

LIBERTY CORNER, N.J. (Oct. 7, 2020) – The USGA today announced that Anchorage Golf Course in Anchorage, Alaska, will host the 60th U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur. The championship is scheduled for July 30-Aug. 4, 2022 and will mark the first time the USGA has taken one of its championships to the state of Alaska. Upon completion, the USGA will have hosted a championship in all 50 states as well as the District of Columbia.

“It’s a monumental occasion for us to bring a championship to Alaska, something that has been a long time coming,” said Mike Davis, CEO of the USGA. “Players from all over the country dream of becoming USGA champions, so it is important we bring our events to all corners of the United States to expose golfers and golf fans to the inspiration and competitiveness of our championships. We’re so thankful to Anchorage Golf Course for working with us to make this dream a reality.”

Anchorage Golf Course, located on a hillside overlooking the city of Anchorage, is a municipal golf course designed by architect Bill Newcomb. The 6,600-yard layout features rolling, tree-lined fairways that lead to well bunkered, undulating greens. The course offers views of three mountain ranges, including the tallest peak in North America, Denali (previously named Mount McKinley).

“We’re thrilled and honored to be a part of this historic moment and become the first golf course in Alaska to host a USGA championship,” said Rich Sayers, general manager, Anchorage Golf Course. “To showcase to the world what sort of golf we have here in Alaska, and demonstrate both the challenge and beauty of our golf course on such a grand stage, is something we cannot wait for. The championship can’t come soon enough.”



Alaska will join six other states, as well as the District of Columbia, in hosting one USGA championship. Alaska has hosted U.S. Open qualifying every year since 2009 as well as numerous U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur qualifiers.

“Golf at this latitude requires real dedication and commitment to sport, and I know that our scenery, our course and our hospitality will make this championship especially memorable,” said Mayor of Anchorage Ethan Berkowitz. “We are the biggest city in the biggest state and the prestige of hosting this event does us proud.”

The U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur Championship is open to any female golfer 50 years of age or older whose Handicap Index does not exceed 14.4. The field will consist of 132 players who will earn entry into the championship via sectional qualifying at sites nationwide or through an exemption category.

The format for the championship includes two rounds of stroke play followed by six rounds of match play, with the low 64 scorers in stroke play qualifying for match play. The 2019 U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur was a matchup of the same two finalists as 2018, and it was won by Lara Tennant of Portland, Ore., who defeated Sue Wooster, 3 and 2, for the second time. While the 2020 championship was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 championship is set for Sept. 10-15 at The Lakewood Club in Point Clear, Ala.

USGA Championships by State (through Sept. 2020)

Alabama - 7	Kentucky - 5	North Dakota - 1
Alaska - 0	Louisiana - 2	Ohio - 40

Arizona - 16	Maine - 1	Oklahoma - 22
Arkansas - 2	Maryland - 23	Oregon - 38
California - 83	Massachusetts - 57	Pennsylvania - 87
Colorado - 33	Michigan - 32	Rhode Island - 9
Connecticut - 13	Minnesota - 36	South Carolina - 18
Delaware - 6	Mississippi - 4	South Dakota - 2
District of Columbia - 1	Missouri - 22	Tennessee - 16
Florida - 24	Montana - 2	Texas - 30
Georgia - 28	Nebraska - 3	Utah - 1
Hawaii - 6	Nevada - 2	Vermont - 1
Idaho - 1	New Hampshire - 1	Virginia - 20
Illinois - 61	New Jersey - 62	Washington - 25
Indiana - 22	New Mexico - 2	West Virginia - 2
Iowa - 3	New York - 73	Wisconsin - 15
Kansas - 22	North Carolina - 33	Wyoming - 2

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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