

LIBERTY CORNER, N.J. (Mar. 27, 2024) – The USGA today announced qualifying sites for the 124th U.S. Women's Amateur and U.S. Amateur Championships, to be held at Southern Hills Country Club, in Tulsa, Okla., from Aug. 5-11, and Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn., from Aug. 12-18, respectively.

U.S. Amateur local qualifying will be held between June 4 and July 3, with final qualifying between July 15 and July 31. U.S. Women's Amateur qualifying will be held between June 17 and July 18.

The USGA accepted a record number of entries for both championships last year. The 2023 U.S. Women's Amateur at Bel-Air Country Club received 1,679 entries, beating the previous record set in 2021 with 1,650 entries. The 2023 U.S. Amateur at Cherry Hills Country Club received 8,253 entries, breaking the previous mark set in 2022 with 7,749 entries.

Online entry applications for both championships are available now at <u>champ-admin.usga.org</u>. U.S. Amateur entries will close Wednesday, May 29, at 5 p.m. EDT and U.S. Women's Amateur entries will close Wednesday, June 12, at 5 p.m. EDT.

The USGA recently <u>announced significant modifications</u> to its amateur championship qualifying model for the first time in more than 20 years. These changes will allow USGA championships to retain their openness while ensuring that high-caliber players are provided with ample opportunity to earn a spot in the field, and that qualifying can be conducted at the highest level among growing entries and field sizes.

The most significant revisions are to the U.S. Amateur, which will move from a one-stage, 36-hole qualifying format to a two-stage qualifying format with 45 18-hole local qualifying sites and 19 18-hole final qualifying sites. Other adjustments included <u>modifications to exemptions</u>.

These modifications will result in a net reduction of 94 qualifying sites, while providing more opportunities for players to earn a spot in a USGA championship through expanded exemptions, state/AGA amateur championships and traditional qualifying.

A comprehensive list of independent events (USGA Exemption Events) that provide exemptions into respective USGA Championships under the State/AGA/Regional/National Amateur Exemption Category can be found here.

About the USGA

The USGA is a mission-based golf organization whose purpose is to unify the golf community through handicapping and grassroots programs; to showcase the game's best talent through the U.S. Open, U.S. Women's Open Presented by Ally and 13 other national championships and our museum; to provide unbiased global governance with The R&A through the playing, equipment and Amateur Status rules; and to advance issues important to golf's future, with a focus on driving sustainability, accessibility and inclusion. As a nonprofit association, our work and our team are driven to act for the good

of the game. For more, visit usga.org.

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