

LIBERTY CORNER, N.J. (May 3, 2018) – To better serve fans during this summer’s U.S. Open Championship at iconic Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, N.Y., the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) will add multiple trains throughout U.S. Open week, June 11-17, **providing a convenient way to travel to golf’s ultimate test.**

To accommodate increased ridership and encourage the use of mass transit, the LIRR will provide service for fans traveling from both New York City and eastern Long Island.

Numerous morning and afternoon trains will be scheduled each day with service increasing during championship rounds, June 14-17. A schedule will be posted at mta.info/lirr and accessible via usopen.com and the U.S. Open app, which will be available for download on May 31. Riders will arrive at a temporary train platform provided by the USGA and located adjacent to the **Stony Brook Southampton College campus.** Commuters will proceed through security screening prior to crossing a pedestrian bridge spanning County Route 39 to reach the championship grounds.

LIRR tickets can be purchased beginning May 21 at ticket machines, staffed ticket offices or through the MTA eTix mobile app. Visitors are encouraged to buy roundtrip tickets in advance.

“We understand that the U.S. Open fan experience starts well before someone arrives at the venue,” **said** Reg Jones, managing director, U.S. Open Championships. **“Partnering with the LIRR allows us to provide a convenient door-to-door option to the championship for our fans.”**

“The LIRR is the best way for people coming from all over to experience world-class events on Long Island such as the U.S. Open,” said Phil Eng, LIRR president. “With limited capacity on Long Island’s highways and parking lots, events like this couldn’t be held here without the railroad. I’m proud of LIRR staff’s ability to develop solutions like having the USGA build a temporary platform, which will help us bring our customers as close as possible, and as quickly as possible, to the championship without having to worry about traffic or parking.”

Daily and multi-day tickets are available exclusively at usopen.com. For more information, or for any questions related to 118th U.S. Open Championship tickets, please visit usopen.com, email ticketquestions@usga.org, or call 1.800.698.0661.

About the USGA

The USGA 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 and amateur status rules. Our operating jurisdiction for these governance functions is the United States, its territories and Mexico. The USGA Handicap System is utilized in more than 40 countries and our Course Rating System covers 95 percent of the world’s golf courses, enabling all golfers to play on an equitable basis.

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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