



## 81st U.S. Women's Open Championship Presented by Ally – Fact Sheet

**June 4-7, 2026, The Riviera Country Club, Pacific Palisades, Calif.**

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### PAR AND YARDAGE

The Riviera Country Club will be set up at 6,650 yards and will play to a par of 35-36-71. The yardage for each round of the championship will vary due to course setup and conditions.

#### HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	5	4	4	3	4	3	4	4	4	35
Yards	499	437	404	189	411	164	385	415	416	3,320

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	5	4	4	3	4	3	5	4	36
Yards	271	578	407	403	160	431	143	512	425	3,330

### ARCHITECTS

The Riviera Country Club, located 20 miles west of downtown Los Angeles in Pacific Palisades, was designed by famed Golden-Age architect George C. Thomas Jr., with the assistance of William P. Bell. The club was founded in 1926 by members of the Los Angeles Athletic Club. Thomas took on the design of the project free of charge, and the course opened in 1927. Today, it is considered one of the finest natural layouts in all of golf. Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw did a restoration of greens and bunkers in 1993. Tom Fazio did redesign work in the 2000s, including the lengthening of several holes.

### WHO CAN ENTER

The championship is open to any female professional golfer or female amateur with a Handicap Index® not exceeding 2.4.

### ENTRIES

Entries open Feb. 11, 2026, at 9 a.m. ET.

### QUALIFYING

Qualifying will be contested over 36 holes at more than 20 sites across the United States, plus one each in Canada, Japan and Italy, between April 13-May 13.

### CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD

The starting field of 156 golfers will be cut after 36 holes to the low 60 scorers (and ties).

## **SCHEDULE OF PLAY**

Eighteen holes of stroke play are scheduled each day from June 4 (Thursday) through June 7 (Sunday). In the event of a tie after 72 holes, a two-hole aggregate playoff will take place following the completion of Sunday's final round.

## **2025 CHAMPION**

Maja Stark, of Sweden, won the 80th U.S. Women's Open when she mastered the demands of Erin Hills and the challenge of the No. 1 player in the world close behind. The 25-year-old closed with an even-par 72 for a 7-under-par total of 281 and a two-stroke margin of victory over Nelly Korda, of Bradenton, Fla., and Rio Takeda from Japan. Stark captured her first major title and ninth professional win at Erin Hills after finishing second in the 2024 Chevron Championship and a tie for ninth at the 2023 U.S. Women's Open at Pebble Beach. Stark became the tenth player from Sweden to win a major on the LPGA Tour. Annika Sorenstam was only a year younger than Stark when she won her first major at the 1995 U.S. Women's Open at The Broadmoor's East Course.

## **WHAT THE WINNER RECEIVES**

Among the benefits enjoyed by the U.S. Women's Open winner are:

- A U.S. Women's Open exemption for the next 10 years
- An exemption to the next five Chevron Championships
- An exemption to the next five AIG Women's Opens
- An exemption to the next five KPMG Women's PGA Championships
- An exemption to the next five Amundi Evian Championships
- Custody of Harton S. Semple Trophy for one year, the Mickey Wright Medal and a replica trophy

## **CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY**

This is the 81st U.S. Women's Open Championship. The first U.S. Women's Open, played at Spokane (Wash.) Country Club in 1946, was the only one held at match play. The Women's Professional Golfers Association (WPGA) conducted the inaugural championship, won by Patty Berg. The WPGA conducted the Women's Open until 1949, when the newly formed Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) took over operation of the championship. The LPGA ran the Women's Open for four years but in 1953 asked the United States Golf Association to conduct the championship, which it has done ever since.

The youngest winners of the U.S. Women's Open are Inbee Park (2008) and Yuka Saso (2021). Each player captured the championship at the age of 19 years, 11 months, 17 days. Babe Didrikson Zaharias, who won the 1954 Women's Open at age 43 years, 6 months, is the oldest winner.

In 1967, Catherine Lacoste, daughter of French tennis player Rene Lacoste and 1927 British Ladies Amateur champion Simone Thion de la Chaume, became, to this date, the only amateur to win the U.S. Women's Open. Seven other amateurs – most recently Hye-Jin Choi in 2017 – have finished as runner(s)-up.

## **PURSE**

The 2025 purse was \$12 million, the highest among women's golf's major championships; Maja Stark earned \$2.4 million. The 2026 purse will be announced at a later date.

## **RIVIERA COUNTRY CLUB NOTES**

- The 81st U.S. Women's Open is the fourth USGA championship conducted at Riviera.

- This will be the first U.S. Women's Open at Riviera Country Club and second in Southern California, joining the 19th U.S. Women's Open at San Diego Country Club won by Mickey Wright in 1964.
- The 81st U.S. Women's Open will be the last major championship at Riviera before the 2028 Olympic golf competition.
- Riviera is the only site on the 2026 USGA championship calendar that has an annual PGA Tour event, the Genesis Invitational. The club is the second PGA Tour stop to host the U.S. Women's Open in the last four years, joining Pebble Beach in 2023, which annually hosts the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.
- Riviera becomes the 17th site to host both the U.S. Open and U.S. Women's Open.

## **USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT RIVIERA COUNTRY CLUB**

1948 U.S. Open – won by Ben Hogan

1998 U.S. Senior Open – won by Hale Irwin

2017 U.S. Amateur – won by Doc Redman

## **USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN CALIFORNIA**

This will be the 95th USGA championship played in California and the fifth U.S. Women's Open contested in the state. The most recent U.S. Women's Open in California came in 2023 at Pebble Beach, where Allisen Corpuz, of Hawaii, won her first major championship. In 2021, Yuka Saso tied Inbee Park as the youngest competitor to win the championship at The Olympic Club in San Francisco. Janet Alex won at Del Paso C.C. in Sacramento in 1982. Mickey Wright won at San Diego Country Club in 1964, the only other U.S. Women's Open held in Southern California.

### **Recent USGA Championships in California (champion in parentheses)**

2016 U.S. Women's Open, CordeValle, San Martin (Brittany Lang)

2017 Walker Cup, The Los Angeles C.C., Los Angeles (USA)

2017 U.S. Amateur, Riviera C.C., Pacific Palisades (Doc Redman)

2017 U.S. Women's Amateur, San Diego C.C., Chula Vista (Sophia Schubert)

2018 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball, El Caballero C.C., Tarzana (Katrina Prendergast & Ellen Secor)

2018 U.S. Girls' Junior, Poppy Hills G.C., Pebble Beach (Yealimi Noh)

2018 U.S. Amateur, Pebble Beach G.L., Pebble Beach (Viktor Hovland)

2019 U.S. Open, Pebble Beach G.L., Pebble Beach (Gary Woodland)

2021 U.S. Women's Open, The Olympic Club, San Francisco (Yuka Saso)

2021 U.S. Open, Torey Pines G.C., San Diego (Jon Rahm)

2023 U.S. Women's Open, Pebble Beach G.L., Pebble Beach (Allisen Corpuz)

2023 U.S. Open, The Los Angeles C.C., Los Angeles (Wyndham Clark)

2023 U.S. Women's Amateur, Bel-Air C.C., Los Angeles (Megan Schofill)

2023 U.S. Senior Amateur, Martis Camp Club, Truckee (Todd White)

2024 U.S. Girls' Junior, El Caballero C.C., Tarzana (Rianne Malixi)

2025 U.S. Amateur, Olympic Club, San Francisco (Mason Howell)

2025 U.S. Senior Women's Open, San Diego C.C., Chula Vista (Becky Morgan)

2025 Walker Cup, Cypress Point Club, Pebble Beach (United States)

2025 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur, Monterey Peninsula C.C. (Ina Kim-Schaad)

## **LONGEST U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN COURSES**

7,026 yards, The Broadmoor (East Course), first round, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2011

6,986 yards, The Broadmoor (East Course), third round, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2011

6,944 yards, The Broadmoor (East Course), second round, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2011

6,860 yards, The Broadmoor (East Course), fourth round, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2011

6,799 yards, Blackwolf Run, second round, Kohler, Wis., 2012

6,783 yards, CordeValle, first round, San Martin, Calif., 2016

6,782 yards, Blackwolf Run, fourth round, Kohler, Wis., 2012

6,780 yards, Erin Hills, fourth round, Erin, Wis., 2025

#### **LONGEST PAR 3s IN U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN HISTORY**

257 yards, 8th, fourth round, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2010

243 yards, 8th, first round, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2010

234 yards, 8th, fourth round, Interlachen C.C., Edina, Minn., 2008

233 yards, 8th, second round, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2010

230 yards, 8th, third round, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2010

#### **LONGEST PAR 4s IN U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN HISTORY**

468 yards, 10th, second round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2011

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464 yards, 13th, second round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2011

460 yards, 15th, third round, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2010

460 yards, 18th, second round, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2010

#### **LONGEST PAR 5s IN U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN HISTORY**

623 yards, 17th, second round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2011

606 yards, 17th, third round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2011

603 yards, 17th, fourth round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2011

602 yards, 12th, second round, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2010

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#### **THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED**

Last international winner: Maja Stark, 2025

Last to defend title: Karrie Webb, 2001

Last to win Women's Open on first attempt: A Lim Kim, 2020

Last to win Women's Open on second attempt: Sung Hyun Park, 2017

Last amateur to win Women's Open: Catherine Lacoste, 1967

Last start-to-finish winner: Annika Sorenstam, 2006

Last winner to birdie the 72nd hole: A Lim Kim, 2020

Last winner to birdie the 72nd hole to force playoff: So Yeon Ryu, 2011

Last winner to birdie the 72nd hole to win by one stroke: A Lim Kim, 2020

Last to win with four sub-par rounds: Allisen Corpuz, 2023

Last to win without a round in the 60s: Eun-Hee Ji, 2009

Last to win with a round of 74: A Lim Kim, second round, 2020

Last to win with a round of 75: Brittany Lang, second round, 2016

Last to win with a round in the 80s: Mickey Wright, 80, second round, 1961

Last player to win after being in local qualifying: Hilary Lunke, 2003

Last player to win after being in final qualifying: Birdie Kim, 2005

Last winner younger than 20: Yuka Saso, 19, 2021

Last winner between ages 20-29: Maja Stark, 25, 2025

Last winner between ages 30-39: Brittany Lang, 30, 2016

Last winner over age 40: Meg Mallon, 41, 2004

Last defending champion to miss the cut: Yuka Saso, 2025

## **FUTURE U.S. WOMEN'S OPENS IN THIS DECADE**

June 3-6, 2027: Inverness Club, Toledo, Ohio

June 1-4, 2028: Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club

June 7-10, 2029: Pinehurst Resort & Country Club, Village of Pinehurst, N.C.

## **CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY**

Prior to the USGA taking over administration of the U.S. Women's Open in 1953, champions received a trophy donated by the Spokane Athletic Round Table, a men's fraternal order. The USGA declined the group's offer to continue sponsorship and instead provided a sterling silver, two-handled trophy produced by the silversmith J.E. Caldwell and Co., of Philadelphia.

The original trophy was replicated in July of 1992 by the family and friends of longtime USGA committee member Harton S. Semple. Semple was President of the USGA in 1973 and 1974, in addition to holding various posts on the Executive Committee for nine years. His daughter, Carol Semple Thompson, has been one of the most successful women's amateur players in history. The Harton S. Semple Cup was first presented to Patty Sheehan at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club in 1992, and the original U.S. Women's Open trophy is on display at the USGA Museum in Liberty Corner, N.J.

## **MERCHANDISE**

2026 U.S. Women's Open merchandise is available online at [usgashop.com](https://usgashop.com).

## **CONTENT HUB**

Championship images, videos and audio files are available complimentary to media for usage in editorial coverage of the 2026 U.S. Women's Open courtesy of the USGA through the [Content Hub](#).

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