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### **2014 U.S. Open Notes**

**Name:** 114<sup>th</sup> U.S. Open Championship

**Dates:** June 9-15, 2014

**Where:** Pinehurst Resort & Country Club (No. 2); Village of Pinehurst, N.C.

**Par/Yards:** 70/7,562

**Field:** 156

**36-Hole Cut:** Low 60 players and ties

**Playoff:** If necessary, an 18-hole playoff will take place on Monday

**Defending Champion:** Justin Rose

**Purse:** TBD; **Winner's Share:** TBD; **Format:** 72-hole stroke play

### **About Pinehurst No. 2**

Donald Ross completed Pinehurst No. 2 in 1907, but he continued to refine the course that is widely considered his masterpiece until his death in 1948. A 2011 renovation by Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw restored the native sandy areas prevalent during the 1930s and 1940s. Pinehurst No. 2 has hosted two previous U.S. Opens, in 1999 (won by Payne Stewart with a dramatic par-saving putt on the 72nd hole) and in 2005 (won by Michael Campbell). Pinehurst No. 2 has hosted four other USGA championships (1962 and 2008 U.S. Amateurs, 1989 U.S. Women's Amateur and 1994 U.S. Senior Open), and with this year's Women's Open it becomes the first course to host all five of these important USGA championships. It is also the home of the prestigious North & South Amateur for men and women for more than 100 years, as well as the site of the 1936 PGA Championship, the 1951 Ryder Cup and the 1991 and 1992 Tour Championships (from usopen.com).

### **Pinehurst No. 2 Yardage**

The par-70 Pinehurst No. 2 will play at 7,562 yards, making it the second-longest course to host a U.S. Open (Torrey Pines – South Course, 7,643 yards in 2008). By comparison, the course played at 7,175 yards in 1999 and 7,214 yards in 2005.

### **Previous USGA Championships at Pinehurst No. 2**

U.S. Open (1999, 2005)

U.S. Amateur Championship (1962, 2008)

U.S. Women's Amateur Championship (1989)

U.S. Senior Open (1994)

### **2005 U.S. Open (Pinehurst No. 2)**

Michael Campbell	280 (E)
Tiger Woods	282 (+2)
Tim Clark	285 (+5)
Sergio Garcia	285 (+5)
Mark Hensby	285 (+5)
Davis Love III	286 (+6)
Rocco Mediate	286 (+6)
Vijay Singh	286 (+6)
Arron Oberholser	287 (+7)
Nick Price	287 (+7)

### **1999 U.S. Open (Pinehurst No. 2)**

Payne Stewart	279 (-1)
Phil Mickelson	280 (E)
Vijay Singh	281 (+1)
Tiger Woods	281 (+1)
Steve Stricker	285 (+5)
Tim Herron	286 (+6)
Hal Sutton	287 (+7)
David Duval	287 (+7)
Jeff Maggert	287 (+7)
Darren Clarke	288 (+8)
Billy Mayfair	288 (+8)

### **What the 2014 U.S. Open champion will receive**

- 10-year U.S. Open exemption
- Five-year exemption to the Masters, British Open, PGA Championship and THE PLAYERS
- Five-year exemption on the PGA TOUR (if a member or joins the TOUR)
- 600 FedExCup points (if a member)

### **Applications for the 2014 U.S. Open**

The total of 10,127 entrants for the 2014 U.S. Open eclipses the previous mark of 9,860 for the 2013 championship at Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, Pa. Applications were received from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 75 foreign countries.

### **How the U.S. Open was won in 2013**

Justin Rose entered the final round of the 113<sup>th</sup> U.S. Open trailing Phil Mickelson by two strokes, but a final-round even-par 70 was good enough for his first major championship, defeating Mickelson and Jason Day by two shots. Rose needed a par on the strenuous 18<sup>th</sup> hole for the victory, coming through with a well-struck 4-iron from 229 yards to secure the first win by an Englishman at the U.S. Open since Tony Jacklin in 1970. The win came in Rose's 222<sup>nd</sup> PGA TOUR start at the age of 32 years, 10 months, 17 days.

### **More on Justin Rose**

- Will attempt to become the sixth player to win the U.S. Open in back-to-back years: Curtis Strange (1988-89), Ben Hogan (1950-51), Ralph Guldahl (1937-38), Bobby Jones (1929, 1930) and John McDermott (1911-12). Willie Anderson is the only player to win three straight U.S. Opens (1903-05).
- Rose won in his eighth U.S. Open start, with T5 in his inaugural appearance in 2003 his previous-best finish. In all, he has four made cuts in eight starts (1-2013, T5-2003, T10-2007, T21-2012).
- Rose won in his 37<sup>th</sup> start in a major championship. His best-finishes in the other three majors were T3 (2012 PGA Championship), T4 (1998 British Open), T5 (2007 Masters).
- Rose became the 29<sup>th</sup> international winner of the U.S. Open, recording the 34<sup>th</sup> win by that group.
- Rose became the seventh international player to win the U.S. Open in the last 10 years: Retief Goosen (2004), Michael Campbell (2005), Geoff Ogilvy (2006), Angel Cabrera (2007), Graeme McDowell (2010), Rory McIlroy (2011), Justin Rose (2013).
- Became the first Englishman to win a major since Nick Faldo (1996 Masters).
- Since winning the U.S. Open, Rose's major championship appearances include a missed cut at the 2013 Open Championship, T33 at the 2013 PGA Championship and T14 at the 2014 Masters.

### **A look at the field**

- 10 past U.S. Open champions: Justin Rose (2013), Webb Simpson (2012), Rory McIlroy (2011), Graeme McDowell (2010), Lucas Glover (2009), Angel Cabrera (2007), Geoff Ogilvy (2006), Retief Goosen (2004, 2001), Jim Furyk (2003), Ernie Els (1994, 1997).
- 28 of the top 30 in the current FedExCup standings, including each member of the top 10: Jimmy Walker (No. 1), Bubba Watson (No. 2), Matt Kuchar (No. 3), Dustin Johnson (No. 4), Jordan Spieth (No. 5), Chris Kirk (No. 6), Patrick Reed (No. 7), Harris English (No. 8), Brendon Todd (No. 9), Kevin Na (No. 10).
- Nine of the top 10 in the Official World Golf Ranking, led by World No. 1 Adam Scott. The only exception is Tiger Woods (No. 4).
- 22 players with PGA TOUR wins this season (accounting for 26 wins): Jimmy Walker (3), Patrick Reed (2), Bubba Watson (2), Jason Day, Harris English, Matt Every, Russell Henley, Dustin Johnson, Zach Johnson, Matt Jones, Chris Kirk, Ryan Moore, John Senden, Webb Simpson, Kevin Stadler, Seung-Yul Noh, J.B. Holmes, Martin Kaymer, Matt Kuchar, Hideki Matsuyama, Adam Scott, Brendon Todd.
- The only players who have won on the PGA TOUR this season who are not in the field: Steven Bowditch, Ben Crane, Chesson Hadley, Scott Stallings.
- Players with double-digit TOUR wins: Phil Mickelson (42), Ernie Els (19), Jim Furyk (16), Kenny Perry (14), David Toms (13), Justin Leonard (12), Steve Stricker (12), Zach Johnson (11), Adam Scott (11).

### **Phil Mickelson at the U.S. Open**

- Mickelson has a record six runner-up finishes in 23 U.S. Open appearances (1999, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2009, 2013) at the U.S. Open, the most by any player. Players with four runner-up finishes: Bobby Jones, Sam Snead, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus.
- The first of Mickelson's six runner-up finishes was by one stroke to the late Payne Stewart in 1999.
- The only player with more runner-up finishes in a single major championship is Jack Nicklaus (7-British Open).
- Eight top-4 finishes at the U.S. Open, including a runner-up finish at Merion in 2013.

- Has played the week prior to all five of his major titles, most recently winning the European Tour's Scottish Open before his win at the Open Championship:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Tournament (finish)</b>	<b>Major</b>
2004	BellSouth Classic (10)	Masters Tournament
2005	The International (T10)	PGA Championship
2006	BellSouth Classic (1)	Masters Tournament
2010	Shell Houston Open (T35)	Masters Tournament
2013	Scottish Open (Eur.) (1)	Open Championship

### **Bubba Watson at the U.S. Open**

- Making his eighth U.S. Open start, with lone top 10 a T5 in 2007. Most recently, finished T32 in 2013.
- At the 2014 Masters, Watson became the first 54-hole leader to go on and win a major since Rory McIlroy at the 2012 PGA Championship.
- Attempting to become the first player to win two majors in the same year since Padraig Harrington (2008 British Open and PGA Championship).
- Will be attempting to become the 16<sup>th</sup> player to win the Masters and U.S. Open during their careers, with five players performing the feat in the same season (designated with an \*):
 

Gene Sarazen	1922, 1932 U.S. Open; 1935 Masters
Byron Nelson	1939 U.S. Open; 1937, 1942 Masters
Ralph Guldahl	1937, 1938 U.S. Open; 1939 Masters
*Craig Wood	1941 U.S. Open; 1941 Masters
*Ben Hogan	1948, 1950, 1951, 1953 U.S. Open; 1951, 1953 Masters
Cary Middlecoff	1949, 1956 U.S. Open; 1955 Masters
*Arnold Palmer	1960 U.S. Open; 1958, 1960, 1962, 1964 Masters
Billy Casper	1959, 1966 U.S. Open; 1970 Masters
*Jack Nicklaus	1962, 1967, 1972, 1980 U.S. Open; 1963, 1965, 1966, 1972, 1975, 1986 Masters
Gary Player	1965 U.S. Open; 1961, 1974, 1978 Masters
Tom Watson	1982 U.S. Open; 1977, 1981 Masters
Fuzzy Zoeller	1984 U.S. Open; 1979 Masters
Raymond Floyd	1986 U.S. Open; 1976 Masters
*Tiger Woods	2000, 2002, 2008 U.S. Open; 1997, 2001, 2002, 2005 Masters
Angel Cabrera	2007 U.S. Open; 2009 Masters

### **Lee Westwood**

- Westwood returns for his 15<sup>th</sup> U.S. Open, with third-place finishes in 2008 and 2011 the best of his five top-10 finishes.
- Westwood owns the most top-3 finishes in a major championship without a victory since 1934, with eight total (two runner-up and six third-place finishes).
- Most active major starts without a victory in a major championship: Westwood (64), Miguel Angel Jimenez (63), Sergio Garcia (62), Steve Stricker (61).

### **Additional player notes**

- FedExCup leader Jimmy Walker will be making his third U.S. Open start (T52-2001, MC-2002).
- World No. 1 Adam Scott will be making his 13<sup>th</sup> U.S. Open start, with a T15 in 2012 his best finish.
- Jason Day owns runner-up finishes in two of three Open starts (2011, 2013). He finished T59 in 2012.
- Jordan Spieth, with runner-up finishes this year at the Masters Tournament and Hyundai Tournament of Champions, will be making his third U.S. Open appearance (MC-2013, T21-2012).
- Ernie Els finished T4 in his 21<sup>st</sup> U.S. Open start in 2013, with wins in 1994 and 1997 among his 10 top 10s. He is seeking to become the seventh player with at least three U.S. Open wins (4 – Willie Anderson, Robert Trent Jones, Jr., Ben Hogan, Jack Nicklaus; 3 – Hale Irwin, Tiger Woods).
- Vijay Singh is the only player in the field who finished inside the top 10 in the previous two U.S. Opens at Pinehurst No. 2, finishing T3 in 1999 and T6 in 2005.
- Hideki Matsuyama, winner of the 2014 Memorial Tournament, owns two top-10 finishes in six previous major championship starts (T6 at the 2013 Open Championship and T10 in his inaugural U.S. Open start in 2013).
- The University of Alabama Men's golf team has won back-to-back National Championships. Three players who played on either of those teams advanced through sectional qualifying: Cory Whitsett, Robby Shelton and Justin Thomas.
- 1999 U.S. Amateur champ David Gossett will be making his first start in a TOUR event since withdrawing from the 2010 FedEx St. Jude Classic. His only U.S. Open start came in 2000 (MC).

### **Miscellaneous U.S. Open notes**

- Oldest winner is Hale Irwin, 1990 (45 years, 15 days)
- Youngest winner is John J. McDermott, 1911 (19 years, 10 months, 14 days)
- Amateur winners: Francis Ouimet (1913), Jerome D. Travers (1915), Charles Evans Jr. (1916), Robert T. Jones Jr. (1923, 1926, 1929, 1930), John Goodman (1933)
- Wins: 4 – Willie Anderson, Robert T. Jones Jr., Ben Hogan, Jack Nicklaus; 3 – Hale Irwin, Tiger Woods
- Wire-to-wire wins (no ties); Walter Hagen (1914), James Barnes (1921), Ben Hogan (1953), Tony Jacklin (1970), Tiger Woods (2000, 2002), Rory McIlroy (2011).
- Winner in debut appearance: Horace Rawlins (1895), Fred Herd (1898), Harry Vardon (1900), George Sargent (1909), a-Francis Ouimet (1913)
- Lowest score (72 holes): 268, Rory McIlroy (2011)
- Most strokes under par (72 holes): 16, Rory McIlroy (2011)
- Number of times a leader/co-leader has gone on to win: after 18 holes (20), after 36 (38), after 54 (49).
- Number of playoffs: 33 (in 113 championships)
- Number of aces: 43 (most recently, Shawn Stefani in 2013/R4).

### **The Last Time it happened at the U.S. Open**

- Last foreign winner – Justin Rose in 2013
- Last to defend title successfully – Curtis Strange in 1989
- Last winner who won the Open on his first attempt – Francis Ouimet in 1913
- Last winner to win the Open on his second attempt – Webb Simpson in 2012 (finished T14 in 2011)
- Last start-to-finish winner with no ties – Rory McIlroy in 2011
- Last winner to birdie the 72nd hole and win by one stroke – a-Robert T. Jones Jr in 1926
- Last winner to birdie the 72nd hole – Tiger Woods in 2008
- Last winner to birdie the 72nd hole to force a playoff – Tiger Woods in 2008
- Last winner without a round in the 60s – Geoff Ogilvy in 2006
- Last winner without a sub-par round – Geoff Ogilvy in 2006
- Last winner with all rounds in the 60s – Rory McIlroy in 2011
- Last winner between ages 20-29 – Webb Simpson was 26 in 2012
- Last winner between ages 30-39 – Justin Rose was 31 in 2013
- Last winner over age 40 – Payne Stewart was 42 in 1999
- Last winner after receiving a special exemption – Hale Irwin in 1990
- Last winner to come through sectional qualifying – Lucas Glover in 2009
- Last winner to come through local and sectional qualifying – Orville Moody in 1969
- Last defending champion to miss the cut – Rory McIlroy in 2012
- Last amateur to win the Open – John Goodman in 1933

### **Future U.S. Open venues**

- June 18-21, 2015 – Chambers Bay, University Place, Wash.
- June 16-19, 2016 – Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club
- June 15-18, 2017 – Erin Hills, Erin, Wis.
- June 14-17, 2018 – Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, Southampton, N.Y.
- June 13-16, 2019 – Pebble Beach (Calif.) Golf Links