

USGA Media Center

ERIN, Wis. (June 12, 2017) – The United States Golf Association (USGA) today announced that one additional player has earned a full exemption into the 117th U.S. Open Championship, to be contested June 15-18 at Erin Hills, bringing the number of fully exempt players to 78. Additionally, five alternates from sectional qualifying were added to complete the 156-player field.

Chris Wood earned an exemption based on the current Official World Golf Ranking (OWGR). Wood, of England, who is No. 60 in the OWGR, is playing in his second U.S. Open. The 29-year-old has four top-25 finishes on the PGA European Tour this season, including a tie for second at the Nordea Masters. Wood, who tied for 23rd in his first U.S. Open last year, won the BMW Championship and competed in his first Ryder Cup Match in 2016.

The USGA held six spots in the field for those players who could potentially qualify by moving into the top 60 of the OWGR, as of June 12. Since Wood was the only player to earn an exemption, five alternates from sectional qualifying were added to the field. They are Gregory Bourdy, Tyler Light, Davis Love IV, Meen Whee Kim and Ryan Palmer.

Bourdy, 35, of France, is playing in his third U.S. Open, with his best finish a tie for 18th last year at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club. He was the first alternate from the England sectional. Bourdy, who has won four times on the PGA European Tour, has played in 13 events this season. His best finish is a tie for third at the Shenzhen International on April 23.

Light, 26, of Massillon, Ohio, was the first alternate from the Springfield, Ohio, sectional. He is competing in his first U.S. Open. Light, who is one of 21 players who advanced to this year's U.S. Open through both local and sectional qualifying, played at Malone University, in Canton, Ohio, and had full status on the Mackenzie Tour-PGA Tour Canada in 2015.

Love IV, 23, is competing in his first U.S. Open after having qualified through local and sectional play. He was the first alternate from the Ball Ground, Ga., sectional. Love, known as Dru, was a fifth-year senior at the University of Alabama in 2016-17 and is playing in his first event as a professional. His father, Davis III, has played in 23 U.S. Opens and attempted to qualify in the Columbus, Ohio, sectional.

Kim, 25, of the Republic of Korea, is playing in his first U.S. Open. He was the first alternate from the Memphis, Tenn., sectional. Kim has competed in 19 PGA Tour events this season. He tied for fifth at the Puerto Rico Open on March 26. In 2015, Kim posted two top-10 finishes as a rookie on the PGA Tour.

Palmer is playing in his seventh U.S. Open, with his best finish a tie for 21st in 2011 at Congressional Country Club. He was the first alternate from the Dallas, Texas, sectional. Palmer has competed in 12 PGA Tour events this season. His best finish is a tie for sixth at the Valero Texas Open. Palmer has won three PGA Tour and one Nationwide Tour (now Web.com) events.

The U.S. Open will be contested in Wisconsin for the first time. Erin Hills is hosting its third USGA championship and its first since the 2011 U.S. Amateur. The U.S. Open will be contested in the Midwest for the first time since 2003, when Jim Furyk won at Olympia Fields (Ill.) Country Club.

There were 114 U.S. Open local qualifying sites that led to 12 sectional qualifiers, including international sites in Japan and England. Sectional qualifying in the United States took place at 10 sites on June 5. The USGA accepted 9,485 entries by the deadline of April 26, the fifth-highest total in championship history.

The list of the 78 golfers who are fully exempt into the 2017 U.S. Open (as of June 12):

Byeong Hun An	14	Marc Leishman	14
Daniel Berger	13, 14	Shane Lowry	12
Wesley Bryan	14	Hideki Matsuyama	13, 14
Angel Cabrera	1	Graeme McDowell	1
Rafael Cabrera Bello	14	William McGirt	13, 14
Paul Casey	13, 14	Rory McIlroy	1, 6, 7, 13, 14
Roberto Castro	13	a-Maverick McNealy	4
Kevin Chappell	13, 14	Phil Mickelson	6, 13, 14
a-Brad Dalke	2	Francesco Molinari	14
Jason Day	7, 8, 12, 13, 14	Kevin Na	12, 13
Jason Dufner	7, 12, 13	Alex Noren	9, 14
Ernie Els	6	Sean O'Hair	13
Ross Fisher	14	Louis Oosthuizen	14
Matthew Fitzpatrick	14	Pat Perez	14
Tommy Fleetwood	14	Scott Piercy	12, 14
Rickie Fowler	8, 14	Thomas Pieters	14
Jim Furyk	12	Jon Rahm	14
Sergio Garcia	5, 12, 14	Patrick Reed	13, 14
Lucas Glover	1	Justin Rose	1, 11, 14
Branden Grace	12, 14	Gene Sauers	10
a-Scott Gregory	3	Charl Schwartzel	13, 14
Emiliano Grillo	13, 14	Adam Scott	5, 13, 14
Bill Haas	14	Webb Simpson	1
Adam Hadwin	14	Brandt Snedeker	13, 14
Brian Harman	14	Jordan Spieth	1, 5, 13, 14

Tyrrell Hatton	14	Brendan Steele	14
Russell Henley	14	Henrik Stenson	6, 14
Charley Hoffman	14	Daniel Summerhays	12
J.B. Holmes	13, 14	Hideto Tanihara	14
Billy Horschel	14	Justin Thomas	13, 14
Yuta Ikeda	14	Jhonattan Vegas	13
Dustin Johnson	1, 12, 13, 14	Jimmy Walker	7, 13, 14
Zach Johnson	6, 12	Jeunghun Wang	14
Martin Kaymer	1, 14	Bubba Watson	5, 13, 14
Si Woo Kim	8, 13, 14	Lee Westwood	14
Kevin Kisner	13, 14	Bernd Wiesberger	14
Russell Knox	13, 14	Danny Willett	5, 14
Brooks Koepka	14	Chris Wood	15
Matt Kuchar	13, 14	Gary Woodland	13, 14

Bold – U.S. Open champion a-amateur

Key to Player Exemptions:

1. Winners of the U.S. Open Championship the last 10 years (2007-16)
2. Winner and runner-up of the 2016 U.S. Amateur Championship (must be an amateur)
3. Winner of the 2016 Amateur Championship, conducted by The R&A (must be an amateur)
4. Winner of the 2016 Mark H. McCormack Medal (top-ranked in WAGR & must be an amateur)
5. Winners of the Masters Tournament the last five years (2013-17)
6. Winners of The Open Championship, conducted by The R&A, the last five years (2012-16)
7. Winners of the PGA of America Championship the last five years (2012-16)
8. Winners of the Players Championship the last three years (2015-17)
9. Winner of the 2017 European Tour BMW PGA Championship
10. Winner of the 2016 U.S. Senior Open Championship
11. Winner of the 2016 Olympic Gold Medal
12. From the 2016 U.S. Open Championship, the 10 lowest scorers and anyone tying for 10th place
13. Those players who qualified for the season-ending 2016 Tour Championship
14. Top 60 point leaders and ties from the current World Ranking as of May 22, 2017
15. Top 60 point leaders and ties from the current World Ranking as of June 12, 2017
16. Special exemptions selected by the USGA

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