

LIBERTY CORNER, N.J. (Sept. 23, 2019) – The USGA is seeking nominations from the global golf community for the 2020 Bob Jones Award, the highest honor annually bestowed by the organization.

Presented since 1955, the Bob Jones Award highlights the most noteworthy demonstrations of sportsmanship in golf, and celebrates those individuals who, in the spirit of its namesake, have displayed character, integrity and respect while playing the game. Beyond his playing career – with a record-tying nine USGA championship titles – Jones embodied the game’s values throughout his life.

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Nomination letters can be sent to the USGA via email to bobjonesaward@usga.org. The correspondence should include support for the submission that references the above award criteria. The deadline for receipt is Friday, Oct. 25, 2019 at 5 p.m. EDT.

The USGA is opening nominations to the entire golf community for the first time in an effort to elevate deserving candidates who might otherwise have gone unrecognized and to draw greater awareness of the process.

Notable past recipients of the Bob Jones Award include Francis Ouimet, Babe Zaharias, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Peggy Kirk Bell, Nancy Lopez, Nick Price, Payne Stewart, Annika Sorenstam and Lee Elder. A complete list can be found [here](#).

The 2020 recipient will be announced in January and will be formally honored during the week of the 120th U.S. Open Championship, June 15-21, at Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, N.Y.