

119TH U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP®

Conducted by the United States Golf Association®

Pebble Beach Golf Links, Pebble Beach, California | June 13 – 16, 2019



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 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. 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/antidopingpolicy.

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/homepage/championships-hub/additional-entry-resources/equipment-permitted-for-medical-reasons.html.

Performance in Local Qualifying: If a player fails to return a score within eight strokes of the USGA Course Rating™, future entries for a U.S. Open Championship may be declined if documentation is not provided demonstrating that the player is capable of competing at the national championship level. Please note that players who "no card" are subject to receive a letter from the USGA under the same guidelines as those who do not return a score within eight strokes of the course rating.

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 \$200 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 May 20 and the player has not already participated in qualifying. No refund for any reason after May 20. 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, APRIL 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 three stages, at stroke play:

1. Local Qualifying—18 holes: For all except exempt players listed herein. See schedule. Players will compete for a total of 500 qualifying places.

2. Sectional Qualifying—36 holes: The Sectional Qualifying field will consist of 500 qualifiers from Local Qualifying and those players exempt from Local Qualifying listed herein.

3. Championship—72 holes: 156 players eligible, comprised of place-winners in Sectional Qualifying Rounds and those exempt from both qualifying stages.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13: First round, 18 holes.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14: Second round, 18 holes.

60 lowest scorers and anyone tying for 60th place for first 36 holes continue play June 15 and 16; remainder eliminated after 36 holes.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15: Third round, 18 holes.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16: Fourth round, 18 holes.

Lowest scorer for 72 holes will be 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

CHAMPIONSHIP

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 LOWEST 72-HOLE 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 acknowledges that he is not entitled to remuneration of any kind for participation in the Championship other than prizes listed herein.

PRIZE-SHARING PROHIBITED: 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").

LOCAL QUALIFYING ROUNDS

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

SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

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

LOWEST AMATEUR SCORER (if not lowest scorer): 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 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

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 PROHIBITED

The Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-5.

PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TYPES OF SHOES

The Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect at all qualifying sites unless the qualifying site is indicated by an asterisk on this entry application. 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, 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 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. 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.

PRACTICE PRIVILEGES

Privileges of Pebble Beach Golf Links are extended to qualified players in the Championship on June 10 through 12.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Information concerning accommodations will be provided upon completion of Sectional Qualifying rounds. Exempt players will receive this information from the USGA.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

In Local and Sectional Qualifying stages and 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, but is permissible in Local and Sectional Qualifying provided the host club does not have a dress code prohibiting such.

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.

LOCAL & SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

LOCATION; TRANSFERRING

Players' preferences for both Local and Sectional Qualifying locations must be designated on the entry.

Players must select a second and third choice of Sectional Qualifying sites in order to complete the entry process. It is possible that players may not receive their first choice of Sectional site and will be notified by the USGA of any change. Priority will be established by date entry was received. Locally exempt players will receive their first choice of Sectional Qualifying site provided the site has not been oversubscribed.

Qualifying sites may be canceled due to lack of participation. Local qualifying sites are final after entries close. In the event of inclement weather, qualifying will take place as soon as possible following the originally scheduled date.

Transfer to another location will be permissible only as follows:

Local Qualifying Locations: Before 5 P.M. E.D.T. on April 24, 2019;

Players wanting to transfer between sectional qualifying locations should note the following transfer deadlines:

May 13 at 5:00 P.M. E.D.T. is the deadline to transfer into or out of the sectional qualifying location in Dallas, Texas;

May 22 at 5:00 P.M. E.D.T. is the deadline to transfer between all remaining sectional qualifying locations (California, Canada, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, New York, Ohio, Washington, England or Japan).

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 the last qualifier's place, or an alternate's place will be decided

QUALIFIERS' PLACES; TIES; SUBSTITUTIONS (CONT.)

Alternates in order of qualifying scores will be allowed for qualifiers unable to compete in the next stage of the Championship. In the case of Sectional Qualifying Rounds, the alternate must play in the location entered by the withdrawn player.

If a qualifying location cannot fill its qualifiers' places for the next stage, 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 either in Sectional Qualifying or in the Championship proper, a substitution is allowed. Only the USGA may make such substitutions.

ACCEPTANCE OF PLACES; NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

On the day of qualifying, every qualifier should inform the Official in Charge whether he will play in the next stage.

If a qualifier or 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 competition.

EXEMPTIONS

Exemption categories list herein are applicable for the 2019 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 Sectional Qualifying or 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 an entry, except those players for whom blank entries are filed as noted.