



USGA Welcomes Fans to Shoal Creek for the 73rd U.S. Women's Open Championship

LIBERTY CORNER, N.J. (May 24, 2018) - The USGA is excited to welcome golf fans from around the world to the Birmingham, Ala., area for the 73rd U.S. Women's Open Championship, scheduled for May 28-June 3 at Shoal Creek.

The national championship and ultimate test for the best female golfers in the world, the U.S. Women's Open Championship field is comprised of 156 of the top professionals and amateurs competing for the most coveted prize in women's golf. Defending U.S. Women's Open champion Sung Hyun Park is one of 14 USGA champions in the field, which also includes Michelle Wie, Lydia Ko and Lexi Thompson, among others. Former local college standouts Emma Talley (Alabama) and Cydney Clanton (Auburn) also earned spots in the field.

All who plan to attend are encouraged to visit uswomensopen.com for complete fan information, including directions, security information, prohibited items, gate times and how to best prepare for a day at the course.

Great Tickets Still Available

Tickets are currently available for purchase, with practice-round gallery tickets starting at \$20 online. Children under the age of 18 get in free each day of the championship.

"The Eagle's Nest is the best fan ticket experience," said Matt Sawicki, director of the U.S. Women's Open. "Food is available from Jim 'n Nick's and there is stadium seating near the 15th tee. The atmosphere in this sports bar will be electric."

Daily tickets to the Eagle's Nest are available for \$73.

Junior Day

The free day of events includes interactive stations to spark interest in various aspects of the game and expose kids to national championship golf. Young golf enthusiasts can also meet U.S. Women's Open players, participate in a hands-on clinic and take pictures with the U.S. Women's Open trophy in a fun and exciting atmosphere.

Registration is currently open for youth who wish to participate in a series of family-friendly activities scheduled on Wednesday, May 30, beginning at 8 a.m. CDT. To register or learn more, visit [Inside the U.S. Women's Open Junior Day](#).

Local Food and Merchandise

Nationally renowned caterer, Ridgewell's, is adding local Alabama specialties to its menus. In addition to Jim 'n Nick's barbeque specialties being available in the Eagle's Nest, you will be able to find Big Spoon Ice Cream on course and G Mommas cookies at concession stands.

Everything from apparel to glassware and more with the U.S. Women's Open championship logo will be available at the merchandise tent. Limited edition items from Earthborn Pottery will be a fan favorite.

Military Tickets

Complimentary tickets are available for active and retired military for practice rounds on May 29-30 and can only be obtained at Will Call. The military ticket policy covers all branches of service, including the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy and the National Guard and Reserves. Additional information can be found at [2018 U.S. Women's Open FAQ](#).

Parking and Transportation

In collaboration with local law enforcement, the USGA has created an efficient parking and transportation plan. Fans should proceed to The Church at Brook Hills via US-280 or HWY 119 and follow signs to parking areas on Tuesday through Friday. Saturday and Sunday parking will be located at the Meadow Brook Corporate Park off of 280. In all cases, parking is free and shuttle service will be provided.

Fans with parking passes should follow instructions located on the back of their hang tags.

Fan Tips

To prepare for a day at the championship, the USGA recommends the following:

- **Wear comfortable shoes:** Expect a day of walking on uneven terrain and plan accordingly. Pride Mobility scooters will be available to disabled persons at Fan Central on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Be ready for the sun:** Personal-care items, such as sunscreen, cannot be more than 3 ounces in size and must be in tube/liquid form (not aerosol). Water will also be available at all on-site first-aid stations for those with medical needs
- **Measure your bag size:** Bags larger than 6" x 6" x 6" in their natural state will not be permitted on the championship grounds except for clear plastic hand or shoulder bags that do not exceed 12" x 12" x 6", similar to those allowed at other major sporting events.
- **Tune In:** Rolex will be the exclusive presenting partner of coverage for the U.S. Women's Open on Fox and FS1 and will present the championship uninterrupted. The first two rounds will be televised on FS1 from 2-7 p.m. CDT from May 31-June 1. Fox will air the third and fourth rounds June 2-3 from 1-6 p.m. Live streaming coverage of the U.S. Women's Open begins on [usga.org](#) at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 31.
- **Follow Along:** Live scoring, highlights, and exclusive video content will be available via mobile or desktop at [usga.org](#), or @usga on social media channels throughout championship week. Fans can join the conversation by using #USWomensOpen.
- **Bring permissible mobile technology:** Devices 7 inches or smaller are permitted on the championship grounds. All device volume controls must be set to silent or vibrate. Phone calls, texting and emailing are permissible throughout the golf course but should not disrupt play.
- **Get ready for autographs and personal photos Tuesday and Wednesday:** Autographs can be requested before or after a player's round during practice rounds only, and personal-use cameras are permitted Tuesday and Wednesday, but not during championship rounds. Video and audio recordings are not permitted with any device.

For more information about players, scoring and the championship, please visit [uswomensopen.com](#).

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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