LIBERTY CORNER, N.J. (Feb. 26, 2020) – The United States Golf Association (USGA) today announced the qualifying sites for the 75th U.S. Women's Open Championship, which will be contested June 4-7, 2020, at Champions Golf Club in Houston, Texas.

Conducted over 36 holes, qualifying will be held at 25 courses, including four international sites, between April 21 and May 14. The championship is open to female professionals and amateurs with a Handicap Index® not exceeding 2.4. Online entry applications open Monday, March 2 and continue through Wednesday, April 15, at 5 p.m. EDT at <a href="mailto:champs.usga.org">champs.usga.org</a>.

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For the seventh consecutive year, U.S. Women's Open qualifying will be conducted in England, Japan, the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea. Two courses return as international sites: Dream Park Country Club in Incheon, Republic of Korea, on April 23, and Ohtone Country Club in Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan, on April 27.

Of the 21 qualifiers that will be played in the United States, California has the most sites with four, while Florida will host three.

The 75th U.S. Women's Open will be the fifth USGA championship conducted on Champions Golf Club's Cypress Creek course. The club previously hosted the 1969 U.S. Open, the 1993 U.S. Amateur, the 1998 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur and the 2017 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur.

Champions Golf Club was founded in 1957 by World Golf Hall of Fame members Jack Burke Jr., who currently serves as president, and three-time Masters champion Jimmy Demaret. The Cypress Creek course was designed by Ralph Plummer and opened in 1959.

The U.S. Women's Open is a walking-only, 72-hole stroke-play competition. There will be a 36-hole cut to the top 50 players and ties. The USGA accepted 1,552 entries for the 2019 U.S. Women's Open at the Country Club of Charleston (S.C.), which was won by Jeongeun Lee6 of the Republic of Korea. The record of 1,873 entries was established for the 2015 championship at Lancaster (Pa.) Country Club, which will again host the U.S. Women's Open in 2024.

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Considered the world's premier women's golf championship, the U.S. Women's Open is one of 14 national championships conducted annually by the USGA. The championship began in 1946 and its winners include Babe Didrikson Zaharias, Betsy Rawls, Mickey Wright, Hollis Stacy, Amy Alcott, Meg Mallon, Annika Sorenstam, Se Ri Pak, Juli Inkster, Cristie Kerr, Paula Creamer, Inbee Park and Michelle Wie.

For more information, visit <u>uswomensopen.com</u>.

# Tuesday, April 21 (1)

Meridian Valley Country Club, Kent, Wash.

## Thursday, April 23 (2)

Dream Park Country Club, Incheon, Korea Canyon Creek Country Club, Richardson, Texas

## Monday, April 27 (5)

Morongo Golf Club at Tukwet Canyon, Beaumont, Calif. North Ridge Country Club, Fair Oaks, Calif. Foxhills C.C. & Resort (Longcross Course), Chertsey, England Village Links of Glen Ellyn (III.) Ohtone Country Club, Ibaraki Pref., Japan

### Tuesday, April 28 (1)

The Clubs at Houston Oaks, Hockley, Texas

# Wednesday, April 29 (1)

Shanghai Lake Malaren Golf Club, Shanghai, China

## Friday, May 1 (1)

Sugar Mill Country Club, New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

#### Monday, May 4 (8)

Marin Country Club, Novato, Calif.
Riverdale Dunes Golf Course, Brighton, Colo.
Bradenton (Fla.) Country Club
The Falls Club of The Palm Beaches, Lake Worth, Fla.
Dunwoody (Ga.) Country Club
Oahu Country Club, Honolulu, Hawaii
North Oaks (Minn.) Golf Club
Spring Lake (N.J.) Golf Club

## Tuesday, May 5 (2)

Gaston Country Club, Gastonia, N.C. Shannopin Country Club, Pittsburgh, Pa.

## Wednesday, May 6 (2)

Soule Park Golf Club, Ojai, Calif. Dedham (Mass.) Country & Polo Club

## Tuesday, May 12 (1)

Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Va.

## Thursday, May 14 (1)

Briarwood Country Club, Phoenix, Ariz.

Qualifying sites and dates are subject to change. For the most up-to-date list, visit <a href="change.usga.org">change.usga.org</a>.

### **About the USGA**

The USGA is a nonprofit organization that 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, handicapping and amateur status rules. 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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