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UNIVERSITY PLACE, Wash. (June 15, 2015) – The United States Golf Association (USGA) today announced that two additional players have earned full exemptions into the 2015 U.S. Open Championship, to be contested June 18-21 at Chambers Bay in University Place, Wash., bringing the number of fully exempt players to 76. Additionally, four alternates from sectional qualifying were added to complete the 156-player field.

Kevin Kisner earned an exemption based on the current Official World Golf Ranking (OWGR). Kisner, who is No. 55 in the OWGR, is playing in his second U.S. Open. The 31-year-old from Aiken, S.C., has finished second twice on the PGA Tour this season. He lost playoffs at the RBC Heritage (won by Jim Furyk) and The Players Championship (won by Rickie Fowler). Kisner, who owns two Web.com Tour victories, was a member of the University of Georgia squad that won the 2005 NCAA Championship.

Andy Sullivan, who is No. 58 in the OWGR, is making his first U.S. Open appearance. The 29-year-old from England has won twice on the PGA European Tour this season. He captured the South Africa Open and the Joburg Open. Sullivan represented Great Britain & Ireland in the 2011 Walker Cup Match.

The USGA held six spots in the field for those players who could potentially qualify by moving into the top 60 of the OWGR, as of June 15. Since Kisner and Sullivan were the only players to earn an exemption, four alternates from sectional qualifying were added to the field. They are Kevin Chappell, Jimmy Gunn, Steve Marino and Josh Persons.

Chappell, 28, was the first alternate from the Columbus, Ohio, sectional. He will play in his fourth U.S. Open. His best finish was a tie for third at Congressional Country Club in 2011. Chappell, who won on the Nationwide Tour in 2010, tied for 10th in the 2012 Open at The Olympic Club, in San Francisco, Calif.

Gunn, 34, of Scotland, was the first alternate from the Memphis Tenn., sectional. He is competing in his first U.S. Open. Gunn caddied at Scotland's Royal Dornoch and worked as a part-time carpenter before moving to the United States to play professionally seven years ago. He plays primarily on the eGolf Gateway Tour.

Marino, 35, of St. Simons Island, Ga., is playing in his fifth U.S. Open. He was the first alternate from the Dallas, Texas, sectional. His best finish in an Open was a tie for 63rd in 2010 at Pebble Beach (Calif.) Golf Links. He has made the 36-hole cut in all four major professional championships.

Persons is competing in his first U.S. Open. He was the first alternate from the Rockville, Md., sectional qualifier. The 31-year-old from Fargo, N.D., has played in nine Web.com Tour events this season. He advanced to the Round of 32 in the 2003 U.S. Amateur.

There were 111 U.S. Open local qualifying sites that led to 12 sectional qualifiers, including international sites in Japan and England on May 25. Sectional qualifying in the United States took place at 10 sites on June 8. The USGA accepted 9,882 entries by the deadline of April 29, the second-highest total ever (10,127 entries were accepted for the 2014 U.S. Open).

A list of the 76 golfers fully exempt into the 2015 U.S. Open is below.

2015 U.S. Open Exemption List (as of June 15):

Byeong-Hun An	9, 13
Keegan Bradley	7, 11, 13
Angel Cabrera	1
Paul Casey	13
Darren Clarke	6

George Coetzee	13
Erik Compton	11
Jason Day	11, 12, 13
Jamie Donaldson	13
Victor Dubuisson	13
Jason Dufner	7
Ernie Els	6
Matthew Every	13
Tommy Fleetwood	13
Rickie Fowler	8, 11, 12, 13
Jim Furyk	12, 13
Stephen Gallacher	13
Sergio Garcia	12, 13
Lucas Glover	1
Branden Grace	13
Bill Haas	12, 13
Russell Henley	12, 13
Charley Hoffman	13
Morgan Hoffmann	12
J.B. Holmes	13
Billy Horschel	12, 13
Thongchai Jaidee	13
Miguel Angel Jimenez	13
Dustin Johnson	11, 13
Zach Johnson	12, 13
Martin Kaymer	1, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13
Chris Kirk	12, 13
Kevin Kisner	14
Brooks Koepka	11, 13
Matt Kuchar	12, 13

Anirban Lahiri	13
Marc Leishman	13
Shane Lowry	13
Joost Luiten	13
Hunter Mahan	12, 13
Ben Martin	13
Hideki Matsuyama	12, 13
Graeme McDowell	1, 13
Rory McIlroy	1, 6, 7, 12, 13
Phil Mickelson	6, 13
Francesco Molinari	13
Colin Montgomerie	10
Ryan Moore	13
Kevin Na	12, 13
a-Bradley Neil	3
Geoff Ogilvy	1
Louis Oosthuizen	6, 13
Ryan Palmer	12, 13
Ian Poulter	13
Patrick Reed	12, 13
Justin Rose	1, 12, 13
a-Oliver Schniederjans	4
Charl Schwartzel	5, 13
Adam Scott	5, 11, 12, 13
John Senden	12, 13
Webb Simpson	1, 12, 13
Brandt Snedeker	11, 13
Jordan Spieth	5, 12, 13
Henrik Stenson	11, 13
Andy Sullivan	14

Brendon Todd	12, 13
Cameron Tringale	12
Jimmy Walker	11, 12, 13
Marc Warren	13
Bubba Watson	5, 12, 13
Lee Westwood	13
Bernd Wiesberger	13
Danny Willett	13
Gary Woodland	12, 13
Tiger Woods	1, 8
a-Gunn Yang	2

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Key to Player Exemptions

- Winners of the U.S. Open Championship the last 10 years (2005-14)
- Winner and runner-up of the 2014 U.S. Amateur Championship (must be an amateur)
- Winner of the 2014 British Amateur Championship (must be an amateur)
- Winner of the 2014 Mark H. McCormack Medal (top-ranked in WAGR & must be an amateur)
- Winners of the Masters Tournament the last five years (2011-15)
- Winners of the British Open Championship the last five years (2010-14)
- Winners of The PGA of America Championship the last five years (2010-14)
- Winners of The Players Championship the last three years (2013-15)
- Winner of the 2015 PGA European Tour BMW PGA Championship
- Winner of the 2014 U.S. Senior Open Championship
- From the 2014 U.S. Open Championship, the 10 lowest scorers and anyone tying for 10th place
- Those players who qualified for the season-ending 2014 Tour Championship
- Top 60 point leaders and ties from the World Ranking, as of May 25, 2015
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Special exemptions selected by the USGA

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