



8th U.S. SENIOR WOMEN'S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP – FACT SHEET

Aug. 20-23, 2026, Barton Hills Country Club Ann Arbor, Mich.

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PAR AND YARDAGE

Barton Hills Country Club will be set up at 6,243 yards and will play to a par of 36-36-72. 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	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	3	5	36
Yards	343	522	400	339	141	355	382	167	513	3,162

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	5	3	4	4	4	4	3	5	4	36
Yards	470	163	338	379	341	390	174	474	352	3,081

THE COURSE

Designed by World Golf Hall of Famer Donald Ross, Barton Hills Country Club opened for play in 1922. The member-owned club was founded by Detroit Edison president Alex Dow and is located 40 miles west of Detroit and 5 miles north of the University of Michigan campus. Following several revisions, the course, which incorporates the area's rolling terrain, was restored to its original architectural roots and length was added in 2012 by Ron Pritchard.

WHO CAN ENTER

The championship is open to any female professional or amateur golfer who is 50 years of age or older as of Aug. 21, 2026. An amateur is eligible with a Handicap Index® not exceeding 7.4.

ENTRIES

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

QUALIFYING

In 2026, qualifying, over 18 holes, will take place across the country from June 2 – July 16.

CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD

The starting field of 120 golfers will be cut after 36 holes to the low 50 scorers and ties.

SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Eighteen holes of stroke play are scheduled each day from Thursday, Aug. 20, through Sunday, Aug. 23. In the case of a tie after 72 holes, a two-hole aggregate playoff will commence immediately after the conclusion of the fourth round.

2025 CHAMPION

Becky Morgan became the first player from Wales to win a USGA championship with her dominant six-stroke victory last August at San Diego Country Club, in Chula Vista, Calif. Morgan closed Sunday's final round with a 70 and a 72-hole total of 7-under-par 285. Morgan, who played more than two decades on both the LPGA Tour and the Ladies European Tour with one LET victory, won in the first year she was eligible for the U.S. Senior Women's Open. Liselotte Neumann, the 1988 U.S. Women's Open champion, finished second.

WHAT THE WINNER RECEIVES

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

- Custody of U.S. Senior Women's Open Trophy for one year, and a gold medal
- A U.S. Senior Women's Open exemption for the next 10 years
- Exemption into the 2027 U.S. Women's Open Presented by Ally Championship at the Inverness Club, in Toledo, Ohio.
- Name inscribed on the 2026 USGA Champions' plaque that will reside in the USGA Museum's Hall of Champions in Liberty Corner, N.J.

CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

This is the 8th U.S. Senior Women's Open Championship. The USGA announced the establishment of the championship on Feb. 6, 2015. In 2018, World Golf of Famer Laura Davies, of England, posted a 10-stroke victory over Juli Inkster en route to winning the inaugural title at historic Chicago Golf Club. Helen Alfredsson, of Sweden, took home the trophy the following year before the championship was canceled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2021, three-time U.S. Women's Open champion Annika Sorenstam, of Sweden, produced a wire-to-wire victory in her first year of eligibility at Brooklawn Country Club, in Fairfield Conn. Jill McGill became the first American to win the championship in 2022. Her one-stroke triumph at NCR Club, in Kettering, Ohio, was her third USGA title. In 2023, Trish Johnson, of England, claimed the title by a single stroke over Leta Lindley, who finished runner-up for the second consecutive year. In 2024, Leta Lindley clinched the title at Fox Chapel Golf Club with a record final round of 7-under-par 64.

PURSE

The 2025 purse was \$1 million; with the winner earning \$180,000.

2026 U.S. SENIOR WOMEN'S OPEN NOTES

- This will be the 35th USGA championship to be contested in the state of Michigan.
- Laura Davies and Annika Sorenstam are the only players to win the U.S. Women's Open and U.S. Senior Women's Open Championships.

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT BARTON HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

This will be the first U.S. Senior Women's Open and third USGA championship to be conducted at Barton Hills Country Club.

PAST USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT BARTON HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

1998 U.S. Women's Amateur (Grace Park def. Jenny Chuasiriporn, 7 and 6)

2008 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur (Joan Higgins def. Lynn Simmons, 1 up)

OTHER NOTABLE EVENTS AT BARTON HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

The club hosted the 1961 Coffey Cadillac Pro-Am Invitational where legends Arnold Palmer and Gary Player competed.

Barton Hills has also been active in Michigan's amateur championship history. The club has hosted three state women's amateurs (1968, 1995, 2006) and five Golf Association of Michigan men's amateurs (1996, 2011, 2016, 2017, 2024).

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MICHIGAN

The 2026 U.S. Senior Women's Open will be the 35th USGA championship in the state of Michigan.

RECENT USGA/MICHIGAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (champion in parenthesis)

2024 U.S. Junior Amateur, Oakland Hills Country Club (Trevor Gutschewski d. Tyler Watts, 4 and 3)

2021 U.S. Senior Amateur, Country Club of Detroit (Gene Elliot d. Jerry Gunthorpe, 1 up)

2016 U.S. Amateur, Oakland Hills Country Club (Curtis Luck d. Brad Dalke, 6 and 4)
2012 U.S. Senior Open, Indianwood Golf and Country Club (Roger Chapman)

LONGEST U.S. SENIOR WOMEN'S OPEN COURSES

6,279 yards, Chicago G.C., first round, Wheaton, Ill., 2018
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6,219 yards, San Diego C.C., Chula Vista, Calif. 2025
6,207 yards, NCR C.C. (South Course), third round, Kettering, Ohio, 2022
6,196 yards, Chicago G.C., third round, Wheaton, Ill., 2018
6,178 yards, Chicago G.C., fourth round, Wheaton, Ill., 2018
6,178 yards, NCR C.C. (South Course), fourth round, Kettering, Ohio, 2022

LONGEST PAR 3s in U.S. SENIOR WOMEN'S OPEN HISTORY

206 yards, 16th, third round, Waverley C.C., Portland, Ore., 2023
203 yards, 16th, second round, Waverley C.C., Portland, Ore., 2023
191 yards, 15th, third round, NCR C.C. (South Course), Kettering, Ohio, 2022
185 yards, 2nd, third round, Brooklawn C.C., Fairfield, Conn., 2021
185 yards, 13th, fourth round, NCR C.C. (South Course), Kettering, Ohio, 2022

LONGEST PAR 4s in U.S. SENIOR WOMEN'S OPEN HISTORY

428 yards, 12th, fourth round, NCR C.C. (South Course), Kettering, Ohio, 2022
405 yards, 9th, first round, Chicago G.C., Wheaton, Ill., 2018
401 yards, 9th, third round, Chicago G.C., Wheaton, Ill., 2018
401 yards, 14th, first round, Brooklawn C.C., Fairfield, Conn., 2021
401 yards, 14th, fourth round, Brooklawn C.C., Fairfield, Conn., 2021

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

546 yards, 7th, fourth round, Brooklawn C.C., Fairfield, Conn., 2021
540 yards, 7th, third round Brooklawn C.C., Fairfield, Conn., 2021
533 yards, 7th, first round, Brooklawn C.C., Fairfield, Conn., 2021
533 yards, 8th, second round, Waverley C.C., Portland, Ore., 2023
533 yards, 8th, third round, Waverley C.C., Portland, Ore., 2023

WINNERS OF U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN AND U.S. SENIOR WOMEN'S OPEN

- Laura Davies (1987 U.S. Women's Open; 2018 U.S. Senior Women's Open)
- Annika Sorenstam (1985, 1996, 2006 U.S. Women's Open; 2021 U.S. Senior Women's Open)

THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED AT THE SENIOR WOMEN'S OPEN

Becky Morgan – the last international winner (2025)
Becky Morgan – the last to win on her first attempt (2025)
Helen Alfredsson – the last to win on her second attempt (2019)
Annika Sorenstam – the last start-to-finish winner with ties (2021)

Laura Davies – the last winner to birdie the 72nd hole (2018)

Jill McGill – the last winner without a round in the 60s (2022)

None – the last winner with all rounds in the 60s

None – the last defending champion to miss the cut

None – the last winner to come through qualifying

FUTURE SITES

Aug. 19-22, 2027: Tacoma Country & Golf Club, Lakewood, Wash.

2028: SentryWorld, Stevens Point, Wis.

2030: Spyglass Hill Golf Course, Pebble Beach, Calif.

2031: Plainfield Country Club, Edison, N.J.

2032: Prairie Dunes Country Club, Hutchinson, Kan.

CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

The U.S. Senior Women's Open Championship was announced in 2015 in recognition of the growth of women's golf and the increasing number of worthy age-eligible competitors from around the world. Made of sterling silver, the trophy celebrates the accomplishments of its competitors as well as the opportunity this championship represents.

Its design elements include olive leaves, which symbolize intergenerational inspiration; the USGA seal, marking the organization's longstanding commitment to the game of golf; a pineapple crown, signifying that the championship is open to all; and round beads encircling the base that denote femininity and honor the significant role women have played in the game's history. Designed and produced by Nicholas Winton, Ltd., of Cheshire, England, the trophy stands 22 inches tall, is 12 inches from handle to handle and weighs 13 pounds, making it the heaviest of the five USGA Open championship trophies.

CONTENT HUB

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