



123rd U.S. AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP – FACT SHEET

Aug. 14-20, 2023

Cherry Hills Country Club

Stroke-Play Co-Host Course: Colorado Golf Club

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PAR AND YARDAGE

Cherry Hills Country Club will be set up at 7,394 yards and will play to a par of 35-36-71. Colorado Golf Club, which will serve as the stroke-play co-host course for the two rounds of stroke play, will be set up at 7,560 yards and play to a par of 36-36-72.

(NOTE: Yardages subject to change.)

Cherry Hills Country Club

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	4	4	4	5	3	4	3	4	35
Yardage	395	415	323	436	554	165	417	222	488	3,415

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	5	3	4	4	3	4	5	4	36
Yardage	449	633	201	429	522	245	466	547	487	3,979

Colorado Golf Club

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	5	3	4	4	4	3	5	4	4	36
Yardage	647	152	425	496	475	248	577	304	477	3,801

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	3	4	4	4	5	5	3	4	36
Yardage	460	211	527	401	325	590	585	202	458	3,759

THE COURSES

Built on 272 acres of a former cherry orchard, Cherry Hills was designed by renowned course architect William Flynn. The course, which opened in 1923, meanders down the hillside away from the clubhouse to the banks of Little Dry Creek offering panoramic views of the Rocky Mountains. The course features one of the most unique routings with the opening nine weaving as a figure eight on the inside of the property while the second nine runs in a counterclockwise circle around the perimeter. Since 2007, Tom Doak and Eric Iverson of Renaissance Golf have been restoring much of the course back to Flynn's original layout including the final phase in 2022 bringing the creek back into play on several holes, including a key stretch of holes on the back nine: 14, 15, and 16. Cherry Hills has hosted nine USGA championships, including Arnold Palmer's only U.S. Open victory in 1960.

Designed by Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw, Colorado Golf Club opened for play in 2007. The 1,700-acre property was once an Arabian horse ranch and features views of Colorado's Front Range, dominated by Pikes Peak, Mount Evans and Longs Peak. The course plays through open meadows, foothills of ponderosa pine, natural gullies and streams.

COURSE RATING AND SLOPE

Based on the course setup for the championship, the Course Rating™ for Cherry Hills Country Club is 76.3 and its Slope Rating® is 149. The Course Rating™ for Colorado Golf Club is 76.6 and its Slope Rating® is 154.

ENTRIES

The USGA accepted a U.S. Amateur record 8,253 entries in 2023. The previous record was 7,920 in 1999. The championship is open to amateur golfers with a Handicap Index® not exceeding 2.4. In 2022, the USGA accepted 7,749 entries.

QUALIFYING

Qualifying for the 2023 U.S. Amateur Championship took place at 93 U.S. sites and two international sites between June 26 – July 25. Qualifiers were conducted in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

To view a full list of qualifying results, visit usamateur.org.

CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD

The starting field of 312 players will play 18 holes of stroke play on Aug. 14 and 15, one round on each of the two qualifying courses, after which the field will be cut to the low 64 scorers. Six rounds of match play begin on Aug. 16 and the championship concludes with a 36-hole championship match on Aug. 20.

EXEMPT PLAYERS

There are currently 63 players who are fully exempt from qualifying in the U.S. Amateur. The list includes six reigning USGA champions – Wenyi Ding (2022 U.S. Junior Amateur champion), Aaron Du (2023 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball champion), Gene Elliott (2021 U.S. Senior Amateur champion), Matthew McClean (2022 U.S. Mid-Amateur champion), Rusty Strawn (2022 U.S. Senior Amateur champion) and Sampson Zheng (2023 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball champion)

SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Practice rounds will take place Aug. 12-13. The championship schedule is as follows:

Aug. 14 (Monday): First round, stroke play (18 holes)

Aug. 15 (Tuesday): Second round, stroke play (18 holes)

Aug. 16 (Wednesday): Round of 64, match play

Aug. 17 (Thursday): Rounds of 32 and 16, match play

Aug. 18 (Friday): Quarterfinal round, match play

Aug. 19 (Saturday): Semifinal round, match play

Aug. 20 (Sunday): Championship match (36 holes)

WHAT THE CHAMPION RECEIVES

Among the benefits enjoyed by the U.S. Amateur champion are:

- ▶ A gold medal and custody of the Havemeyer Trophy for the ensuing year
- ▶ An exemption from local and final qualifying for the next U.S. Open (2024)
- ▶ An exemption from qualifying for the next 10 U.S. Amateurs
- ▶ An exemption from qualifying for the next Open Championship, conducted by The R&A
- ▶ A likely invitation to the next Masters Tournament (2024)

2022 CHAMPIONSHIP

Texan Sam Bennett, No. 3 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking, held off upstart Ben Carr, of Columbus, Ga., 1 up, in the 36-hole championship match at The Ridgewood Country Club in Paramus, N.J. Carr was the lowest-ranked player (No. 70) that Bennett, a rising fifth-year senior at Texas A&M, faced en route to his title.

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT CHERRY HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

1938 U.S. Open (Ralph Guldahl)

1960 U.S. Open (Arnold Palmer)

1976 U.S. Senior Amateur (Lewis Oehmig)

1978 U.S. Open (Andy North)

1983 U.S. Mid-Amateur (Jay Sigel)

1990 U.S. Amateur (Phil Mickelson)

1993 U.S. Senior Open (Jack Nicklaus)

2005 U.S. Women's Open (Birdie Kim)

2012 U.S. Amateur (Steven Fox)

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN COLORADO

The 2023 U.S. Amateur Championship will be the 34th USGA championship conducted in Colorado.

Cherry Hills C.C., Cherry Hills Village (9)

1938, 1960, 1978 Open

1976 Senior Amateur

1983 Mid-Amateur

1990, 2012 Amateur

1993 Senior Open

2005 Women's Open

1995, 2011 Women's Open

2008, 2018 Senior Open

Denver C.C., Denver (2)

1950 Junior Amateur

1982 Curtis Cup

Hiwan G.C., Evergreen (2)

1965 Girls' Junior

1976 Junior Amateur

The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs (8)

1959, 1967 Amateur

1962 Curtis Cup

1982 Women's Amateur

Lakewood C.C., Lakewood (2)

1957 Girls' Junior
1965 Women's Amateur

Wellshire G.C., Denver (2)

1946, 1959 Amateur Public Links

Colorado G.C., Parker

2019 Mid-Amateur

Greeley C.C., Greeley

1982 Girls' Junior

Hyland Hills G.C., Westminster

1990 Women's Amateur Public Links

Kissing Camels G.C., Colorado Springs

1982 Senior Women's Amateur

Murphy Creek G.C., Aurora

2008 Amateur Public Links

Riverdale Dunes & Knolls, Brighton

1993 Amateur Public Links

Sonnenalp G.C., Edwards

1987 Junior Amateur

Walking Stick G.C., Pueblo

2006 Women's Amateur Public Links

STATES HOSTING MOST USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS

90 Pennsylvania
87 California
74 New York
63 New Jersey
61 Illinois
60 Massachusetts

OTHER CHAMPIONSHIPS AT CHERRY HILLS

1941 PGA Championship (Vic Ghezzi)
1985 PGA Championship (Hubert Green)
2014 BMW Championship (Billy Horschel)

BROADCAST COVERAGE

The 123rd U.S. Amateur will receive at least 18 hours of broadcast coverage on Golf Channel, Peacock and NBC. Rolex is the exclusive presenting partner of coverage for eight USGA championships in 2023, including the U.S. Amateur. Rolex's commitment will allow an uninterrupted broadcast of these championships, providing fans with hours of continuous live action.

Date/Day	Time (EDT)	Network	Coverage
Aug. 16/Wednesday	5-6 p.m.	Peacock	Round of 64 Matches
	6-8 p.m.	Golf Channel	Round of 64 Matches
Aug. 17/Thursday	6-7 p.m.	Peacock	Round of 32 Matches
	7-9 p.m.	Golf Channel	Round of 32 Matches
Aug. 18/Friday	5-6 p.m.	Peacock	Quarterfinal Matches
	6-8 p.m.	Golf Channel	Quarterfinal Matches
Aug. 19/Saturday	3-4 p.m.	Golf Channel	Semifinals Matches
	4-6 p.m.	NBC	Semifinals Matches
Aug. 20/Sunday	3-4 p.m.	Golf Channel	Championship Match
	4-6 p.m.	NBC	Championship Match

CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

Like the U.S. Open and U.S. Women's Amateur championships, the U.S. Amateur has been contested since the USGA's first championship season in 1895. The trophy was initially presented to the USGA on March 28, 1895, in honor of the association's first president, Theodore A. Havemeyer.

The original Havemeyer Trophy, an ornate silver trophy produced by J.E. Caldwell and Company in Philadelphia, was presented to C.B. Macdonald at Newport Golf Club after his 1895 victory. The prize was then passed to each successive U.S. Amateur champion until Nov. 22, 1925, when it was lost in a massive fire at the home club of Bob Jones, East Lake Country Club in Atlanta, Ga.

Rather than replicate the original, the USGA decided to produce an entirely new trophy with an extended base to accommodate additional engraving. The new Havemeyer Trophy, a tall steeple cup designed in solid gold, was formally presented in January of 1926 by USGA Treasurer Edward S. Moore. It was retired in 1992 and was stolen from the USGA Golf Museum in the spring of 2012, and never recovered. A copy of the trophy, produced in 1992, is passed from champion to champion. In 1996, the USGA replicated the original silver Havemeyer Trophy using two existing photographs. A second replica was produced for display at East Lake.

The U.S. Amateur Trophy is on display at the USGA Golf Museum in Liberty Corner, N.J.

FUTURE U.S. AMATEUR SITES

Aug. 12-18, 2024 – Hazeltine National Golf Club, Chaska, Minn.

Aug. 11-17, 2025 – The Olympic Club (Lake and Ocean Courses), San Francisco, Calif.

Aug. 10-16, 2026 – Merion Golf Club, Ardmore, Pa.

Aug. 9-15, 2027 – Oak Hill Country Club, Pittsford, N.Y.

Aug. 12-18, 2030 – Atlanta Athletic Club, Johns Creek, Ga.

Aug. 11-17, 2031 – The Honors Course, Ooltewah, Tenn.

TBD 2032 – Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, Bandon, Ore.

Aug. 15-21, 2033 – Chambers Bay, University Place, Wash.

TBD 2041 – Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, Bandon, Ore.

TBD 2047 – Oakland Hills Country Club, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

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