpuz, 2023  
Last to win without a round in the 60s: Eun-Hee Ji, 2009  
Last to win with a round of 74: A Lim Kim, second round, 2020  
Last to win with a round of 75: Brittany Lang, second round, 2016

Last to win with a round in the 80s: Mickey Wright, 80, second round, 1961

Last player to win after being in local qualifying: Hilary Lunke, 2003

Last player to win after being in final qualifying: Birdie Kim, 2005

Last winner younger than 20: Yuka Saso, 19, 2021

Last winner between ages 20-29: Allisen Corpuz, 25, 2023

Last winner between ages 30-39: Brittany Lang, 30, 2016

Last winner over age 40: Meg Mallon, 41, 2004

Last defending champion to miss the cut: Yuka Saso, 2022

#### **FUTURE U.S. WOMEN'S OPENS IN THIS DECADE**

2025: Erin Hills, Erin, Wis.

2026: The Riviera Country Club, Pacific Palisades, Calif.

2027: Inverness Club, Toledo, Ohio

2028: Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club

2029: Pinehurst Resort & Country Club, Village of Pinehurst, N.C.

#### **MERCHANDISE**

2024 U.S. Women's Open merchandise is available online at [usgashop.com](https://usgashop.com).

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