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FAR HILLS, N.J. (March 9, 2016) – The United States Golf Association (USGA) today announced sectional qualifying sites for the 2016 U.S. Open Championship, which will be held at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club, on June 16-19. Oakmont is hosting its 16th USGA championship, including a record ninth U.S. Open.

Sectional qualifying, conducted over 36 holes, will be held on Monday, June 6, at 10 sites in the U.S. For the 12th consecutive year, Japan and England will host international sectional qualifying, scheduled for May 23 and May 30, respectively.

“The ability to conduct U.S. Open sectional qualifying in many regions of the United States and at international sites promotes the game of golf,” said Stuart Francis, USGA Championship Committee chairman. “The U.S. Open has wide appeal, as evidenced by the number of entries we receive each year. We are grateful for the support and commitment provided by the state and regional associations and international partners during a qualifying process that dates to the 1920s.”

The Columbus, Ohio; Summit, N.J.; Memphis, Tenn.; and San Francisco, Calif., sectional sites will use two courses. In Columbus, Wedgewood Golf and Country Club and Kinsale Golf and Fitness Club will combine to host sectional qualifying for the first time. Eight players from the Columbus sectional made the 36-hole cut in last year’s U.S. Open at Chambers Bay, in University Place, Wash. Cameron Smith, who tied for fourth behind champion Jordan Spieth and runners-up Louis Oosthuizen and Dustin Johnson, led the group of qualifiers.

Canoe Brook Country Club’s North and South Courses will serve as a sectional site for the 14th time since 1980. Germantown Country Club and Ridgeway Country Club are the courses for the Memphis sectional for the second consecutive year and fourth time since 2009. Andres Romero advanced through this site last year and went on to tie for 14th at Chambers Bay. Lake Merced Golf Club and The Olympic Club’s Ocean Course are paired together in Northern California for the second time.

Woodmont Country Club, in Rockville, Md., will host U.S. Open sectional qualifying for the 29th time in the last 30 years. The club features two 18-hole layouts, but only the North Course will be used for the third consecutive year.

Springfield Country Club in Ohio will host sectional qualifying for the seventh consecutive year and eighth time in nine years. Tony Finau, who tied for 14th at last year’s U.S. Open, qualified through this site. Ansley Golf Club (Settindown Creek Course), in Roswell, Ga., will be a sectional site for the eighth time since 2000.

Timuquana Country Club, in Jacksonville, Fla., will host U.S. Open sectional qualifying for the first time. The club hosted the 2002 U.S. Senior Amateur Championship, as well as several U.S. Amateur sectional qualifiers. Lakeside Country Club, in Houston, Texas, is a site for the third time in the last 11 years. Royal Oaks Country Club, in Vancouver, Wash., will host a sectional qualifier for the first time since 1996.

Walton Heath Golf Club in England and Higashi Hirono Golf Club in Japan are the international sectional qualifying sites. Four players made the 36-hole cut in the 2015 U.S. Open after advancing from Walton Heath, which is hosting for the 12th consecutive year.

Ken Venturi (1964) and Orville Moody (1969) are the only players to win the U.S. Open after qualifying through both local and sectional play. Jerry Pate (1976), Steve Jones (1996), Michael Campbell (2005) and Lucas Glover (2009) have won as sectional qualifiers.

To be eligible for qualifying, a player must have a Handicap Index® not exceeding 1.4, or be a professional. Local qualifying, which will be played over 18 holes at 111 sites in the U.S., takes place between May 2-19.

In 2015, the USGA accepted 9,882 entries for the championship at Chambers Bay. The record of 10,127 was established for the 2014 championship at Pinehurst Resort & Country Club’s Course No. 2, in the Village of Pinehurst, N.C.

Online player registration for the 2016 U.S. Open began on March 9 (https://champs.usga.org/index.html) and continues

through Wednesday, April 27 at 5 p.m. EDT.

2016 U.S. Open Sectional Qualifying Sites (12)

International (2)

May 23

Asia – Higashi Hirono Golf Club, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan

May 30

Europe - Walton Heath Golf Club, Surrey, England

June 6 – United States (10)

Lake Merced Golf Club & The Olympic Club (Ocean Course), San Francisco, Calif.

Timuquana Country Club, Jacksonville, Fla.

Ansley Golf Club (Settindown Creek Course), Roswell, Ga.

Woodmont Country Club (North Course), Rockville, Md.

Canoe Brook Country Club (North and South Courses), Summit, N.J.

Kinsale Golf and Fitness Club & Wedgewood Golf and Country Club, Columbus, Ohio

Springfield Country Club, Springfield, Ohio

Germantown Country Club & Ridgeway Country Club, Memphis, Tenn.

Lakeside Country Club, Houston, Texas

Royal Oaks Country Club, Vancouver, Wash.

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