



44th U.S. SENIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP – FACT SHEET

June 27-30, 2024, Newport (R.I.) Country Club

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PAR AND YARDAGE

Newport Country Club will be set up at 7,024 yards and will play to a par of 35-35—70. The yardage for each round of the championship will vary due to course setup and conditions.

HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	5	4	4	3	3	4	4	4	4	35
Yards	568	321	472	184	203	444	357	466	419	3,434
Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	4	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	35
Yards	455	412	348	241	449	438	595	186	466	3,590

THE COURSE

William F. Davis designed Newport Country Club as a nine-hole layout in 1894, and the course was expanded to 18 holes five years later. In 1923, A.W. Tillinghast remodeled the course, which sits on the southern end of Newport. Ron Forse supervised a restoration in 2005. The Beaux Arts-style clubhouse, which was designed by architect Whitney Warren, overlooks Brenton Point.

COURSE RATING AND SLOPE – Based on the course setup for the championship, the Course Rating™ is 76.1. The Slope Rating® is 139.

WHO CAN ENTER

The championship is open to any professional or amateur golfer who is 50 years of age or older as of June 27, 2024. An amateur is eligible with a Handicap Index® not exceeding 2.4.

ENTRIES

The USGA accepted 3,019 entries for the 2024 U.S. Senior Open, the third-highest total in championship history. The record was established in 2002, when 3,101 golfers applied to play. More than 3,000 entries were accepted for the fifth time. Entries were accepted for the 2024 championship from golfers in all 50 U.S. states, as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 43 foreign countries.

QUALIFYING

In 2024, qualifying was held at 33 sites around the country between May 13-June 5 and conducted over 18 holes. There were qualifying sites in 24 states, including five in California and three each in Florida and Texas. Franklin (Mass.) Country Club, located 60 miles north of Newport, hosted a U.S. Senior Open qualifier on May 21. The Broadmoor, in Colorado Springs, Colo., served as the final qualifying site. The club's East Course is the site of the 2025 U.S. Senior Open.

CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD

The starting field of 156 golfers will be cut after 36 holes to the low 60 scorers and ties.

SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Eighteen holes of stroke play are scheduled each day from Thursday, June 27, through Sunday, June 30. In the case of a tie after 72 holes, a two-hole aggregate playoff will commence immediately after the conclusion of the fourth round.

TELEVISION COVERAGE

NBCUniversal (NBC, Golf Channel, Peacock) will provide live broadcast coverage of all four rounds of the 44th U.S. Senior Open Championship. Rolex will be the exclusive presenting partner of coverage for eight USGA championships, including the U.S. Senior Open. Rolex's commitment will allow uninterrupted coverage of these championships, providing fans hours of continuous live action.

<u>Date/Day</u>	<u>Time (Local/EDT)</u>	<u>Channel</u>	<u>Coverage</u>
Thursday, June 27	Noon-3 p.m.	Golf Channel	First Round
	3-5 p.m.	Peacock	First Round
Friday, June 28	Noon-3 p.m.	Golf Channel	Second Round
	3-5 p.m.	Peacock	Second Round
Saturday, June 29	Noon-3 p.m.	NBC	Third Round
	3-5 p.m.	Golf Channel	Third Round
Sunday, June 30	12:30-3:30 p.m.	NBC	Fourth Round
	3:30-5:30 p.m.	Golf Channel	Fourth Round

2023 CHAMPION

Bernhard Langer, 65, of Germany, became the oldest champion – by eight years – in winning the 2023 U.S. Senior Open at SentryWorld, in Stevens Point, Wis., with a 72-hole score of 7-under-par 277. He also surpassed five-time USGA champion Hale Irwin as the winningest player in PGA Tour Champions history with 46 titles. Langer dissected the challenging Robert Trent Jones Jr. design, playing 7-under golf over the final 54 holes, including a final-round 70 to post a two-stroke victory over Steve Stricker, the 2019 champion. The owner of a record 12 senior major titles, including a pair of U.S. Senior Opens 13 years apart, the World Golf Hall of Famer surpassed Allen Doyle as the oldest winner of this championship. Langer had to hold off a pair of Badger State natives in Stricker and Jerry Kelly to hoist the Francis D. Ouimet Memorial Trophy. Stricker closed with a 69 and finished at 5-under 279, while Kelly, a two-time Senior Open runner-up, was one stroke behind to earn solo third. Brett Quigley carded a final-round 66 and tied for fourth with former club professional Rob Labritz at 2-under 282. Meanwhile, Langer played the kind of golf that wins USGA championships, leading the field in fairways hit (49 of 56) and greens in regulation (52 of 72), while tying for fourth with Stricker and Bob Estes with 16 birdies made.

WHAT THE WINNER RECEIVES

Among the benefits enjoyed by the U.S. Senior Open winner are:

- ▶A U.S. Senior Open exemption for the next 10 years
- ▶An exemption into the 2025 U.S. Open Championship at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club
- ▶Custody of Francis D. Ouimet Memorial Trophy for one year and a gold medal

CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

This is the 44th U.S. Senior Open Championship. The first U.S. Senior Open, played in 1980, was conducted for golfers 55 and older. The next year, the USGA lowered the minimum age to 50.

Miller Barber captured the first of his three U.S. Senior Open titles in 1982 – he also won in 1984 and 1985. The U.S. Senior Open has six two-time winners: Gary Player (1987, 1988), Jack Nicklaus (1991, 1993), Hale Irwin (1998, 2000), Allen Doyle (2005, 2006) and Kenny Perry (2013, 2017). Doyle became the championship's oldest winner in 2006 at the age of 57 years, 11 months, 14 days.

The youngest champion is Dale Douglass, who won in 1986 at the age of 50 years, 3 months, 24 days.

PURSE

The 2023 purse was \$4 million; the winner earned \$720,000. The 2024 purse will be announced at a later date.

2024 U.S. SENIOR OPEN NOTES

- ▶Newport Country Club is one of the five founding members of the USGA, which was formed on Dec. 22, 1894
- ▶Theodore A. Havemeyer, the co-founder of Newport Country Club, was the USGA's first president
- ▶Newport Country Club was the site of the first U.S. Amateur and first U.S. Open in 1895
- ▶In 1995, the U.S. Amateur returned to Newport Country Club as part of the USGA's centennial celebration
- ▶Newport Country Club will host the 1,001st USGA championship with this year's U.S. Senior Open
- ▶The 44th U.S. Senior Open is the 10th USGA championship to be conducted in the state of Rhode Island

- ▶ This will be the fourth time the U.S. Senior Open Championship is held in New England
- ▶ Newport Country Club will become the sixth club to have hosted a U.S. Open, U.S. Amateur, U.S. Women's Open and U.S. Senior Open

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT NEWPORT COUNTRY CLUB

This will be the first U.S. Senior Open and fifth USGA championship to be conducted at Newport Country Club.

The USGA initiated its first championship with the playing of the U.S. Amateur on Oct. 1-3, 1895. The championship was played entirely at match play, with no qualifying and a field of 32 competitors. Charles B. Macdonald defeated Charles E. Sands, 12 and 11, in the final.

The first U.S. Open was held one day later on Oct. 4, 1895 on the same Newport course that hosted the U.S. Amateur. The championship was originally scheduled for September but was postponed due to a conflict with the America's Cup yacht races. Ten professionals and one amateur started the 36-hole, one-day competition. Horace Rawlins won by two strokes over Willie Dunn. Rawlins, a 21-year-old English professional, had come to the U.S. in January to be an assistant at Newport.

Tiger Woods captured the second of three consecutive U.S. Amateur Championships in 1995 following a 2-up victory over George "Buddy" Marucci Jr. Woods became the ninth player to win consecutive Amateurs and the first since Jay Sigel in 1982-83. Marucci, a 43-year-old auto dealer, held a 3-up lead through 12 holes in the morning round but the players were tied following 27 holes in the afternoon. Woods, a 19-year-old sophomore at Stanford University, made four birdies the rest of the way. He put an exclamation point on the victory when his 140-yard, 8-iron approach on the 36th hole spun back to within 16 inches.

In 2006, Annika Sorenstam claimed her third U.S. Women's Open and first since 1996 when she defeated Pat Hurst by four strokes in an 18-hole playoff to decide the championship. Sorenstam shot a 1-under-par 70 while Hurst carded a 3-over 74. The two competitors, who played 36 holes the previous day due to weather delays, stood tied at even-par 284 following regulation play. Sorenstam rolled in a 6-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole, the par-5 first, while Hurst three-putted from 60 feet for a bogey from the fringe. The Swede took firm control with an 8-foot birdie on the third hole.

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT NEWPORT COUNTRY CLUB

1895 U.S. Amateur: Charles Blair Macdonald def. Charles E. Sanders, 12 and 11
 1895 U.S. Open: Horace Rawlins by two strokes over Willie Dunn (173-175)
 1995 U.S. Amateur: Tiger Woods def. George "Buddy" Marucci Jr., 2 up
 2006 U.S. Women's Open: Annika Sorenstam def. Pat Hurst (284-70-284-74)

OTHER CHAMPIONSHIPS AT NEWPORT COUNTRY CLUB

Merrill Lynch/Golf Digest Commemorative Pro-Am (PGA Tour Champions)
 1982: Billy Casper def Bob Toski, 206-206 (4th playoff hole)
 1983: Miller Barber by five strokes over Gay Brewer, 200-205
 1984: Roberto De Vincenzo by two strokes over Gardner Dickinson, 205-207
 1985: Lee Elder def. Peter Thomson, 133-133* (1st playoff hole)
 *shortened to 36 holes due to rain

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN RHODE ISLAND

This will be the 10th USGA championship played in Rhode Island and the first U.S. Senior Open contested in the state. In 2011, Danielle Kang won her second consecutive U.S. Women's Amateur title at Rhode Island Country Club, in Barrington.

USGA/Rhode Island Championships (champion in parenthesis)

1895 U.S. Amateur, Newport C.C., Newport (Charles Blair Macdonald)
 1895 U.S. Open, Newport C.C., Newport (Horace Rawlins)
 1924 U.S. Women's Amateur, Rhode Island C.C., Barrington (Dorothy Campbell Hurd)
 1953 U.S. Women's Amateur, Rhode Island C.C., Barrington (Mary Lena Faulk)
 1975 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur, Rhode Island C.C., Barrington (Alberta Bower)
 1987 U.S. Women's Amateur, Rhode Island C.C., Barrington (Kay Cockerill)
 1995 U.S. Amateur, Newport C.C., Newport (Tiger Woods)
 2006 U.S. Women's Open, Newport C.C., Newport (Annika Sorenstam)
 2011 U.S. Women's Amateur, Rhode Island C.C., Barrington (Danielle Kang)

LONGEST U.S. SENIOR OPEN COURSES

7,269 yards, Crooked Stick G.C., second round, Carmel, Ind., 2009
7,249 yards, The Broadmoor (East Course), first round, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018
7,248 yards, The Broadmoor (East Course), fourth round, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008
7,241 yards, Crooked Stick G.C., first round, Carmel, Ind., 2009
7,223 yards, Crooked Stick G.C., fourth round, Carmel, Ind., 2009
7,217 yards, The Broadmoor (East Course), first round, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008
7,208 yards, Crooked Stick G.C., third round, Carmel, Ind., 2009
7,192 yards, The Broadmoor (East Course), third round, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008
7,185 yards, The Broadmoor (East Course), fourth round, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018
7,164 yards, Inverness Club, fourth round, Toledo, Ohio, 2011
7,156 yards, The Broadmoor (East Course), third round, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018

LONGEST PAR 3s in U.S. SENIOR OPEN HISTORY

250 yards, 5th, first round, Warren Course at Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind., 2019
244 yards, 12th, first round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008
240 yards, 5th, first round, Warren Course at Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind., 2019
240 yards, 3rd, second round, Omaha (Neb.) C.C., 2021
239 yards, 12th, third round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008
238 yards, 12th, first round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018
237 yards, 14th, third round, Scioto C.C., Columbus, Ohio, 2016
235 yards, 15th, second round, Inverness Club, Toledo, Ohio, 2011
235 yards, 3rd, third round, Omaha (Neb.) C.C., 2021
234 yards, 17th, fourth round, Del Paso C.C., Sacramento, Calif., 2015

LONGEST PAR 4s in U.S. SENIOR OPEN HISTORY

559 yards, 17th, first round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018
545 yards, 17th, second round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008
545 yards, 17th, third round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008
538 yards, 17th, second round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018
532 yards, 17th, fourth round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018
517 yards, 17th, third round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018
510 yards, 17th, first round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008
503 yards, 10th, first round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018
502 yards, 10th, fourth round, Omaha (Neb.) C.C., 2013
502 yards, 10th, second round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018

LONGEST PAR 5s IN U.S. SENIOR OPEN HISTORY

627 yards, 15th, third round, Del Paso C.C., Sacramento, Calif., 2015
623 yards, 12th, second round, Saucon Valley C.C. (Old Course), Bethlehem, Pa. 2022
619 yards, 12th, fourth round, Saucon Valley C.C. (Old Course), Bethlehem, Pa. 2022
608 yards, 7th, Brooklawn Country Club, Fairfield, Conn., 1987
608 yards, 6th, Canterbury Golf Club, Beachwood, Ohio, 1996
608 yards, 3rd, first round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018
608 yards, 3rd, fourth round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018
608 yards, 12th, third round, Saucon Valley C.C. (Old Course), Bethlehem, Pa. 2022
604 yards, 15th, first round, Del Paso Country Club, Sacramento, Calif., 2015
604 yards, 12th, first round, Saucon Valley C.C. (Old Course), Bethlehem, Pa. 2022

WINNERS OF U.S. OPEN AND U.S. SENIOR OPEN

Arnold Palmer (1960 U.S. Open; 1981 U.S. Senior Open)
Billy Casper (1959, 1966 U.S. Open; 1983 U.S. Senior Open)
Gary Player (1965 U.S. Open; 1987, 1988 U.S. Senior Open)
Orville Moody (1969 U.S. Open; 1989 U.S. Senior Open)
Lee Trevino (1968, 1971 U.S. Open; 1990 U.S. Senior Open)
Jack Nicklaus (1962, 1967, 1972, 1980 U.S. Open; 1991, 1993 U.S. Senior Open)
Hale Irwin (1974, 1979, 1990 U.S. Open; 1998, 2000 U.S. Senior Open)
Jim Furyk (2003 U.S. Open; 2021 U.S. Senior Open)

THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED AT THE SENIOR OPEN

Bernhard Langer – the last international winner (2023)

Allen Doyle – the last to defend title successfully (2006)
Padraig Harrington – the last to win on his first attempt (2022)
David Toms – the last to win on his second attempt (2018)
Olin Browne – the last start-to-finish winner with no ties (2011)
Hale Irwin – the last winner to birdie the 72nd hole to win by one stroke (1998)
Gary Player – the last winner without a round in the 60s (1988)
Steve Stricker – the last winner with all rounds in the 60s (2019)
Gene Sauers – the last defending champion to miss the cut (2017)
Don Pooley – the last winner to come through final qualifying (2002)

FUTURE SITES IN THIS DECADE

June 26-29, 2025: The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo.
2026: Scioto Country Club, Columbus, Ohio
2027: Oak Tree National, Edmond, Okla.
2028: Crooked Stick Golf Club, Carmel, Ind.
2029: Prairie Dunes Country Club, Hutchinson, Kan.

CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

The U.S. Senior Open, first contested in 1980, is a relatively new national championship when compared with others conducted by the USGA. Yet the U.S. Senior Open Trophy is actually the oldest among the USGA's championship trophies.

On Sept. 24, 1894, the Tuxedo Club of Tuxedo Park, N.Y., invited three other clubs to compete in the first American interclub tournament. Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, Saint Andrew's Golf Club and The Country Club agreed to the challenge. While there is still some dispute as to which team won, The Country Club team, consisting of H.C. Leeds, Laurence Curtis, Robert Bacon and W.B. Thomas, returned home with the trophy. The sterling silver, hourglass-shaped cup remained in the club's possession until the mid-1950s, when it was given to the USGA for exhibition.

In June 1980, with the USGA preparing for the first U.S. Senior Open, The Country Club suggested that the trophy be used as the formal award for the championship. The cup was presented "by The Country Club and Golfers of Massachusetts," and formally dedicated as the Francis D. Ouimet Memorial Trophy. Roberto De Vincenzo received it at Winged Foot Golf Club as the inaugural champion. A replica of the trophy, complete with engraving of the 1894 Brookline team, was produced by the USGA in 1997 and awarded to Graham Marsh at Olympia Fields (Ill.) Country Club. The original was then given its second and final retirement.

The original U.S. Senior Open Trophy is on display at the USGA Museum in Far Hills, N.J.

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