

LIBERTY CORNER, N.J. (April 12, 2023) – Fans will have a chance to walk the fairways with the world's best amateur golfers and future stars of the game as tickets for the 123rd U.S. Amateur Championship, scheduled for Aug. 14-20 at Cherry Hills, in Cherry Hills Village, Colo., 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 with family and friends. Each individual ticket may be used for any one day of the of the championship (Monday through Sunday) and will include general admission to the grounds, access to walk the historic course and access to purchase on-site food and beverages. Monday and Tuesday tickets will provide access to both Cherry Hills and nearby Colorado Golf Club, the stroke-play co-host site.

## **Ticket Pricing**

Gallery - Good Any One Day (\$25/ticket)

Gallery - Good Any One Day, Five-Pack (\$100 total, \$20/ticket)

Juniors ages 17 and under will be granted complimentary Gallery admission for any day of the event by visiting the Ticket Office with a ticketed or credentialed adult to receive a hand stamp. There is a maximum of four junior tickets per ticketed or credentialed adult.

All tickets are available for purchase at usamateur.com/2023.

In addition, Peyton Manning, a two-time Super Bowl champion and first-ballot Pro Football Hall of Famer, has been named honorary chair of the 2023 U.S. Amateur Championship. Manning had an illustrious 18-season career as the quarterback of the Indianapolis Colts and Denver Broncos.

"I am honored to represent the state of Colorado, the city of Denver and Cherry Hills as the honorary chair of the 2023 U.S. Amateur," said Manning. "As someone who has great enthusiasm for not only the game of golf, but also for competitive athletics and all the great things that can be learned through sports, I'm thrilled to have a role in this championship. I'm confident Colorado's golf fans will join me in welcoming the game's best amateur players to Denver."

At the time of his retirement in 2015, Manning had broken many major NFL records, including career passing yards (71,940), career passing touchdowns (539), single-season passing touchdowns (55 in 2013), single-season passing yards (5,477 in 2013), total wins including playoffs (201), 4,000-plus-yard passing seasons (14), and consecutive seasons with at least 25 passing touchdowns (13).

Manning earned Pro Bowl honors 14 times, was named Associated Press NFL Most Valuable Player five times and was selected to the NFL's All-Decade Team of the 2000s. In all, Manning made four Super Bowl starts. He hosts the popular

"Manningcast," an alternate Monday Night Football telecast, with his brother Eli on ESPN.

The 123rd U.S. Amateur is currently seeking volunteers for championship week. Roles include marshals/forecaddies, walking scorers, standard bearers, practice range assistants and many other opportunities to be part of the action. 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 and Tiger Woods. In 2012, Cherry Hills hosted its second U.S. Amateur, as Steven Fox outlasted Michael Weaver on the 37th hole to become the lowest seed (No. 63) to win the Amateur since the USGA instituted the format of 36 holes of stroke play for 64 match-play spots in 1979.

The 2023 U.S. Amateur will be the 35th USGA championship in Colorado and the 10th at Cherry Hills. The club has hosted three U.S. Opens, including 1960, when Arnold Palmer captured his only U.S. Open title with a record comeback in the final round. Ralph Guldahl (1938) and Andy North (1978) also won U.S. Opens there, while Phil Mickelson prevailed in the only previous U.S. Amateur there, in 1990.

On July 17-22, the Eisenhower Golf Club at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs will host the 2023 U.S. Girls' Junior. It will be the first USGA championship hosted by a military academy.

The starting field of 312 players for the U.S. Amateur Championship (<u>usamateur.com</u>) will play 18 holes of stroke play on Aug. 14 and 15, with one round at Cherry Hills and one at Colorado Golf Club, the stroke-play co-host for the championship, after which the field will be cut to the low 64 scores. Six rounds of match play begin on Wednesday, Aug. 16 and the championship concludes with a 36-hole championship match on Sunday, Aug. 20. The winner and runner-up are exempt into the following year's U.S. Open Championship at Pinehurst Resort and Country Club's Course No. 2. The championship is open to amateur golfers with a Handicap Index® not exceeding 2.4. Entries are now open at <u>champs.usga.org</u>.

## About the USGA

The USGA is a nonprofit organization that celebrates, serves and advances the game of golf. Founded in 1894, we conduct many of golf's premier professional and amateur championships, including the U.S. Open and U.S. Women's Open. With The R&A, we govern the sport via a global set of playing, equipment, handicapping and amateur status rules. The USGA campus in Liberty Corner, New Jersey, is home to the Association's Research and Test Center, where science and innovation are fueling a healthy and sustainable game for the future. The campus is also home to the USGA Golf Museum, where we honor the game by curating the world's most comprehensive archive of golf artifacts. To learn more, visit usga.org.

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