



2015 U.S. JUNIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP -- FACT SHEET

SITE INFORMATION

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July 20-25, 2015

Colleton River Plantation Club (Pete Dye Course), Bluffton, S.C. (colletonriverclub.com/2015-jr-am)

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PAR AND YARDAGE

Colleton River Plantation Club's Pete Dye Course will be set up at 7,366 yards and will play to a par of 36-36-72. It will be the second-longest course in U.S. Junior Amateur history. Martis Camp Club, in Truckee, Calif., which hosted the 2013 championship, was the longest course at 7,740 yards.

COLLETON RIVER PLANTATION CLUB (DYE COURSE) HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	5	3	4	4	3	4	5	4	36
Yards	345	545	205	470	400	192	424	577	481	3,639

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	5	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	36
Yards	412	560	432	133	392	481	599	233	485	3,727

ARCHITECT

Colleton River Plantation Club's Pete Dye Course was designed by Pete Dye and opened for play in 1998. The links-type course has unobstructed views of Port Royal Sound and the Atlantic Ocean on 11 of 18 holes. Colleton River is a member-owned golf community. The 1,500 acres of Lowcountry land is surrounded by water on three sides and is adjacent to Victoria Bluff Heritage Preserve.

COURSE RATING

Based on the course setup for the championship, the USGA Course Rating is 76.4. Its Slope Rating is 150.

WHO CAN ENTER

The championship is open to any amateur golfer who will not have reached their 18th birthday on or before July 25, and who has a Handicap Index® not exceeding 6.4.

ENTRIES

The USGA accepted 3,184 entries for the 2015 U.S. Junior Amateur. The record number of entries is 4,508 in 1999.

SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

Sectional qualifying, played over 36 holes, was conducted between June 15 and July 1. Qualifying was held at 60 sites in 43 states. California had the most qualifying sites with five, while Florida had four and Texas had three.

CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD

A starting field of 156 golfers will compete in the U.S. Junior Amateur. Practice rounds will be held on July 18-19, with two 18-hole stroke-play qualifying rounds July 20-21. The field will be cut to the low 64 scorers for match play. Six rounds of match play will determine the champion. The championship match is contested over 36 holes.

SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Monday, July 20 – First round, stroke-play qualifying
Tuesday, July 21 – Second round, stroke-play qualifying
Wednesday, July 22 – First round, match play
Thursday, July 23 – Second and third rounds, match play
Friday, July 24 – Quarterfinal and semifinal rounds, match play
Saturday, July 25 – Championship match (36 holes)

2014 CHAMPION

William Zalatoris, 17, of Plano, Texas, defeated Davis Riley, 17, of Hattiesburg, Miss., 5 and 3, to win the 2014 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship at The Club at Carlton Woods' Nicklaus Course, in The Woodlands, Texas. Zalatoris, who was playing in his fifth and final U.S. Junior Amateur, rolled in a birdie putt on No. 18 to square the match through the morning round. In the afternoon, he birdied the first two holes to take a 2-up lead. Zalatoris increased his lead to 4 up on the par-4 14th, the match's 32nd hole, when he hit the shot of the championship, a 119-yard approach shot with a 56-degree wedge into the hole for an eagle 2. It was the first USGA championship for Zalatoris and the second consecutive U.S. Junior Amateur runner-up finish for Riley.

WHAT THE WINNER RECEIVES:

A gold medal and custody of the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship Trophy for one year
An exemption for all future U.S. Junior Amateurs (if eligible)
An exemption from qualifying for the next two U.S. Amateurs
Three-year exemption from local qualifying for the U.S. Open (must be an amateur)

ADMISSION

Admission to the 2015 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

HISTORY

In 1948, the USGA inaugurated the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship to determine the best junior golfer in the United States and to help junior golfers realize the most from the game, win or lose. The first U.S. Junior Amateur was played at the University of Michigan Golf Course and drew 495 entries.

Dean Lind, of Rockford, Ill., was the first champion. Lind defeated Ken Venturi, of San Francisco, a future U.S. Open champion, in the final. Only two players, Tiger Woods and Jordan Spieth, have won the Junior Amateur more than once; Woods winning in 1991, 1992 and 1993, and Spieth in 2009 and 2011.

CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

This large sterling silver trophy, produced by J.E. Caldwell and Co., of Philadelphia, is a replica of a bowl produced by noted early American silversmith Samuel Williamson, which is in the collection of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Dean Lind was the first to receive the trophy after his 1948 victory at the University of Michigan Golf Course, in Ann Arbor, Mich.

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

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

This will be the 16th USGA championship and third U.S. Junior Amateur contested in South Carolina. The last Junior Amateur contested in the Palmetto State was in 1979 when Jack Larkin defeated Billy Tuten, 1 up, to win the championship at Moss Creek Golf Club, in Hilton Head Island.

USGA Championships in South Carolina

1955 U.S. Girls' Junior: Florence Country Club, Florence (Carole Jo Kabler)

1962 U.S. Women's Open: Dunes Golf & Beach Club, Myrtle Beach (Murle Lindstrom Breer)

1963 U.S. Junior Amateur: Florence Country Club, Florence (Gregg McHatton)
1974 U.S. Senior Amateur: Harbour Town Golf Links, Hilton Head Island (Dale Morey)
1977 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur: Dunes Golf & Beach Club, Myrtle Beach (Dorothy Porter)
1978 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links: Myrtlewood Club (Palmetto Course), Myrtle Beach (Kelly Fuiks)
1979 U.S. Junior Amateur: Moss Creek Golf Club, Hilton Head Island (Jack Larkin)
1985 U.S. Senior Amateur: Wild Dunes Resort, Isle of Palms (Lewis W. Oehmig)
1991 U.S. Mid-Amateur: Long Cove Club, Hilton Head Island (Jim Stuart)
1997 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur: Yeamans Hall Club, Charleston (Nancy Fitzgerald)
2003 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur: Long Cove Club, Hilton Head Island (Amber Marsh)
2005 USGA Women's State Team: Berkeley Hall Club (North Course), Bluffton (Georgia)
2005 USGA Men's State Team: Berkeley Hall Club (South Course), Bluffton (Texas)
2009 U.S. Mid-Amateur: The Kiawah Island Club (Cassique Course), Kiawah Island (Nathan Smith)
2013 U.S. Women's Amateur: The Country Club of Charleston, Charleston (Emma Talley)

U.S. JUNIOR AMATEURS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Year, Course and Results

1963: Florence Country Club, Florence (Gregg McHatton def. Richard Bland, 4 and 3)
1979: Moss Creek Golf Club, Hilton Head Island (Jack Larkin def. Billy Tuten, 1 up)

OTHER EVENTS AT COLLETON RIVER'S DYE COURSE

This is the first USGA championship played on Colleton River Plantation Club's Pete Dye Course. The course has previously hosted two South Carolina Amateurs. In 2001, D.J. Trahan defeated Lucas Glover by four strokes to win the state amateur. Trahan had won the 2000 U.S. Amateur Public Links and Glover would go on to win the 2009 U.S. Open. In 2011, Austin Reeves edged Daniel Stanley by one stroke to capture the state amateur. Reeves currently serves as Furman University's assistant golf coach.

South Carolina Amateurs on Colleton River's Dye Course

2001: D.J. Trahan by four strokes over Lucas Glover, 279-283
2011: Austin Reeves by one stroke over Daniel Stanley, 283-284

WINNERS OF U.S. OPEN & U.S. JUNIOR AMATEUR

Winners, Years of Championships

Johnny Miller (1973 Open; 1964 Junior Amateur)
Tiger Woods (2000, 2002, 2008 Open; 1991, 1992, 1993 Junior Amateur)
Jordan Spieth (2015 Open; 2009, 2011 Junior Amateur)

LONGEST COURSES IN U.S. JUNIOR AMATEUR HISTORY

7,740 yards, Martis Camp Club, Truckee, Calif., 2013
7,366 yards, Colleton River Plantation Club (Dye Course), 2015
7,275 yards, The Club at Carlton Woods (Nicklaus Course), 2014
7,251 yards, Shoal Creek (Ala.) Golf & Country Club, 2008
7,175 yards, Golf Club of New England, Stratham, N.H., 2012
7,133 yards, Gold Mountain Golf Club (Olympic Course), Bremerton, Wash., 2011

EXEMPT PLAYERS: There are 14 players fully exempt from sectional qualifying for the 2015 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship. The 2014 champion, Will Zalatoris, turned age 18 last August and is no longer eligible to compete. The players currently exempt are:

John Augenstein (2013 U.S. Junior Amateur semifinalist)
Philip Barbaree (Top 400 WAGR)
Brad Dalke (Top 400 WAGR)
Cole Hammer (2015 U.S. Open qualifier)
Viktor Hovland (Top 400 WAGR)
Cheng Jin (Top 400 WAGR)
Won Jun Lee (Top 400 WAGR)
Andrew Orischak (Top 400 WAGR)

Kristoffer Reitan (Top 400 WAGR)
Davis Shore (Top 400 WAGR)
Spencer Soosman (Top 400 WAGR)
Marco Steyn (Top 400 WAGR)
Chun An Yu (Top 400 WAGR)
Andy Zhang (2014 U.S. Junior Amateur quarterfinalist)

TELEVISION SCHEDULE

The U.S. Junior Amateur will receive at least four hours of live network coverage. Fox Sports 1 will air the semifinal round of match play (July 24) and the championship match (July 25).

Date	Network	Broadcast Hours (EDT)
July 24	Fox Sports 1	2 p.m.-4 p.m.
July 25	Fox Sports 1	2 p.m.-4 p.m.

FUTURE U.S. JUNIOR AMATEURS

July 18-23, 2016: The Honors Course, Ooltewah, Tenn.
July 17-22, 2017: Flint Hills National Golf Club, Andover, Kan.
July 16-21, 2018: Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield, N.J.
July 15-20, 2019: Inverness Club, Toledo, Ohio

PHOTO MEDIA SERVICE

The USGA will offer daily complimentary high-resolution photographs during the U.S. Junior Amateur (Monday-Saturday) for news use only. For more information and to register, contact photorequests@usga.org.

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