

FAR HILLS, N.J. (May 24, 2016) – The United States Golf Association today announced that 27 additional golfers, including U.S. Amateur champions Ryan Moore, Byeong Hun An and Matthew Fitzpatrick, have earned full exemptions into the 2016 U.S. Open Championship, to be played June 16-19 at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club. These exemptions bring the number of fully exempt players to 78.

All 27 exemptions were awarded to players who earned a place in the top 60 of the Official World Golf Ranking (OWGR) as of May 23. Byeong Hun An, who won the 2009 U.S. Amateur, is ranked No. 26. He has played in two U.S. Opens. Fitzpatrick, who won the 2013 U.S. Amateur, is ranked No. 44. He tied for 48th and was the low amateur in the 2014 U.S. Open, his lone appearance. Moore, who claimed the 2004 U.S. Amateur Championship and the 2002 and 2004 U.S. Amateur Public Links titles and has four PGA Tour victories, is ranked No. 49. Moore has competed in nine previous U.S. Opens. His best finish was a tie for 10th in 2009 at Bethpage State Park's Black Course.

The other players who earned full exemptions through the current Official World Golf Ranking are: Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Rafael Cabrera Bello, Kevin Chappell, Jamie Donaldson, Sergio Garcia, Emiliano Grillo, James Hahn, Billy Horschel, Thongchai Jaidee, Smylie Kaufman, K.T. Kim, Chris Kirk, Patton Kizzire, Soren Kjeldsen, Russell Knox, Anirban Lahiri, Marc Leishman, David Lingmerth, Andy Sullivan, Justin Thomas, Jaco Van Zyl, Lee Westwood, Bernd Wiesberger and Chris Wood.

Garcia, who recorded his ninth PGA Tour victory by winning the AT&T Byron Nelson Championship on May 22, moved to No. 12 in the Official World Golf Ranking. He is the highest-ranked player in the current OWGR that was not previously exempt into the U.S. Open. Garcia, who has also posted 11 PGA European Tour wins, has competed in 16 U.S. Opens and registered four top-10 finishes. He tied for third in 2005 at Pinehurst Resort & Country Club, in the Village of Pinehurst, N.C.

The winner of the European Tour BMW PGA Championship (May 26-29) will also earn an exemption. The number of fully exempt golfers may increase with the inclusion of the top 60 players from the OWGR as of Monday, June 13.

The first of two international sectional qualifiers for the 2016 U.S. Open was held May 23, in Japan, where four spots in the 156-player field were determined. England will host qualifying for the 12th consecutive year on May 30. Those players who qualify are in addition to the 78 fully exempt players listed below.

Sectional qualifying in the United States, at 36 holes, will take place at 10 sites on Monday, June 6. The sites are: 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; and Royal Oaks Country Club, Vancouver, Wash.

The U.S. Open will be contested for a record ninth time at Oakmont Country Club. Previous U.S. champions at Oakmont are: Tommy Armour (1927), Sam Parks Jr. (1935), Ben Hogan (1953), Jack Nicklaus (1962), Johnny Miller (1973), Larry Nelson (1983), Ernie Els (1994) and Angel Cabrera (2007).

A list of the 78 golfers fully exempt into the 2016 U.S. Open as of May 23 (not including the four international sectional qualifiers from Japan) is below. It can also be found at this link:

[http://www.usopen.com/en\\_US/news/qualifying/exemptions.html](http://www.usopen.com/en_US/news/qualifying/exemptions.html).

**2016 U.S. Open Exemption List (as of May 23):**

Kiradech Aphibarnrat	13
a-Derek Bard	2
Daniel Berger	12, 13
Steven Bowditch	12
Keegan Bradley	7
<b>Angel Cabrera</b>	1
Rafael Cabrera Bello	13
Paul Casey	12, 13
Kevin Chappell	13
Darren Clarke	6
Jason Day	7, 8, 11, 12, 13
Jamie Donaldson	13
Jason Dufner	7
<b>Ernie Els</b>	6
Harris English	12
Matthew Fitzpatrick	13
Rickie Fowler	8, 12, 13
<b>Jim Furyk</b>	12, 13
Sergio Garcia	13
<b>Lucas Glover</b>	1
Branden Grace	11, 13
Emiliano Grillo	13
<b>Retief Goosen</b>	15
Bill Haas	12, 13
James Hahn	13
Charley Hoffman	12, 13
J.B. Holmes	12, 13
Billy Horschel	13
Thongchai Jaidee	13
Dustin Johnson	11, 12, 13

Zach Johnson	6, 12, 13
Smylie Kaufman	13
<b>Martin Kaymer</b>	1, 8, 13
K.T. Kim	13
Chris Kirk	13
Kevin Kisner	12, 13
Patton Kizzire	13
Soren Kjeldsen	13
Russell Knox	13
Brooks Koepka	12, 13
Matt Kuchar	12, 13
Anirban Lahiri	13
Danny Lee	12, 13
Marc Leishman	13
David Lingmerth	13
Shane Lowry	11, 13
Jeff Maggert	10
Hideki Matsuyama	12, 13
<b>Graeme McDowell</b>	1
<b>Rory McIlroy</b>	1, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13
Phil Mickelson	6, 13
Ryan Moore	13
Kevin Na	12, 13
<b>Geoff Ogilvy</b>	1
Louis Oosthuizen	11, 12, 13
Scott Piercy	12, 13
a-Jon Rahm	4
Patrick Reed	12, 13
<b>Justin Rose</b>	1, 12, 13
Charl Schwartzel	11, 13

Adam Scott	5, 11, 13
<b>Webb Simpson</b>	1
Cameron Smith	11
Brandt Snedeker	11, 12, 13
<b>Jordan Spieth</b>	1, 5, 11, 12, 13
Henrik Stenson	12, 13
Robert Streb	12
Andy Sullivan	13
Justin Thomas	13
Jaco Van Zyl	13
Jimmy Walker	12, 13
Bubba Watson	5, 12, 13
Lee Westwood	13
Bernd Wiesberger	13
Danny Willett	5, 13
Chris Wood	13
<b>Tiger Woods</b>	1

**Bold** – U.S. Open champion    a-amateur

#### Key to Player Exemptions:

- Winners of the U.S. Open Championship the last 10 years (2006-15)
- Winner and runner-up of the 2015 U.S. Amateur Championship (must be an amateur)
- Winner of the 2015 Amateur Championship, conducted by The R&A (must be an amateur)
- Winner of the 2015 Mark H. McCormack Medal (top-ranked in WAGR & must be an amateur)
- Winners of the Masters Tournament the last five years (2012-16)
- Winners of The Open Championship, conducted by the R&A, the last five years (2011-15)
- Winners of The PGA of America Championship the last five years (2011-15)
- Winners of The Players Championship the last three years (2014-16)
- Winner of the 2016 European Tour BMW PGA Championship
- Winner of the 2015 U.S. Senior Open Championship
- From the 2015 U.S. Open Championship, the 10 lowest scorers and anyone tying for 10th place
- Those players who qualified for the season-ending 2015 Tour Championship
- Top 60 point leaders and ties from the current World Ranking as of May 23, 2016
- Top 60 point leaders and ties from the current World Ranking as of June 13, 2016
- Special exemptions selected by the USGA

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