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President Donald J. Trump accepts role as Honorary Chairman for the 2026 Presidents Cup

President Trump joins distinguished list of world leaders to hold the position

CHICAGO – Donald J. Trump, the 45th and 47th President of the United States of America, has accepted an invitation to be Honorary Chairman of the 2026 Presidents Cup when the competition returns to the United States for the 16th staging at Medinah Country Club's Course No. 3 in Chicago, Illinois, September 22-27.

"We are grateful to President Trump for accepting our invitation to serve as Honorary Chairman for the 2026 Presidents Cup," said PGA TOUR CEO Brian Rolapp. "The Presidents Cup has a proud tradition of engaging world leaders from across the globe and across political lines, and President Trump's involvement continues that legacy. His participation will help elevate the event on the international stage while furthering our mission of bringing people together through the game of golf."

2026 will mark the second time President Trump has served as Honorary Chairman of the Presidents Cup. President Trump held the role in 2017, when the event was hosted at Liberty National Golf Club in Jersey City, New Jersey where he was a fixture in Sunday's on-air trophy ceremony.

"At the request of the PGA Tour, and its Great new Commissioner, Brian Rolapp, it is my Honor to accept being the Honorary Chairman of the upcoming Presidents Cup, which will take place at the Medinah Country Club in Chicago," said President Donald J. Trump. "This will be a particularly exciting event. Both teams are "loaded" with Talent. I look forward to being there, and greeting all of these fantastic athletes, on both teams! Thank you for your attention to this matter. See you in Chicago!"

He joins six former U.S. Presidents alongside many other distinguished global leaders who have filled the position:

2024 – Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Canada

2022 – 46th U.S. President, Joe Biden

2019 – Prime Minister Scott Morrison, Australia
2017 – 45th U.S. President, Donald J. Trump
2015 – President Park Geun-hye, South Korea
2013 – 44th U.S. President, Barack Obama
2011 – Prime Minister Julia Gillard, Australia
2009 – 44th U.S. President Barack Obama
2007 – Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Canada
2005 – 43rd U.S. President, George W. Bush
2003 – President Thabo Mbeki, Republic of South Africa
2000 – 42nd U.S. President, William Jefferson Clinton
1998 – Prime Minister John Howard, Australia
1996 – 41st U.S. President, George H.W. Bush
1994 – 38th U.S. President, Gerald R. Ford

The Presidents Cup, a team match play competition featuring 24 of the world's top golfers – 12 from the United States and 12 from around the world, excluding Europe – is held biennially, and since 1996 has alternated between the United States and international venues. The U.S. Team has won 13 of the 15 previous Presidents Cups, and the only win by the International Team came at the 1998 event in Melbourne. A historic 17-17 tie came in 2003 when the event was held in South Africa.

Located 25 miles west of Chicago, Medinah is the sixth different venue in the United States to host the Presidents Cup and adds the biennial team event to an illustrious list of tournaments hosted at Course No. 3 that include one BMW Championship, one Ryder Cup, two PGA Championships, three U.S. Opens, one U.S. Senior Open, three Western Opens, and a number of other professional championships.

Brandt Snedeker will lead the U.S. Team as captain for the first time in 2026 as it returns to American soil, and Geoff Ogilvy will lead the International Team in search of their first win since 1998.

For more information about the Presidents Cup, or to purchase tickets, please visit PresidentsCup.com.

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About the Presidents Cup

The Presidents Cup is a biennial global team competition between the United States and an International team that represents the rest of the world excluding Europe. The competition, which is contested by the PGA TOUR, alternates between venues in the U.S. and overseas. The next iteration of the Presidents Cup will take place in Chicago at Medinah Country Club's Course No. 3, September 22–27, 2026. Global Partners of the Presidents Cup include Rolex, Barings, Forvis Mazars and Energy Transfer. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [X](#) and [Instagram](#), or visit PresidentsCup.com for more information.

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*As of June 30, 2026

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