

**USGA Accepts 7,191 Entries  
for 119th U.S. Amateur Championship**

LIBERTY CORNER, N.J. (July 2, 2019) – A total of 7,191 entries have been accepted for the 119th U.S. Amateur Championship, scheduled for Aug. 12-18, 2019, at Pinehurst Resort & Country Club in the Village of Pinehurst, N.C.

Sixty-seven players are fully exempt into the most prestigious championship in amateur golf, and the remaining places in the 312-player field will be filled from the 96 sectional qualifiers, conducted by Allied Golf Associations between July 1 and July 24.

Of the 15 amateurs who competed in the 2019 U.S. Open Championship at Pebble Beach (Calif.) Golf Links, 14 have filed entries and are fully exempt into the championship.

Among the exempt players are: 2018 U.S. Junior Amateur champion Michael Thorbjornsen, of Wellesley, Mass.; Brandon Wu, who tied for 35th in the 2019 U.S. Open, second-best finish of the four amateurs who made the cut; Jeff Wilson, 2018 U.S. Senior Amateur champion, of Fairfield, Calif.; and 2018 U.S. Mid-Amateur champion Kevin O’Connell, of Cary, N.C.

In addition, 49 of the top 50 players in the World Amateur Golf Ranking™ (as of June 26) are in the field, including No. 1 Cole Hammer, of Houston, Texas; No. 2 Takumi Kanaya, of Japan; No. 3 David Micheluzzi, of Australia, No. 4 Akshay Bhatia, of Wake Forest, N.C.; and No. 5 Kevin Yu, of Taiwan.

Entries were accepted from golfers in all 50 states, including 313 from host state North Carolina, as well as 60 other countries.

The first entrant was Bryan Mitchell Robinson from Katy, Texas. Paul Gosiger, of Cincinnati, Ohio, submitted the last entry, 15 seconds before the 5 p.m. EDT deadline on June 26.

Pinehurst, which first hosted the U.S. Amateur in 1962, when Labron Harris claimed the Havemeyer Trophy over Downing Gray, will be hosting its third U.S. Amateur Championship and 10th USGA championship. Pinehurst has also hosted three U.S. Opens (1999, 2005 and 2014) and will host the 124th U.S. Open in 2024.

Pinehurst’s Course No. 2 and Course No. 4 will host the stroke-play rounds on Aug. 12-13. After 36 holes, the field will be trimmed from 312 players to 64 for match play. The first five rounds of match play – through the semifinals – will be played on Course No. 2 on Aug. 14-17.

The 36-hole championship match will be contested over two courses for the first time. Scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 18, it will open with the morning round on Course No. 4, which was recently redesigned by Gil Hanse. The afternoon round will be played on Course No. 2, the renowned Donald Ross design that was restored by Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw in 2011.

The following ticket options are available:

- Daily – \$20
- Gallery Weekly – \$100
- The Deuce Club Hospitality Packages starting at \$275

For more information on tickets and the 119th U.S. Amateur Championship, visit [usamateur.com](http://usamateur.com).

The list of the 67 golfers who are fully exempt into the 2019 U.S. Amateur (as of June 26):

Ludvig Aberg (18)	Takumi Kanaya (13, 17, 18)	
John Augenstein (18)	Sean Knapp (10)	
Albin Bergstrom (18)	Jeong-Weon Ko (18)	Caolan Rafferty (18)
Akshay Bhatia (18)	Koen Kouwenaar (18)	Jovan Rebula (5, 16, 18)
Devon Bling (2, 5)	Mark Lawrence Jr. (3)	Eduard Rousaud Sabate (18)
Brett Boner (8)	Eugenio Lopez-Chacarra (18)	Isaiah Salinda (3, 4, 18)
Ricky Castillo (18)	RJ Manke (17)	Benjamin Schmidt (18)
Quade Cummins (18)	Stefano Mazzoli (18)	Sandy Scott (18)
Brad Dalke (2, 12)	Mike McCoy (11)	Tom Sloman (18)
Alejandro Del Rey Gonzalez (13, 18)	David Micheluzzi (18)	Alex Smalley (18)
Chandler Eaton (5)	Alvaro Mueller-Baumgart (18)	Austin Squires (4)
Austin Eckroat (5, 18)	Keita Nakajima (18)	Maximilian Steinlechner (18)
Steven Fisk (18)	Rasmus Neergaard-Petersen (18)	James Sugrue (16)
Alex Fitzpatrick (4)	Noah Norton (5)	Rayhan Thomas (13, 18)
Gerold Folk (18)	David Nyfjall (18)	Michael Thorbjornsen (5, 9)
	Kevin O'Connell (5, 8, 18)	Spencer Tibbits (5)
		Karl Vilips (18)

Conor Gough (18)	John Pak (18)	Euan Walker (18)
Will Grimmer (6)	Matt Parziale (5, 6, 8)	Jeff Wilson (10)
Stewart Hagestad (5, 11, 18)	Victor Pastor Rufian (18)	Blake Windred (18)
Cole Hammer (3, 4, 12, 18)	Chandler Phillips (18)	Brandon Wu (5, 18)
Scott Harvey (11)	Trent Phillips (18)	Cameron Young (5, 18)
Daniel Hillier (5, 13, 18)	David Puig Currius (18)	Kevin Yu (5, 18)
Michael Hirmer (18)	Conor Purcell (18)	
Benjamin Jones (18)		

### **Exemption categories:**

\*(NOTE: Blank entries will be filed by the USGA for players who become exempt after close of entries.)

1. Winners of the U.S. Amateur Championship the last 10 years (2009-2018)
2. Runners-up of the U.S. Amateur Championship the last three years (2016-2018)
3. Semifinalists of the U.S. Amateur Championship the last two years (2017-2018)
4. Quarterfinalists from the 2018 U.S. Amateur Championship
5. Any player who qualified for the 2019 U.S. Open Championship
6. From the 2018 U.S. Open Championship, those returning scores for 72 holes
7. \*From the 2019 U.S. Senior Open Championship, the amateur returning the lowest 72-hole score
8. From the U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship, winners in 2017 & 2018 and the runner-up in 2018
9. \*From the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship, winners in 2018 & 2019 and the runner-up in 2019
10. From the U.S. Senior Amateur Championship, winners in 2017 & 2018 and the runner-up in 2018
11. \*Playing members of the United States and Great Britain & Ireland Walker Cup Teams, four-year exemption once appointed to the team
12. Playing members of the two most recent United States Men's World Amateur Teams (2016 & 2018)

13. The low eight finishers and ties of the 2018 Men's World Amateur Team Championship
14. Winner of the 2019 individual NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championship
15. \*From the 2019 Open Championship conducted by The R&A, those returning scores for 72 holes
16. Winners of The Amateur Championship conducted by The R&A the last five years (2015-2019)
17. \*Winners of the most current Asia-Pacific Amateur, Canadian Men's Amateur, European Amateur, Latin America Amateur and Mexican International Amateur Championships
18. From the current Men's World Amateur Golf Ranking, the top 50 and anyone tying for 50th place as of June 26, 2019. Players must select a qualifying site at the time of entry. Players exempt under this category will be determined at the close of entries. (Must have filed an entry by June 26, 2019.)
19. \*From the current Men's World Amateur Golf Ranking, the five lowest ranked players within the top 50 as of Aug. 7, 2019, if not previously exempt. Players eligible under this category will be determined on Aug. 7, 2019.
20. \*Special exemptions as selected by the USGA. Must have filed an entry by June 26, 2019. Deadline for submission of request: June 26, 2019. Players must select a qualifying site at the time of entry.

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