



73rd U.S. Women’s Open Championship – Fact Sheet

May 31-June 3, 2018, Shoal Creek, Shoal Creek, Ala.

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Course Setup

Shoal Creek will be set up at 6,689 yards and will play to a par of 36-36-72. Based on the setup, the Course Rating™ is 79.9 and the Slope Rating® is 145.

Hole by Hole

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	4	5	4	3	5	4	3	4	36
Yards	374	389	505	421	166	475	422	151	383	3,286

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	5	4	3	4	4	3	5	4	36
Yards	399	522	429	171	370	376	199	533	404	3,403

Note: Yardages subject to change.

About Shoal Creek

Shoal Creek was designed by Jack Nicklaus and opened for play on Nov. 1, 1977, with three U.S. Open champions – Hubert Green (1977), Nicklaus (1962, 1967, 1972, 1980) and Jerry Pate (1976) – playing in the inaugural round. The 2018 U.S. Women’s Open will be the third USGA championship conducted at Shoal Creek. In 1986, Stewart “Buddy” Alexander won the U.S. Amateur Championship, defeating Chris Kite, 5 and 3 in the final. In 2008, Cameron Peck captured the U.S. Junior Amateur, and his 10-and-8 victory over Evan Beck stands as the largest winning margin in Junior Amateur championship-match history. Beyond its USGA history, Shoal Creek boasts a long legacy of championship play. The club hosted the 1984 and 1990 PGA Championships, won by Lee Trevino and Wayne Grady, respectively. Since 2011, Shoal Creek has served as the venue for the Regions Tradition, a major on the Champions Tour. Kenny Perry won the 2014 championship on May 18, while Tom Lehman (2011-12) and David Frost (2013) have also won the event. Shoal Creek has also hosted numerous collegiate events, including the 1978 Southeastern Conference Championship and the Jerry Pate Intercollegiate Invitational as well as several state and regional amateur events, including the 2010 Southern Amateur Championship.

Entries

The championship is open to any female professional, and any female amateur golfer with a Handicap Index® not exceeding 2.4, who filed an entry by April 25, 2018. The USGA accepted 1,592 entries for the 2018 championship, marking the fifth consecutive year the U.S. Women’s Open has received more than 1,550 entries. The 2015 championship at Lancaster (Pa.) Country Club holds the entry record with 1,873.

Sectional Qualifying

Sectional qualifying, played over 36 holes, was conducted at 21 domestic and four international sites between May 2-17, 2018. For the fifth consecutive year, international qualifying was conducted in England, Japan, the People’s Republic of China and the Republic of Korea. Qualifying results can be found at uswomensopen.com.

Championship Tickets

A variety of ticket options are available for purchase at uswomensopen.com. Juniors 18 and under enter the championship free of charge all week with a ticketed adult.

Schedule of Play

Practice rounds will be played Monday, May 29 through Wednesday, May 30. Eighteen holes of stroke play are scheduled each day from Thursday, May 31, through Sunday, June 3. If the championship is tied after four rounds, a two-hole aggregate playoff will take place immediately following the conclusion of the fourth round. If the playoff results in a tie, play will immediately continue hole by hole until a champion is determined.

Television Coverage

The 2018 U.S. Women's Open will receive at least 20 hours of live network coverage. Fox will air 10 hours of coverage on the weekend. FS1 will air 10 hours over the first two days of play. All times EDT.

Date/Day	Time	Network	Program
May 30/Wednesday	11 a.m.-noon	FS1	Wednesday at U.S. Women's Open
May 31/Thursday	3-8 p.m.	FS1	First Round
June 1/Friday	3-8 p.m.	FS1	Second Round
June 2/Saturday	2-7 p.m.	Fox	Third Round
June 3/Sunday	2-7 p.m.	Fox	Fourth Round

Live Streaming Coverage

The 2018 U.S. Women's Open will receive at least 24 hours of live streaming coverage on usga.org.

What the Winner Receives

The champion will receive a gold medal, custody of the Harton S. Semple Trophy for the ensuing year and an exemption from qualifying for the next 10 U.S. Women's Open Championships.

2018 Champion

23-year-old Sung Hyun Park from the Republic of Korea won her first major championship at Trump National Golf Club, finishing two strokes better than amateur Hye-Jin Choi. For more information, visit usga.org/championships/2017/u-s--women-s-open.html.

Title Defense

Since 1991, two players have successfully defended their championship (Annika Sorenstam, 1996; Karrie Webb, 2001), and only three other players have finished in the top 10 in the championship following their victory (Juli Inkster, 2002; Patty Sheehan, 1992; Meg Mallon, 1991).

Championship History

This is the 73rd 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 winner of the U.S. Women's Open is Inbee Park, who won the 2008 championship at the age of 19 years, 11 months, 18 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 win the U.S. Women's Open. Seven other amateurs – most recently Hye-Jin Choi in 2017 – have finished as runner(s)-up.

Future U.S. Women's Open Sites

May 30-June 2, 2019: Country Club of Charleston (S.C.)
June 4-7, 2020: Champions Golf Club, Houston, Texas
June 3-6, 2021: The Olympic Club, San Francisco, Calif.
June 2-5, 2022: Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club, Southern Pines, N.C.
June 1-4, 2023, Pebble Beach Golf Links, Pebble Beach, Calif.

USGA Championships at Shoal Creek

1986 U.S. Amateur: Stewart "Buddy" Alexander def. Chris Kite, 4 and 3
2008 U.S. Junior Amateur: Cameron Peck def. Evan Beck, 10 and 8
2018 U.S. Women's Open -- TBD

USGA Championships in Alabama

The 2018 U.S. Women's Open will be the sixth USGA championship conducted in the state of Alabama. Most recently, the Country Club of Birmingham hosted the 2013 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship won by Mike McCoy. Lakewood Golf Club, in Point Clear, hosted the 1974 and 1986 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Championships, won by Justine B. Cushing and Constance Guthrie, respectively.

Media Information

The USGA's online Media Center – mediacenter.usga.org – will include important and regularly updated championship information. The USGA will offer daily, complimentary high-resolution photographs during the U.S. Women's Open strictly for editorial use. For more information, email photorequests@usga.org.

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