



74th U.S. Girls' Junior Championship – Fact Sheet

July 17-22, 2023, U.S. Air Force Academy Eisenhower Golf Club (Blue Course), Colorado Springs, Colo.
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Course Setup

The United States Air Force Academy Eisenhower Golf Club's Blue Course will be set up at 6,778 yards and will play to a par of 36-36-72. It will be the longest course in U.S. Girls' Junior history, surpassing Forest Highlands Golf Club's Meadow Course in Flagstaff, Ariz., which measured 6,718 yards in 2014.

The U.S. Air Force Academy Eisenhower Golf Club's Blue Course Hole by Hole

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	5	36
Yards	361	393	162	365	565	412	143	420	552	3,373

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	5	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	36
Yards	384	546	370	133	392	405	568	206	411	3,415

Note: Yardages subject to change.

About The U.S. Air Force Academy Eisenhower Golf Club's Blue Course

This will be the first time a course affiliated with a military academy will host a USGA championship. The Blue Course was designed by legendary architect Robert Trent Jones Sr. and opened in 1959. The course is known for its challenging greens and views of the nearby Rocky Mountains. The course once played host to an episode on Shell's Wonderful World of Golf and the 1991 Canon Cup, a Ryder Cup-style event on the American Junior Golf Association circuit.

Admission

Admission is free. Tickets are not required for this USGA championship and spectators are encouraged to attend.

Entries

This year's championship accepted 1,677 applicants with entries closing on May 17.

The championship is open to female amateur golfers who have not reached their 19th birthday on or before July 22, 2023, and have a Handicap Index® not exceeding 9.4.

Championship Field

A starting field of 156 players will compete in the U.S. Girls' Junior. Following 18-hole rounds of stroke play on July 17 and 18, the field will be cut to the top 64 players for match play. Five 18-hole rounds of match play will determine the finalists who will square off in a 36-hole championship match.

Qualifying

Qualifying, played over 18 holes, will be conducted at 44 sites nationwide between May 25 and June 29. To view qualifying results, visit usga.org/girlsjunior.

Exempt Players

The following players are fully exempt into the 2023 U.S. Girls' Junior:

- **Saki Baba** (2022 U.S. Women's Amateur champion; Played 72 holes in 2022 U.S. Women's Open; Top 40 age-eligible player in Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking)
- **Gianna Clemente** (Runner-up in 2022 U.S. Girls' Junior; Top 40 age-eligible player in the Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking)
- **Nicole Gal** (Quarterfinalist in 2022 U.S. Girls' Junior)
- **TingHsuan Huang** (Top 40 age-eligible player in Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking)
- **Sara Im** (Semifinalist in 2022 U.S. Girls' Junior)
- **Tsubasa Kajitani** (Top 40 age-eligible player in Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking)
- **Katie Li** (Semifinalist in 2021 U.S. Girls' Junior)
- **HsinChun Liao** (Top 40 age-eligible player in Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking)
- **Maria Jose Marin Negrete** (Semifinalist in 2022 U.S. Girls' Junior; Top 40 age-eligible player in Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking)
- **Reese McCauley** (Quarterfinalist in 2022 U.S. Girls' Junior)
- **Kaitlyn Schroeder** (Top 40 age-eligible player in Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking)
- **Bailey Shoemaker** (Played 72 holes in 2022 U.S. Women's Open; Top 40 age-eligible player in Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking)
- **Yana Wilson** (2022 U.S. Girls' Junior champion; Top 40 age-eligible player in Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking)
- **Fiona Xu** (Quarterfinalist in 2022 U.S. Girls' Junior; Top 40 age-eligible player in Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking)

Schedule of Play

Practice rounds will take place July 15-16, and the championship schedule is as follows:

July 17 (Monday): First round, stroke play

July 18 (Tuesday): Second round, stroke play, field reduced to 64 players for match play

July 19 (Wednesday): Round of 64, match play

July 20 (Thursday): Round of 32/Round of 16, match play

July 21 (Friday): Quarterfinals/semifinals, match play

July 22 (Saturday): 36-hole championship final, match play

Television Schedule

The 2023 U.S. Girls' Junior Championship will receive at least four hours of live coverage on Peacock. Golf Channel will air both semifinal matches on Friday and Saturday's championship match on tape-delay.

Date	Network	Broadcast Hours (EDT)
July 21	Peacock	Semifinal matches, 5-7 p.m.
	Golf Channel	Semifinal matches, 8-10 p.m. (tape delay)
July 22	Peacock	Championship match, 5-7 p.m.
	Golf Channel	Championship match, 8-10 p.m. (tape delay)

What the Champion Receives

- Exemption from qualifying for the 2024 U.S. Women's Open
- A gold medal and custody of the Glenna Collett Vare Trophy for one year
- A custom-made USGA champion's ring
- Exemption from qualifying for all U.S. Girls' Juniors prior to her 19th birthday
- Exemption from qualifying for the next two U.S. Women's Amateur Championships

2022 Champion – Yana Wilson

Yana Wilson, 15, of Henderson, Nev., a two-time Drive, Chip & Putt national age-group champion, defeated Gianna Clemente, 14, of Estero, Fla., 3 and 2, in the 36-hole championship match at The Club at Olde Stone in Bowling Green, Ky. Wilson had reached the quarterfinals of the 2021 championship, only to lose to eventual champion and world No. 1 Rose Zhang. The victory capped a remarkable competitive season for Wilson, who defeated 2022 Augusta National Women's Amateur champion Anna Davis in a playoff for the Annika Invitational title by holing out a wedge shot for an eagle-2 from 75 yards out on the first extra hole. That made her 10 of 11 in playoffs and was a key factor in the rising high school junior's match-play prowess in the heat and humidity of Kentucky.

Championship History

The U.S. Girls' Junior Championship was established in 1949, one year after the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship. Philadelphia (Pa.) Country Club, one of the oldest clubs in the nation, hosted the first championship on its Bala Course, which opened in 1891, three years before the founding of the USGA. Girls' Junior champions have won the U.S. Women's Amateur seven times and the U.S. Women's Open six times. Additionally, 20 champions have gone on to represent the USA on the Curtis Cup Team.

Considering the age limitations on a junior golf career, Hollis Stacy's record of three consecutive Girls' Junior Championships (1969-1971) is among the most remarkable accomplishments in USGA history. In 2016, Eun Jeong Seong joined the elite club of back-to-back U.S. Girls' Junior winners, the first since 1971, and followed her victory by winning the 2016 U.S. Women's Amateur, making her the first player to win the two prestigious championships in the same year and just the third female to win multiple USGA championships in the same year.

Kay Cornelius, the 1981 winner, is also among the noteworthy champions. Her mother, Kathy Cornelius, won the 1956 U.S. Women's Open, making them the only mother-daughter tandem to have captured USGA championships. Other notable winners include Amy Alcott (1973), JoAnne Gunderson Carner (1956), Heather Farr (1982), Pat Hurst (1986), Ariya Jutanugarn (2011), I.K. Kim (2005), Nancy Lopez (1972, 1974), Inbee Park (2002), Lexi Thompson (2008), Mickey Wright (1952) and 2022 U.S. Women's Open champion Minjee Lee (2012), whose brother, Min Woo, won the U.S. Junior Amateur in 2016.

Future U.S. Girls' Junior Sites

2024: El Caballero Country Club, Tarzana, Calif./July 15-20
2025: Atlanta Athletic Club, Johns Creek, Ga./July 14-19
2026: Old Chatham Golf Club, Durham, N.C./July 13-18
2027: Canterbury Golf Club, Cleveland, Ohio/July 12-17
2031: Trinity Forest Golf Club, Dallas, Texas/July 13-18
2035: Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, Bandon, Ore./Dates TBD
2038: Oakland Hills Country Club, Bloomfield Hills, Mich./Dates TBD
2045: Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, Bandon, Ore./Dates TBD

USGA Championships at the United States Air Force Academy Eisenhower Golf Club (Blue Course)

This is the first USGA championship being hosted by the Eisenhower Golf Club.

USGA Championships in Colorado

The 2023 U.S. Girls' Junior will be the 34th USGA championship conducted in Colorado, and the first of two in 2023. Cherry Hills Country Club in Cherry Hills Village will host the 123rd U.S. Amateur in August. This is the first USGA championship in Colorado since the 2019 U.S. Mid-Amateur at Colorado Golf Club. This will be the fourth time the U.S. Girls' Junior will be conducted in the Rocky Mountain State and the first since 1982 at Greeley Country Club.

List of USGA championships and champions in Colorado:

- 2019 U.S. Mid-Amateur: Colorado Golf Club, Parker (Lukas Michel)
- 2018 U.S. Senior Open: The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs (David Toms)
- 2012 U.S. Amateur: Cherry Hills Country Club, Cherry Hills Village (Steven Fox)
- 2011 U.S. Women's Open: The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs (So Yeon Ryu)
- 2008 U.S. Senior Open, The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs (Eduardo Romero)
- 2008 U.S. Amateur Public Links: Murphy Creek Golf Course, Aurora (Jack Newman)
- 2006 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links: Walking Stick Golf Course, Pueblo (Tiffany Joh)
- 2005 U.S. Women's Open: Cherry Hills Country Club, Cherry Hills Village (Birdie Kim)
- 1995 U.S. Women's Open: The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs (Annika Sorenstam)
- 1993 U.S. Amateur Public Links: Riverdale Dunes & Knolls, Brighton (David Berganio Jr.)
- 1993 U.S. Senior Open: Cherry Hills Country Club, Cherry Hills Village (Jack Nicklaus)
- 1990 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links: Hyland Hills Golf Course, Westminster (Cathy Mockett)
- 1990 U.S. Amateur: Cherry Hills Country Club, Cherry Hills Village (Phil Mickelson)
- 1987 U.S. Junior Amateur: Sonnenalp Golf Club, Edwards (Brett Quigley)
- 1983 U.S. Mid-Amateur: Cherry Hills Country Club, Cherry Hills Village (Jay Sigel)
- 1982 U.S. Women's Amateur: The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs (Juli Inkster)
- 1982 Curtis Cup Match: Denver Country Club, Denver (USA)
- **1982 U.S. Girls' Junior: Greeley Country Club, Greeley (Heather Farr)**
- 1982 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur: Kissing Camels Golf Club, Colorado Springs (Edean Ihlafeldt)
- 1978 U.S. Open: Cherry Hills Country Club, Cherry Hills Village (Andy North)
- 1976 U.S. Junior Amateur: Hiwan Golf Club, Evergreen (Madden Hatcher III)
- 1976 U.S. Senior Amateur: Cherry Hills Country Club, Cherry Hills Village (Lewis W. Oehmig)
- **1965 U.S. Girls' Junior: Hiwan Golf Club, Evergreen (Gail Sykes)**
- 1965 U.S. Women's Amateur: Lakewood Country Club, Lakewood (Jean Ashley)
- 1962 Curtis Cup Match: The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs (USA)
- 1960 U.S. Open: Cherry Hills Country Club, Cherry Hills Village (Arnold Palmer)
- 1959 U.S. Amateur Public Links: Wellshire Golf Course, Denver (William Wright)
- 1959 U.S. Amateur: The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs (Jack Nicklaus)
- **1957 U.S. Girls' Junior: Lakewood Country Club, Lakewood (Judy Eller)**
- 1950 U.S. Junior Amateur: Denver Country Club, Denver (Mason Rudolph)
- 1949 U.S. Amateur Public Links: Wellshire Golf Course, Denver (Smiley L. Quick)
- 1938 U.S. Open: Cherry Hills Country Club, Cherry Hills Village (Ralph Guldahl)

Photo Media Service

The USGA will offer daily complimentary high-resolution photographs during the U.S. Girls' Junior (Monday-Saturday) for editorial use only. Photos are available at mediacenter.usga.org. For more information, email photorequests@usga.org.

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