ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to professional golfers, amateur golfers, and applicants for reinstatement. Amateurs and applicants for reinstatement must have an up-to-date Handicap Index® based on ratings for men not exceeding 1.4 under the Rules of Handicapping. A Handicap Index must be issued from a “golf club” (as defined in the Rules of Handicapping book) that is authorized to use the Rules of Handicapping. The USGA accepts an up-to-date Handicap Index issued from the international body of golf that would be equivalent to a Handicap Index within the prescribed limit for entry into the Championship. For this Championship, any reference to gender applies to all genders.

Age: Player’s date of birth is required on all USGA entry forms. An application for a player who is a minor upon the date of submission, in the state in which he resides (e.g., New Jersey, under the age of 18) must be submitted by a parent/guardian, and list parent/guardian’s name, phone number, and email address. The parent/guardian must agree to be bound by all terms and conditions on their behalf and on behalf of the minor player.

Amateur Status: All amateur players must conform to the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A. If the player will be participating in this competition as an amateur or applicant for reinstatement and will be receiving expenses from sources other than family members to participate in this competition, please refer to Rule 4.

Anti-Doping Policy: Important information regarding the USGA Anti-Doping Policy and drug testing at the Championship proper may be found at www.usga.org/championships-hub/additional-entry-resources/doping-policy-and-drug-testing.html.

Code of Conduct: The USGA may reject an entry application, revoke an accepted application, expel from the Championship and/or suspend a player from future championships if the player engages in conduct detrimental to the integrity and image of the game of golf and/or public confidence in the USGA. Such conduct may include, but is not limited to, damage to the golf course or the player’s equipment, verbal or physical abuse of spectators, officials, volunteers, or staff, blatant or excessive profanity, disorderly behavior, failure to abide by club rules, violation of the USGA Championship Integrity Policy or any other unbecoming conduct. The USGA Championship Integrity Policy can be found at the USGA website, located at the following link: www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/championships-hub/additional-entry-resources/integrity-policy.html.

Equipment Used for Medical Reasons: Players who wish to request permission to use a medical device due to a medical condition or injury and proceed under Rule 4.3b(1) of the Rules of Golf should refer to www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/championships-hub/additional-entry-resources/equipment-permitted-for-medical-reasons.html.

NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19

The USGA is undertaking significant measures to mitigate the risk of transmission of COVID-19 while conducting its championships. Despite these measures, complete elimination of risk of exposure and infection to COVID-19 is not currently possible. If you choose to participate in a USGA championship, you must follow all mitigation measures implemented by USGA with respect to COVID-19. These requirements are a condition of competition and, therefore, you will not be permitted to participate if you fail to comply. In particular, you may be required to do the following:

• Submit to COVID-19 testing prior to arrival at the championship. Proof of a negative result will be required to participate in the championship.

• Submit to on site COVID-19 testing upon arriving at the championship. Your access to club facilities may be limited while awaiting test results. If you test positive, you will not be permitted to participate in the championship, and you may be required to quarantine locally at your own cost.

• While at the championship, submit to screening for symptoms of COVID-19 on a regular basis, as identified by the CDC at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html including temperature checks.

• Complying with limitations set by the USGA on allowing guests at the championship.

Further information about the requirements for the championship will be provided prior to championship play.

Working together, we are confident we can make this championship a success for you, the other players, and for the local community.

ENTRY APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY USGA

NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. E.D.T. on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020

Entry applications must be filed online at: www.usga.org/champs/apply

Late applications are not acceptable and will be automatically rejected.

Entries by telephone, telegram, mail or FAX are not acceptable.

Time limit for entries means time of receipt at USGA (not time entry is transmitted to USGA). Entries should be submitted early to allow ample time for delay or error in transmission. The risk of delay or error in transmission lies solely with the entrant and the USGA will have no liability with respect to any such delay or error and the consequences therefrom, including rejection of the entry.

SCHEDULE

Championship–72 holes: 144 players.

Thursday, September 17: Round 1, 18 holes.

Friday, September 18: Round 2, 18 holes.

60 lowest scorers and anyone tying for 60th place for first 36 holes continue play June 20 and 21; remainder eliminated after 36 holes.

Saturday, September 19: Round 3, 18 holes.

Sunday, September 20: Round 4, 18 holes.

Lowest scorer for 72 holes will be the champion. In the event of a tie for the Championship, a two hole play-off will be held immediately following play. The winner will be the player with the lowest aggregate score for the play-off holes. In the event of a further tie, play will immediately continue hole by hole until a champion is determined.

PRIZES

WINNER: The Jack Nicklaus medal and custody of Championship trophy for the ensuing year, subject to such conditions as the USGA may establish.

RUNNER-UP: Silver medal.

PROFESSIONALS ONLY: To be announced.

AMATEUR RETURNING Loss: 72-18 under score: Gold Medal.

Prize money will be divided equally among those tied, except that if a professional wins a play-off for the Championship he will receive first prize money. If amateurs finish in the first or first and second places, the prize money allocated to those players will be re-distributed to the professionals who return a 72-hole score. If ties occur for medals, duplicates will be awarded, except that only the winner will receive the Jack Nicklaus medal.

NO OTHER REMUNERATION: By his application, the player certifies that he has not entered into and will not enter into any arrangement whereby he could have a financial interest in any other player’s prize money (such as through prize-splitting or prize money “insurance”).

RULES OF GOLF: WHEN COMPETITION IS FINAL

Play will be governed by The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A Rules Limited. Questions will be settled by the on-site Rules Committee, whose decision will be final. The competition is final when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee.
GOLF BALLS; DRIVER HEADS
Only brands of golf balls on the most current List of Conforming Golf Balls and driver heads on the most current List of Conforming Driver Heads may be used. Updated lists may be found on the USGA website at www.usga.org or by contacting the USGA Equipment Standards Department at (908) 326-2300. See Model Local Rules G-1 and G-3.
The one ball Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. See Model Local Rule G-4.

CLUBS: GROOVES
The Local Rule as prescribed by Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect, except that the Exception in the Model Local Rule does not apply (see Model Local Rule G-2).

DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES
During the Championship Proper, the Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect and prohibits the use of electronic distance-measuring devices. Model Local Rule G-5.

CADDIES
Championship proper: A player may provide his own caddie, if he wishes to have a caddie provided to him by the host club, he must complete the information as outlined in the Memorandum to Players.
A player is not required to employ a caddie for any stage of the Championship.

TRANSPORTATION/CART REQUESTS
The Local Rule prohibiting the use of motorized transportation as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-6.
As a general rule, players and their caddies must walk the course at USGA Championships. But consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a disabled player or caddie may be permitted to use a golf cart as an accommodation to his or her disability for those events where golf carts are not allowed. As required by the ADA, the USGA will evaluate such requests on a case-by-case basis.
In order for the USGA to properly evaluate the merits of such requests, while maintaining the fundamental fairness of the golf competition, it is necessary for players requesting this accommodation (whether submitted by the player, by the player for the player’s caddie or by the parent/legal guardian of a minor player) to submit medical documentation to facilitate that analysis. The documentation provided must demonstrate: (1) a player’s (or caddie’s) disability as defined by the ADA; (2) the medical need for the golf cart that results from that disability; and (3) that by providing a golf cart to a player or caddie that particular circumstance, the USGA would not be fundamentally altering the fairness of the competition by providing a player with an advantage over other players. The required form entitled Golf Cart Request Form (as well as additional important information for first time and subsequent requests for a cart) is available at the following link: www.usga.org/championships-hub/additional-entry-resources/requesting-a-golf-cart.html.

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION; BROADCASTING
I understand that the USGA or its designees, may record, film, photograph, or otherwise capture my likeness, image, voice, biography, references to me, my quoted statements, and my play in the Championship (the foregoing, together with my name, my “Appearance”). In consideration of the opportunity to participate in the Championship, by submitting this Application, I grant (and/or have the authority to grant to the USGA in the case of a parent/guardian of a minor or other authorized representative submitting the Application on my behalf) to the USGA and its licensees, successors and assigns, the perpetual, transferable, assignable, worldwide, royalty-free, irrevocable right to use my Appearance, in whole or in part, in all manner (including exhibition, distribution, reproduction, publication, display, broadcast, transmission or otherwise), and media now known or hereafter invented or discovered, and for any purpose whatever. The rights granted herein include, without limitation, the right to use the Appearance, or portions thereof, in promotion of the Championship and future championships through any of the foregoing means of distribution, as well as in the design, manufacture and distribution of merchandise related to the Championship or other championships, that include elements of my Appearance. The USGA is not obligated to use my Appearance in any matter, and materials embodying any aspect of my Appearance do not need be submitted to me for approval. I release and discharge the USGA, its licensees, successors and assigns from any claims arising from use of my Appearance, including claims for misrepresentation of me, my character, or my person by any means. As between the USGA and me, the USGA shall own all right, title and interest, including the copyright(s), in and to any works created by the USGA, its licensees, successors and assigns, that include all or a portion of my Appearance. This grant shall be binding on my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and the successors and assigns of the USGA. I hereby waive all privacy, publicity, defamation, libel, and proprietary rights relating to the Appearance as used by the USGA in conjunction with these terms.
Players are required to cooperate with representatives of the media; however, no pre-Championship activities outside of those activities which are part of the Championship will be required. Authorized representatives of the media will not interfere with the player’s Championship play in an unreasonable manner.

ONSITE CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION
Register in person at location and time listed in the Memorandum to Players or notify the USGA as directed in the Memorandum to Players if a late arrival. Place may be forfeited by a player from whom no word has been received.

PRACTICE PRIVILEGES
Privileges of Winged Foot Golf Club are extended to qualified players in the Championship on September 14 through September 16.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Please do not book any travel or hotel accommodations, as there will be specific arrival protocols that need to be adhered to. These protocols and other conditions of competition will be sent to you by a member of the Player Services Team once you complete the Championship Entry Application beginning Wednesday, July 15.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE
In the Championship proper, players must be neat in appearance with respect to clothing and personal grooming. The wearing of short pants is prohibited in the Championship proper.

LOCAL RULES; TERMS OF THE COMPETITION; SCHEDULES
The USGA Championship Committee/on-site Rules Committee reserves the right to alter any of the Local Rules, Terms of the Competition, provisions and/or schedules herein. The decision of the Championship Committee/on-site Rules Committee in any matter will be final. 2020 Terms of the Competition: www.usga.org/content/dam/usga/pdf/2020/rules/2020%20USGA%20Local%20Rules%20and%20Terms%20of%20the%20Competition.pdf

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL
If an exempt player withdraws, he must notify the USGA (908-326-1950 or via e-mail at champs@usga.org) promptly in order to insure an alternate fair opportunity to play. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from future USGA competitions.
EXEMPTIONS
Players in the following categories will be eligible for exemption in the 2020 Championship only. The USGA reserves the right to revise any of the exemption categories. Exemption under categories reserved for amateurs will be granted only to players who are currently amateurs, unless otherwise indicated. An amateur who is exempt into the Championship proper through a category reserved for amateurs becomes ineligible if he becomes a professional before beginning play or during the play of the Championship, unless otherwise indicated. Exempt players who wish to participate in the Championship must file a Championship Entry Application by August 26, 2020 at 5:00 PM EDT. *(NOTE: Blank entries will be filed by the USGA for players who become exempt after close of entries.)*

F-1. Winners of the U.S. Open Championship the last 10 years (2010-2019):
2017 - Sarah Hirshland
2016 - Jordan Spieth
2015 - Cameron Smith
2014 - Martin Kaymer
2013 - Justin Rose
2012 - Brooks Koepka
2011 - Rory McIlroy
2010 - Graeme McDowell

F-2. From the 2019 U.S. Open Championship, the 10 lowest scorers and anyone tying for 10th place:
Chesson Hadley
Jon Rahm
Adam Scott
Brooks Koepka
Chez Reavie
Henrik Stenson
Rory McIlroy
Justin Rose
Louis Oosthuizen
Xander Schauffele

F-3. Winner of the 2019 U.S. Senior Open Championship:
Steve Stricker

F-4. Winner of the 2019 U.S. Amateur Championship:
Andy Ogletree

U.S. Junior Amateur Winner-Preston Summerhayes
U.S. Mid-Amateur Winner-Lukas Michel
U.S. Amateur Runner-Up-John Augenstein

2019 - Tiger Woods
2018 - Dustin Johnson
2017 - Sergio Garcia
2016 - Danny Willett
2015 - Jordan Spieth

2015 - Jason Day
2014 - Jimmy Walker
2013 - Patrick Reed
2012 - Martin Kaymer
2011 - Henrik Stenson

F-8. Winners of The Open the last five years (2015-2019):
2019 - Shane Lowry
2018 - Brooks Koepka
2017 - Peyton Finau
2016 - Sergio Garcia
2015 - Henrik Stenson

F-9. Winners of the Players Championship from 2018-2020:
2020 - Rory McIlroy
2019 - Scott Piercy
2018 - Wyndham Clark

F-10. Winner of the 2019 BMW PGA Championship:
Danny Willett

F-11. Those players qualifying for the season-ending 2019 Tour Championship:
Abraham Ancer
Sungjae Im
Jon Rahm
Patrick Cantlay
Dustin Johnson
Chez Reavie
Paul Casey
Kevin Kisner
Patrick Reed
Corey Conners
Brooks Koepka
Justin Rose
Bryson DeChambeau
Jason Kokrak
Xander Schauffele
Tony Finau
Matt Kuchar
Adam Scott
Tommy Fleetwood
Marc Leishman
Webb Simpson
Rickie Fowler
Hideki Matsuyama
Brandt Snedeker
Lucas Glover
Rory McIlroy
Justin Thomas
Charles Howell III
Louis Oosthuizen
Gary Woodland

F-12. Multiple winners of PGA Tour events that award a full-point allocation for the season-ending Tour Championship, from the conclusion of the 2019 U.S. Open Championship to the originally scheduled 2020 U.S. Open Championship:
Rory McIlroy
Webb Simpson
Patrick Reed
Justin Thomas

F-13. Winner of the 2019 The Amateur Championship (must be an amateur):
James Sugrue

Cole Hammer

F-15. From Week 11 (March 15, 2020) of the Official World Golf Rankings, the top 70 point leaders and ties:
Byeong-Hun An
Dustin Johnson
Andrew Putnam
Abraham Ancer
Sungjae Im
Jon Rahm
Christian Bezuidenhout
Chun Kim
Chez Reavie
KeeGAN Bradley
Kevin Kisner
Patrick Reed
Rafa Cabrera Bello
Kurt Kitayama
Justin Rose
Patrick Cantlay
Brooks Koepka
Xander Schauffele
Paul Casey
Matt Kuchar
Scottie Scheffler
Corey Conners
Marc Leishman
Adam Scott
Joel Dahmen
Tom Lewis
Webb Simpson
Jason Day
Shane Lowry
Cameron Smith
Bryson DeChambeau
Robert MacIntyre
Brandt Snedeker
Tony Finau
Hideki Matsuyama
Jordan Spieth
Matthew Fitzpatrick
Graeme McDowell
Henrik Stenson
Tommy Fleetwood
Rory McIlroy
Justin Thomas
Rickie Fowler
Phil Mickelson
Brendon Todd
Sergio Garcia
Francesco Molinari
Erik van Rooyen
Adam Hadwin
Collin Morikawa
Matt Wallace
Tyrrell Hatton
Kevin Chappell
Bubba Watson
Lucas Herbert
Shaun Norris
Lee Westwood
Billy Horschel
Louis Oosthuizen
Bernard Langer
Viktor Hovland
Eddie Pepperell
Danny Willett
Sungjae Im
Victor Perez
Gary Woodland
Shugo Imahira
Ian Poulter
Jazz Janewattananond

F-16. The top two players, not otherwise exempt, in the top 10 and ties of the 2020 Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide, 3M Open, WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational, Barracuda Championship and Wyndham Championship, and the top three players, not otherwise exempt, in the top 10 and ties of the 2020 PGA Championship.

F-17. From the 2019-2020 FedExCup Final Points List, the top five players, not otherwise exempt.

F-18. From the first five events on the U.S.Open 2020 European Qualifying Series (Betfred British Masters through the Wales Open), the top 10 aggregate points earners who are not otherwise exempt.

F-19. From the 2020 Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List, the top five point leaders who are not otherwise exempt through the WinCo Foods Portland Open.

F-20. From the three-event 2020 Korn Ferry Tour Series beginning with the Albertsons Boise Open and ending with the Korn Ferry Tour Championship, the top five point leaders who are not otherwise exempt.

F-21. From the 2019 Japan Golf Tour Organization (JGTO) Official Order of Merit, the top two finishers who are not otherwise exempt as of July 15, 2020.

F-22. From the 2019 Sunshine Tour Final Order of Merit, the top finisher who is not otherwise exempt as of July 15, 2020.

F-23. From the 2019 Asian Tour Final Order of Merit, the top finisher who is not otherwise exempt as of July 15, 2020.

F-24. From the 2019 Australasia Tour Final Order of Merit, the top finisher who is not otherwise exempt as of July 15, 2020.

F-25. From the 2019 PGA Professional Player of the Year Standings, the top three players, not otherwise exempt.

F-26. From the August 19, 2020 World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAG/R), the top seven ranked players not otherwise exempt (must be an amateur).

F-27. “Special exemptions as selected by the USGA. Requests must be submitted via the Preliminary Application at champs.usga.org by August 26, 2020 at 5:00 PM EDT.

REMAINING SPOTS; ALTERNATE LIST
Remaining spots in the championship field will be filled in order using the Official World Golf Rankings as of August 23, 2020. Once the field is set, the USGA will compile an alternate list for each championship using the OWGR rankings as of August 23, 2020.

Blank entries will be filed by the USGA for players who become exempt after close of entries. Players who become exempt after the close of entries will be contacted individually by the USGA and will be required to complete a championship application at that time.

For ties where two players have the same ranking in the OWGR, the spot(s) in the championship proper will be determined by the highest-ranking points earned from each players’ current record of counting events. If a tie still exists, the spot(s) will be determined by the second highest points earned, the third highest, and so on until the tie is decided. If a tie still exists, the spot(s) will be determined by lot.

More information on the application process can be found in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).