

LIBERTY CORNER, N.J. (Feb. 21, 2024) – The United States Golf Association (USGA) today announced that online entry applications will be available beginning on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 9 a.m. EST, for the 124th U.S. Open Championship, to be played from June 13-16 on Pinehurst Resort & Country Club's Course No. 2, in the Village of Pinehurst, N.C.



Thousands of golfers are expected to qualify for the championship through a two-stage process, with a final field of 156 players advancing to Pinehurst's Course No. 2, where one will be crowned U.S. Open champion. Non-exempt players will compete in one of 109 local qualifiers hosted throughout the United States (with one in Canada) between April 22 and May 20.

Nearly 1,000 players will then compete in 36-hole final qualifying, scheduled at 13 sites worldwide. Final qualifying is set to be contested in England and Japan (May 20) and Canada (June 3) as well as 10 U.S. sites, one on May 20 and nine on June 3.

There are 23 categories for exemption into the U.S. Open, including four exemptions that were introduced last year: 2024 Latin America Amateur champion (must be an amateur), 2024 NCAA Division I men's individual champion (must be an amateur), 2023 Korn Ferry Tour season points leader (using points earned in KFT Regular Season and points earned in KFT Tour Finals) and the top 5 players in the 2024 FedExCup standings as of May 20, 2024, who are not otherwise exempt. With final qualifying in England back on the schedule, the DP World Tour U.S. Open qualifying series has been discontinued.

Entry applications, along with a list of qualifying sites, can be accessed at champ-admin.usga.org, and entries will be accepted through Wednesday, April 10, at 5 p.m. EDT. To be eligible for 2024 U.S. Open qualifying, a player must have a Handicap Index® not exceeding 0.4, or be a professional.

Allied Golf Associations (AGAs) in the United States, as well as the DP World Tour, Japan Golf Association and Golf Canada, are working with the USGA to provide thousands of entrants from all backgrounds with the opportunity to compete for a spot in this major championship. This collaboration with AGAs allows for an open qualifying process in all five USGA Open Championships. Since 2004, the U.S. Open has averaged 74.2 players in the final field who have advanced through one or both stages of qualifying.

Entry applications for three other USGA Open championships are also now available. The 79th U.S. Women's Open Championship Presented by Ally will be played May 30-June 2 at Lancaster (Pa.) Country Club. The 44th U.S. Senior Open Championship will be contested June 27-30 at Newport (R.I.) Country Club, and the 6th U.S. Senior Women's Open Championship will be held Aug. 1-4, at Fox Chapel Golf Club, in Pittsburgh, Pa. Entries for the 3rd U.S. Adaptive Open, which will be held from July 8-10 at Sand Creek Station, in Newton, Kan., will be available at 9 a.m. EST on Thursday, Feb. 22.

The U.S. Open was previously hosted by Pinehurst's Course No. 2 in 1999 (won by Payne Stewart), 2005 (won by Michael Campbell) and 2014 (won by Martin Kaymer). As an anchor site, Pinehurst will also host the U.S. Open in 2029, 2035, 2041 and 2047.

About the USGA

The USGA is a mission-based golf organization whose purpose is to unify the golf community through handicapping and grassroots programs; to showcase the game's best talent through the U.S. Open, U.S. Women's Open Presented by Ally and 13 other national championships and our museum; to provide unbiased global governance with The R&A through the playing, equipment and Amateur Status rules; and to advance issues important to golf's future, with a focus on driving sustainability, accessibility and

inclusion. As a nonprofit association, our work and our team are driven to act for the good of the game. For more, visit usga.org.

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