

LIBERTY CORNER, N.J. (May 20, 2019) – The United States Golf Association (USGA) today announced that 26 additional golfers, including 2003 U.S. Open champion Jim Furyk and U.S. Amateur champions Matthew Fitzpatrick and Byeong Hun An, have earned full exemptions into the 2019 U.S. Open Championship, to be played June 13-16 at Pebble Beach (Calif.) Golf Links. These exemptions bring the number of fully exempt players to 76.

All 26 exemptions were awarded to players who earned a place in the top 60 of the Official World Golf Ranking (OWGR) as of May 19. Furyk, who won the U.S. Open at Olympia Fields (Ill.) Country Club and is a three-time runner-up (2006, 2007, 2016), is ranked No. 51. It will be Furyk's 25th U.S. Open. Fitzpatrick, who is competing in his fifth U.S. Open, won the 2013 U.S. Amateur and is ranked No. 33. An, who claimed the 2009 U.S. Amateur, is ranked No. 57 and will play in his sixth U.S. Open.

The other players who earned full exemptions through the current Official World Golf Ranking are: Abraham Ancer, Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Lucas Bjerregaard, Rafael Cabrera Bello, Branden Grace, Justin Harding, J.B. Holmes, Charles Howell III, Kevin Kisner, Haotong Li, Luke List, Shane Lowry, Keith Mitchell, Alex Noren, Thorbjorn Olesen, Louis Oosthuizen, Cheng Tsung Pan, Eddie Pepperell, Ian Poulter, Chez Reavie, Adam Scott, Brandt Snedeker and Matt Wallace. Reavie (2001) and Snedeker (2003) are past U.S. Amateur Public Links champions.

At No. 20, Oosthuizen is the highest-ranked player in the current OWGR who was not previously exempt into the U.S. Open. Oosthuizen, who won the 2010 Open Championship on the Old Course at St. Andrews, will compete in his 10th U.S. Open. He was the runner-up with Dustin Johnson to Jordan Spieth in 2015 at Chambers Bay.

List moved up 18 spots from the previous world ranking to No. 58 as of this week. List, who will play in his fifth U.S. Open, has posted four top-10 finishes on the PGA Tour this season, including sixth in the PGA Championship. In 2018, he lost in a sudden-death playoff to Justin Thomas at the Honda Classic.

Any multiple winners of PGA Tour events that award a full-point allocation for the season-ending Tour Championship will also earn an exemption. The number of fully exempt golfers may increase with the addition of the top 60 players from the OWGR as of Monday, June 10.

The first of nine U.S. sectional qualifiers for the 2019 U.S. Open was conducted on May 20, in Dallas, Texas, where 10 spots in the 156-player field were determined. Japan (Kuwana Country Club) and England (Walton Heath Golf Club) will host international sectional qualifying, scheduled for May 27 and June 3, respectively. A sectional qualifier will be contested for the first time in Canada (RattleSnake Point Golf Club) on June 3. Those players who qualify are in addition to the 76 fully exempt players listed below.

Sectional qualifying in the United States, at 36 holes, will take place at eight sites on Monday, June 3. The sites are: Big Canyon Country Club & Newport Beach Country Club, Newport Beach, Calif.; Streamsong Resort (Black Course), Bowling Green, Fla.; Hawks Ridge Golf Club, Ball Ground, Ga.; Woodmont Country Club (North Course), Rockville, Md.; Century Country Club & Old Oaks Country Club, Purchase, N.Y.; Brookside Golf & Country Club & Scioto Country Club, Columbus, Ohio; Springfield (Ohio) Country Club; and Wine Valley Golf Club, Walla Walla, Wash.

Pebble Beach Golf Links has hosted the U.S. Open in five consecutive decades and the 119th edition will be the 13th USGA championship to be conducted at the resort. In 1972, Jack Nicklaus won the third of his record-tying four U.S. Opens. Tom Watson and Tom Kite claimed their lone U.S. Open titles in 1982 and 1992, respectively. In 2000, Tiger Woods won the first of his three U.S. Opens with a historic 15-stroke triumph, and Graeme McDowell became the first European in 40 years to win the U.S. Open in 2010. Woods, who also won the 2002 and 2008 U.S. Opens, and McDowell are exempt into the 2019 championship.

A list of the 76 golfers fully exempt into the 2019 U.S. Open as of May 20 (not including the sectional qualifiers from Texas) is below. It can also be found at this link:

<http://www.usopen.com/qualifying/exemptions.html>.

More information about the 2019 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach, including local and sectional qualifying, is available at usopen.com.

The list of the 76 golfers who are fully exempt into the 2019 U.S. Open (as of May 20):

Byeong Hun An	13
Abraham Ancer	13
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	13
Daniel Berger	11
Lucas Bjerregaard	13
a-Devon Bling	2
Keegan Bradley	12, 13
Rafael Cabrera Bello	13
Patrick Cantlay	12, 13
Paul Casey	12, 13
Jason Day	7, 12, 13

Bryson DeChambeau	9, 12, 13
Ernie Els	15
Tony Finau	11, 12, 13
Matthew Fitzpatrick	13
Tommy Fleetwood	11, 12, 13
Rickie Fowler	12, 13
Jim Furyk	13
Sergio Garcia	5, 13
Lucas Glover	1
Branden Grace	13
Justin Harding	13
Tyrrell Hatton	11, 13
J.B. Holmes	13
Billy Horschel	12, 13
a-Viktor Hovland	2
Charles Howell III	13
Dustin Johnson	1, 9, 11, 12, 13
Zach Johnson	6
Martin Kaymer	1
Si Woo Kim	8, 13
Kevin Kisner	13
Patton Kizzire	12
Brooks Koepka	1, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13

Matt Kuchar	9, 13
Marc Leishman	12, 13
Haotong Li	13
Luke List	13
Shane Lowry	13
Hideki Matsuyama	12, 13
Graeme McDowell	1
Rory McIlroy	1, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13
Phil Mickelson	12, 13
Keith Mitchell	13
Francesco Molinari	6, 9, 12, 13
Kevin Na	12, 13
Alex Noren	13
a-Kevin O'Connell	2
Thorbjorn Olesen	13
Louis Oosthuizen	13
Cheng Tsung Pan	13
Eddie Pepperell	13
Ian Poulter	13
Jon Rahm	12, 13
Chez Reavie	13
a-Jovan Rebula	3
Patrick Reed	5, 11, 12, 13
Justin Rose	1, 11, 12, 13

Xander Schauffele	9, 11, 12, 13
Adam Scott	13
Webb Simpson	1, 8, 11, 12, 13
Cameron Smith	12, 13
Brandt Snedeker	13
Jordan Spieth	1, 5, 6, 13
Kyle Stanley	12, 13
Henrik Stenson	6, 11, 13
Justin Thomas	7, 12, 13
a-Michael Thorbjornsen	2
David Toms	10
Jimmy Walker	7
Matt Wallace	13
Bubba Watson	12, 13
Danny Willett	5
Aaron Wise	12
Gary Woodland	12, 13
Tiger Woods	5, 9, 12, 13

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Key to Player Exemptions:

- Winners of the U.S. Open Championship the last 10 years (2009-19)
- Winner of the 2018 U.S. Amateur, U.S. Junior Amateur & U.S. Mid-Amateur Championships and 2018 U.S. Amateur Championship runner-up (must be an amateur)
- Winner of the 2018 Amateur Championship, conducted by The R&A (must be an amateur)
- Winner of the 2018 Mark H. McCormack Medal (top-ranked in WAGR & must be an amateur)
- Winners of the Masters Tournament the last five years (2015-19)

- Winners of The Open Championship, conducted by The R&A, the last five years (2014-18)
- Winners of the PGA of America Championship the last five years (2014-19)
- Winners of The Players Championship the last three years (2017-19)
- Multiple winners of PGA Tour events that award a full-point allocation (2018-19)
- Winner of the 2018 U.S. Senior Open Championship
- From the 2018 U.S. Open Championship, the 10 lowest scorers and anyone tying for 10th place
- Those players who qualified for the season-ending 2018 Tour Championship
- Top 60 point leaders and ties from the current World Ranking as of May 20, 2019
- Top 60 point leaders and ties from the current World Ranking as of June 10, 2019
- Special exemptions selected by the USGA

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