Fans have the chance to walk the fairways with the world's best amateur golfers and future stars of the game as tickets for the 126th U.S. Amateur Championship, scheduled for Aug. 10-16 at Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, Pa., and stroke-play co-host Philadelphia Country Club in Gladwyne, Pa., are now available for purchase.

The USGA is offering individual single-day Gallery tickets and five-packs of Gallery tickets that can be used over multiple days or shared on the same day with family and friends. Each individual ticket may be used for any one day of the championship (Monday through Sunday) and will include general admission to Merion Golf Club's grounds, access to walk the historic course and ability to purchase on-site food and beverages. During Monday and Tuesday's stroke-play rounds, no ticket will be required to visit stroke-play co-host Philadelphia Country Club, which will serve as the stroke-play companion course for the championship.

Parking will be available at the Villanova I-1 Parking Garage located at S. Ithan Ave & Lancaster Ave. SEPTA service from the Stadium Station on the Norristown line to the Ardmore Avenue Station will drop steps away from the main gate at Merion. Ride share service will also be available.

Ticket Pricing
Gallery – Good Any One Day ($35/ticket)
Gallery – Good Any One Day, Five-Pack ($150 total, $30/ticket)

Juniors ages 17 and under will be granted complimentary Gallery admission for any day of the event by visiting the onsite ticket office with a ticketed adult. There is a maximum of four junior tickets per ticketed adult.

All tickets are available for purchase at usamateur.com.

The 126th U.S. Amateur is currently seeking volunteers for championship week. Available roles includecourse evacuation, marshals and walking scorers. For more information and to register, please visit the volunteer website here.

Future stars of the game shine on the U.S. Amateur stage, as a total of 19 champions have gone on to win major championships at the professional level including Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Tiger Woods and reigning U.S. Open champion Bryson DeChambeau. The U.S. Amateur was last played in Pennsylvania in 2021, when James Piot rallied from a three-hole deficit to defeat Austin Greaser, 2 and 1, in the championship round at Oakmont Country Club.

Last year at The Olympic Club in San Francisco, Calif., Mason Howell, a rising high school senior from Thomasville, Ga., survived a 20-for-17 playoff and caught fire in match play, capping off the week with a dominant 7-and-6 victory over Jackson Herrington in the championship final. Howell surpassed Tiger Woods as the third-youngest player to hoist the Havemeyer Trophy at just 18 years, one month and three weeks old.

The 2026 U.S. Amateur will be the 96th USGA championship played in Pennsylvania, and the 20th held at Merion– the most of any club in USGA history. The championship will mark the sixth U.S. Amateur hosted at Merion and the first since Edoardo Molinari's triumph in 2005. Merion has also hosted five U.S. Opens, four U.S. Women's Amateurs, two Curtis Cups, one Walker Cup and one U.S. Girls' Junior. The club will also host the 2030, 2040 and 2050 U.S. Opens, as well as the 2034 and 2046 U.S. Women's Opens. Philadelphia Country Club has hosted four USGA championships, including the 1939 U.S. Open won by Byron Nelson in a three-way playoff.

The starting field of 312 players for the U.S. Amateur will play 18 holes of stroke play on Aug. 10and 11 – one round at Merion, and one at nearby co-host Philadelphia Country Club – after which the field will be cut to the low 64 scores. Six rounds of match play begin on Wednesday, Aug. 12, and the championship concludes with a 36-hole championship match on Sunday, Aug. 16. The winner and runner-up earn exemptions into the following year's U.S. Open Championship at Pebble Beach (Calif.) Golf Links. The championship is open to amateur golfers with a Handicap Index® not exceeding 0.4. Entries are now open at champs.usga.org.

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