

33RD U.S. WOMEN'S MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP®



Conducted by the United States Golf Association®

Forest Highlands Golf Club, Flagstaff, Arizona | September 14 – 19, 2019

ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to female amateur golfers who will have reached their twenty-fifth birthday by September 14, 2019, and have an up-to-date Handicap Index® not exceeding 9.4 under the USGA Handicap System™. A Handicap Index must be issued from a "golf club" (as defined in the *USGA Handicap System Manual*) that is authorized to use the USGA Handicap System. The USGA accepts an up-to-date handicap issued from the international body of golf that would be equivalent to a USGA Handicap Index® within the prescribed limit for entry into the Championship.

Age: Player's date of birth is required on all USGA entry forms.

Amateur Status: All 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 receiving expenses from sources other than family members to participate in this competition, please refer to Rule 4.

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, or any other unbecoming conduct.

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.

Gender Policy: Information regarding the USGA Gender Policy and additional entry requirements may be found at www.usga.org/championships/transgendered.

Completion of Play: If a player fails to return a scorecard ("no card"), future entries may be declined if documentation is not provided demonstrating that the player is capable of competing at the national championship level.

Withdrawal from Qualifying: A player who wishes to withdraw from Qualifying must notify the USGA (908-326-1950 or via e-mail at champs@usga.org) and the Official in Charge prior to their scheduled qualifying round. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from future USGA competitions.

ENTRIES: FORM, FEE, CLOSING DATE

All players, including those who are exempt, must file an entry application. Players must file online at the USGA website (www.usga.org). Only those players for whom blank entries are filed by the USGA as noted in the section on exemptions will not be required to submit entry applications. *Only one entry may be filed per player. The USGA reserves the right to disqualify anyone who submits more than one entry.*

Entry fee of \$175 must be paid by every player. Entry fee will be refunded regardless of reason if the USGA is notified (908-326-1950 or via e-mail at champs@usga.org) before the close of entries. After the close of entries, fee will be refunded in the event of medical condition, if requested by September 14 and the player has not already participated in qualifying. No refund for any reason after September 14. A \$35 service charge will be deducted from all refunds.

**ENTRY APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY USGA
NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. E.D.T. ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2019.**

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, telegraph, 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

Competition will be in two stages:

1. **Sectional Qualifying – 18 holes stroke play** for all except exempt players listed herein. See schedule.

2. **Championship – 130 players eligible**, including exempt players. The field will be increased to accommodate those players who receive special exemptions and players who become exempt after the close of entries.

(A) **STROKE PLAY** – 36 holes stroke play to determine 64 qualifiers for match play. All sectional qualifiers and exempt players must compete. A tie for last qualifier's place will be decided immediately by a hole-by-hole play-off.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14: First round, 18 holes.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15: Second round, 18 holes.

SCHEDULE (CONT.)

(B) **MATCH PLAY** – A draw based on qualifying scores will be used. Ties in qualifying rounds will be decided by a blind draw, except that places of those participating in a play-off will be determined by the order on the public scoreboard summary and by performance in the play-off.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16: A.M. First round, 18 holes.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17: A.M. Second round, 18 holes.
P.M. Third round, 18 holes.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18: A.M. Quarterfinal round, 18 holes.
P.M. Semifinal round, 18 holes.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19: A.M. Final round, 18 holes.

PRIZES

CHAMPIONSHIP

WINNER: Gold medal and custody of the Prunaret Cup for the ensuing year, subject to such conditions as the USGA may establish.

RUNNER-UP: Silver medal.

OTHER SEMIFINALISTS: Bronze medals.

LOWEST QUALIFYING SCORER: Bronze medal; if a tie, duplicate medals will be awarded.

NO OTHER REMUNERATION: By her application, the player acknowledges that she is not entitled to remuneration of any kind for participation in the Championship other than prizes listed herein.

SECTIONAL QUALIFYING ROUNDS

LOWEST SCORER IN EACH LOCATION: Silver medal; if a tie, duplicate medals will be awarded.

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 The R & A. Questions will be settled by the on-site Rules Committee, whose decision will be final. The result of each match is final when the result has been posted on the public scoreboard and approved by the Committee. The competition is final when the Championship trophy has been presented.

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) 234-2300. 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

In Sectional qualifying and in the Championship proper, the Local Rule as prescribed by Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-2.

PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TYPES OF SHOES

The Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-7.

CADDIES

Qualifying Rounds: A player may provide his own caddie. If he wishes to have the host club furnish a caddie, he should ask the Official in Charge because sufficient caddies may not be available at the host club.

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, except at certain qualifying sites as indicated on this entry application where the caddie only is permitted to use motorized transportation. Model Local Rule G-6.

As a general rule, players and their caddies must walk the course at USGA Championships and at most qualifying rounds. 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 or by the player for the player's caddie) 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 in 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 whatsoever. 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.

SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

LOCATION; TRANSFERRING

Players' preference for Sectional Qualifying location must be designated on the entry.

If a Sectional Qualifying location has more players than can be accommodated, some players may be transferred to another location and the date for qualifying may be different than the original requested date. Transfer will be based on the date of receipt of entry application. Transfer is final. Qualifying sites are final after entries close. Transfer from one location to another is not permissible after entries close. Qualifying sites may be canceled due to lack of participation. In the event of inclement weather, qualifying will take place as soon as possible following the originally scheduled date.

QUALIFIERS' PLACES; TIES; SUBSTITUTIONS

The number of qualifiers' places in each location will be determined by the USGA after entries close, based on size and strength of field.

A tie for last qualifier's place or an alternate's place will be decided immediately by a hole-by-hole play-off.

Alternates in order of qualifying scores will be allowed for qualifiers unable to compete in the Championship.

If a Sectional Qualifying location cannot fill its qualifiers' places, or if an exempt player withdraws, the place made available will be reallocated to another location. A reallocation schedule will be prearranged by the USGA.

If a player withdraws before playing a stroke in the Championship proper, a substitution is allowed. Only the USGA may make such substitutions.

Alternates have no status at the Championship.

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION; BROADCASTING (CONT.)

The USGA is not obligated to use my Appearance in any matter, and materials embodying any aspect of my Appearance do not need to 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.

ACCOMMODATIONS; PLAYERS DINNER; PRACTICE PRIVILEGES

Information will be provided to qualifiers upon completion of Sectional Qualifying. Exempt players will receive this information from the USGA office.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Players must be neat in appearance with respect to personal grooming and clothing.

CONDITIONS; TERMS; SCHEDULES

The USGA Championship Committee/on-site Rules Committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions, terms, provisions and/or schedules herein. The decision of the Championship Committee/on-site Rules Committee in any matter will be final.

ACCEPTANCE OF PLACES; NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

On the day of Sectional Qualifying, every qualifier should inform the Official in Charge whether she will play in the Championship.

If a qualifier or exempt player withdraws, she must notify the USGA (908-326-1950 or via e-mail at champs@usga.org) promptly to insure an alternate fair opportunity to play. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from future USGA competition.

EXEMPTIONS FROM SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

Players in the following categories will be eligible for exemption from Sectional Qualifying in the 2019 Championship only. The USGA reserves the right to revise any of the exemption categories. Exempt players who wish to participate in the Championship must file an entry. *(NOTE: Blank entries will be filed by the USGA for players who become exempt after close of entries.)

1. Winners of the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship the last 10 years (2009-2018):

2009-MARTHA LEACH	2014-MARGARET STAROSTO
2010-MEGHAN STASI	2015-LAUREN GREENLIEF
2011-ELLEN PORT	2016-JULIA POTTER
2012-MEGHAN STASI	2017-KELSEY CHUGG
2013-JULIA POTTER	2018-SHANNON JOHNSON
2. Runners-up of the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship the last three years (2016-2018):

2016-SHANNON JOHNSON	2018-KELSEY CHUGG
2017-MARY JANE HIESTAND	
3. Semifinalists of the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship the last two years (2017-2018):

2017-KELSEY CHUGG	2018-MICHELLE BUTLER
MARY JANE HIESTAND	KELSEY CHUGG
SHANNON JOHNSON	GRETCHEN JOHNSON
MARISSA MAR	SHANNON JOHNSON
4. Quarterfinalists from the 2018 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship:

MICHELLE BUTLER	JULIA HODGSON
KELSEY CHUGG	GRETCHEN JOHNSON
CLARE CONNOLLY	SHANNON JOHNSON
LAUREN GREENLIEF	MEGHAN STASI
5. From the 2018 U.S. Women's Open Championship, those returning scores for 72 holes.
6. From the 2019 U.S. Women's Open Championship, those returning scores for 72 holes.
7. From the 2019 U.S. Senior Women's Open Championship, the amateur returning the lowest 72-hole score.
8. *Winners of the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship the last 10 years (2010-2019).
9. *Winners of the U.S. Women's Amateur Championships since 1992, 10 years from the time the player becomes age eligible.
10. Winners of the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship prior to 1992, 15 years from the time the player becomes age eligible.
11. *Runners-up of the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship the last three years (2017-2019).
12. *Quarterfinalists from the 2019 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship.
13. From the U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Championship, winners in 2018 & 2019 and the runners-up in 2018 & 2019.
14. Playing members of the United States and Great Britain & Ireland Curtis Cup Teams, four year exemption once appointed to the team.
15. Playing members of 2016 & 2018 United States Women's World Amateur Team.
16. Winner of the 2019 Augusta National Women's Amateur Championship.
17. Winners of The Womens Amateur Championship the last five years (2015-2019).
18. Winners of the most current Canadian Women's Amateur, European Ladies' Amateur, Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific and Women's Mexican International Amateur Championships.
19. From the current World Amateur Golf Ranking™ (WAGR™), the top 25 point leaders using the WAGR™ Age Filter and anyone tying for 25th place as of the close of entries. Player's WAGR™ profile must include date of birth to be considered for this exemption category. A qualifying site must be selected, and an application received by July 24, 2019. Players exempt under this category will be determined at the close of entries.
20. *Special exemptions as selected by the USGA. Must have filed an entry by July 24, 2019. Deadline for submission of request: July 24, 2019. Players must select a qualifying site at the time of entry.

SCHEDULE AND LOCATION OF SECTIONAL QUALIFYING ROUNDS - 18 HOLES STROKE PLAY

USGA reserves the right to revise this schedule

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State	City	Host Club	*Site Capacity	**Practice Dates/ Player Information	Official in Charge
MONDAY, JULY 29 AT:					
TX	1. GARLAND	Firewheel G.P. (Bridges C.) (972)205-3917	78	July 15-28 (Weekends after 12PM) Contact Club; www.txga.org	AMANDA KOLB, Texas Golf Assn.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 31 AT:					
SC	2. LEXINGTON	<i>C.C. of Lexington</i> (803)359-2515	84	July 30; Contact Club www.carolinagolf.org	MAGGIE WATTS, Carolinas Golf Assn.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 1 AT:					
CO	3. THORNTON	Thornecreek G.C. (303)450-7055	84	Reservations may be made 14 days in advance Contact Club, www.coloradogolf.org	KATE MOORE, Colorado Golf Assn.
NC	4. CHARLOTTE	<i>Pine Island C.C.</i> (704)394-1422	84	July 31; Contact Club www.carolinagolf.org	MAGGIE WATTS, Carolinas Golf Assn.
PA	5. PITTSBURGH	South Hills C.C. (412)884-5111	78	Contact Club www.wpga.org	TERRY TEASDALE, Western Pennsylvania Golf Assn.
TN	6. COLLEGE GROVE	<i>The Grove</i> (615)368-3032	78	July 31; Contact Club www.tngolf.org	ALLISON BROWN, Tennessee Golf Assn.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 2 AT:					
WI	7. BROOKFIELD	<i>Westmoor C.C.</i> (262)796-7812	84	Contact Club www.wsga.org	BILL LINNEMAN, Wisconsin State Golf Assn.
MONDAY, AUGUST 5 AT:					
CA	8. FAIR OAKS	North Ridge C.C. (916)967-3169	78	Contact NCGA www.ncga.org	RYAN FARB, Northern California Golf Assn.
NV	9. LAS VEGAS	Red Rock C.C. (702)304-5666	78	Contact Club www.snga.org	TIM BRAND, Southern Nevada Golf Assn.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6 AT:					
MN	10. DELLWOOD	Dellwood C.C. (651)426-4733	78	Contact Club www.mngolf.org	DOUG A. HOFFMANN, Minnesota Golf Assn.
VA	11. ALEXANDRIA	<i>Mount Vernon C.C.</i> (703)780-3565	84	Aug. 5; Contact Club www.vsga.org	JOSH COATES, Virginia State Golf Assn.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7 AT:					
IL	12. LAKE FOREST	Onwentsia C. (847)234-6430	90	Weekdays only (Caddies mandatory) Contact Club; www.cdga.org	NICKOLAS SCILLIA, Chicago District Golf Assn.
MA	13. CANTON	Blue Hill C.C. (781)828-2000	78	Contact Club www.massgolf.org	GREG HOWELL, Massachusetts Golf Assn.
MONDAY, AUGUST 12 AT:					
CA	14. COTO DE CAZA	Coto de Caza G. & R.C. (North C.) (949)858-2770	84	Contact SCGA www.scga.org	JEFF NINNEMANN, Southern California Golf Assn.
MO	15. KANSAS CITY	Oakwood C.C. (816)761-5501	78	Contact Club www.kansascitygolfer.org	DOUG HABEL, Kansas City Golf Assn.
MO	16. ST. LOUIS	WingHaven C.C. (636)561-9464	78	Contact Club www.metga.org	CURT ROHE, Metropolitan Amateur Golf Assn.
OK	17. EDMOND	<i>Oak Tree Nat'l</i> (405)348-2004	78	Contact Club www.okgolf.org	DANE WILLIAMS, Oklahoma Golf Assn.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13 AT:					
MD	18. PIKESVILLE	The Suburban C. (410)484-1300	78	Contact Club www.msga.org	KELLY NEWLAND, Maryland State Golf Assn.
NH	19. LACONIA	Laconia C.C. (603)524-1274	78	May play up to 5 practice rounds Contact Club; www.nhgolfassociation.org	MATT SCHMIDT, New Hampshire Golf Assn.
OR	20. SALEM	Creekside G.C. (503)363-4653	108	Contact Club www.oga.org	BRENT WHITTAKER, Oregon Golf Assn.
PA	21. EXTON	Whitford C.C. (610)269-2151	78	Contact Club www.gapgolf.org	KIRBY V. MARTIN, Golf Assn. of Philadelphia
WA	22. BREMERTON	Kitsap G. & C.C. (360)373-5101	78	Contact Club www.thewsga.org	SCOTTY CROUTHAMEL, Washington State Golf Assn.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14 AT:					
AZ	23. SCOTTSDALE	<i>The C.C. at DC Ranch</i> (480)342-7210	78	Contact erin@azgolf.org www.azgolf.org	ERIN GROENEVELD, Arizona Golf Assn.
ID	24. BOISE	<i>Falcon Crest G.C.</i> (208)362-8897	78	Contact Club www.idahoga.org	ADAM MCCORMICK, Idaho Golf Assn.
MI	25. SOUTHFIELD	Plum Hollow C.C. (248)353-3553	78	Contact Club www.gam.org	KEN HARTMANN, Golf Assn. of Michigan
NJ	26. TENAFLY	Knickerbocker C.C. (201)569-2571	78	Aug. 6 or Aug. 8 (After 3PM); Contact Club www.njsga.org	BRAD BARDON, New Jersey State Golf Assn.
OH	27. MASON	Heritage C. (513)459-7711	78	Contact Club www.gcga.org	KEVIN STANTON, Greater Cincinnati Golf Assn.
TX	28. HOUSTON	Houston C.C. (713)465-8381	78	Aug. 6 (Anytime), Aug. 13 (Before 3PM) Contact Club; www.txga.org	JUSTIN GUTHRIE, Texas Golf Assn.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15 AT:					
FL	29. VERO BEACH	<i>Bent Pine G.C.</i> (772)567-6922	84	Aug. 8-14 (After 12PM on weeknd) Contact Club; www.fsga.org	EMILY VANETTEN, Florida State Golf Assn.
GA	30. JOHNS CREEK	<i>Rivermont G.C.</i> (770)993-1779	78	Contact Club www.gsga.org	JEFF FAGES, Georgia State Golf Assn.
OH	31. AKRON	Portage C.C. (330)836-4994	78	Contact Club www.noga.org	ROBB SCHULZE, Northern Ohio Golf Assn.
MONDAY, AUGUST 19 AT:					
AL	32. MONTGOMERY	<i>Montgomery C.C.</i> (334)263-9308	78	Aug. 18; Contact Club www.alabamagolf.org	BRIAN SCHEUFLE, Alabama Golf Assn.
MEXICO	33. MEXICO CITY	Campestre de la Ciudad de Mexico 55-5484-2400	78	Contact Club www.amfg.org.mx	DELIA NAVA, Mexican Assn. of Women's Golf

Only clubs highlighted in red italics will permit caddies to use carts first-come, first-served.

*There are no wait lists for qualifying locations that are full. If a qualifying location has more players than can be accommodated, some players may be transferred to another location and the date for qualifying may be different than the original requested date. Transfer will be based on the date of receipt of entry application. Transfers are final. Qualifying Sites are final after entries close. Qualifying sites may be canceled due to lack of participation.

**Some qualifying sites may charge a fee for a practice round.

In the event of inclement weather, qualifying will take place as soon as possible following the originally scheduled date.