



2016 U.S. Women's Open Championship Fact Sheet

July 7-10, 2016

CordeValle, San Martin, Calif. (cordevalle.com)

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MEDIA INFORMATION

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CHAMPIONSHIP TICKETS

A variety of ticket options are available for purchase at 2016uswomensopen.com.

PAR AND YARDAGE

CordeValle will be set up at 6,784 yards and will play to a par of 36-36—72. Based on the course setup, the USGA Course Rating™ is 80.2. Its Slope Rating is 150®. **NOTE: yardages subject to change.**

HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	3	5	36
Yards	396	426	523	210	352	371	410	183	561	3,432

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	5	36
Yards	407	360	191	382	429	471	166	418	528	3,352

ABOUT CORDEVALLE

Designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr. and opened in 1999, CordeValle is located in the foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains. The course sits on 270 gently rolling acres and incorporates natural elevation changes, streams and wooded areas into the layout. The name CordeValle is derived from the Spanish phrase “el corazón del valle,” or “heart of the valley.”

WHO CAN ENTER

The championship is open to any female professional and any female amateur golfer with a Handicap Index® not exceeding 2.4. The deadline for entries was May 4.

ENTRIES

The USGA accepted 1,855 entries for the 71st U.S. Women's Open Championship. This marks the second consecutive year the U.S. Women's Open has received more than 1,800 entries. The 2015 championship at Lancaster (Pa.) Country Club holds the entry record with 1,873. Among this year's total are 93 fully exempt players, including 10 Women's Open champions.



CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD

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

SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

Sectional qualifying, played over 36 holes, will be conducted at 25 sites between May 9 and June 3. For the third consecutive year, international qualifying will take place in the People's Republic of China (May 26), England (May 25), Japan (May 30) and the Republic of Korea (May 16).

SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Practice rounds will be played Monday, July 4, through Wednesday, July 6. Eighteen holes of stroke play are scheduled each day from Thursday, July 7, through Sunday, July 10.

If the championship is tied after four rounds, a three-hole aggregate playoff will take place immediately following the conclusion of the fourth round. If the playoff results in a tie, play will immediately continue hole by hole until a champion is determined.

TELEVISION COVERAGE

Date	Show	Hours (Local/PDT)	Network
July 7 (Thursday)	First round, streaming coverage	8-10 a.m.	usga.org
July 7 (Thursday)	First round, broadcast coverage	12-5 p.m.	Fox Sports 1
July 7 (Thursday)	First round, featured group	12-5 p.m.	usga.org
July 8 (Friday)	Second round, streaming coverage	8-10 a.m.	usga.org
July 8 (Friday)	Second round, broadcast coverage	12-5 p.m.	Fox Sports 1
July 8 (Friday)	Second round, featured group	12-5 p.m.	usga.org
July 9 (Saturday)	Third round, broadcast coverage	12-4 p.m.	Fox
July 9 (Saturday)	Third round, featured group	12-4 p.m.	usga.org
July 10 (Sunday)	Fourth round, broadcast coverage	12-4 p.m.	Fox
July 10 (Sunday)	Fourth round, featured group	12-4 p.m.	usga.org

2015 CHAMPION

In Gee Chun, a 20-year-old from the Republic of Korea with an effervescent smile and indomitable spirit, produced one of the U.S. Women's Open's more improbable final-round performances at Lancaster Country Club. Chun's 4-under-par 66 over the 6,288-yard layout, which included three consecutive birdies from No. 15, was enough for a one-stroke victory over countrywoman and 54-hole leader Amy Yang.

For more information, visit www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/championships/2015/u-s--women-s-open.html.

WHAT THE WINNER RECEIVES

The champion will receive a gold medal, custody of the Harton S. Semple Trophy for the ensuing year and an exemption from qualifying for the next 10 U.S. Women's Open Championships.

PURSE

The 2015 purse was \$4.5 million, and the winner earned \$810,000. The 2016 purse will be announced during championship week.



TITLE DEFENSE

Since 1991, two players have successfully defended their championship (Annika Sorenstam, 1996; Karrie Webb, 2001), and only three other players have finished in the top 10 in the championship following their victory (Juli Inkster, 2002; Patty Sheehan, 1992; Meg Mallon, 1991).

CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

This is the 71st U.S. Women's Open Championship. The first U.S. Women's Open, played at Spokane (Wash.) Country Club in 1946, was the only one conducted at match play. The Women's Professional Golfers Association (WPGA) conducted the inaugural championship, won by Patty Berg. The WPGA conducted the Women's Open until 1949, when the newly formed Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) took over operation of the championship. The LPGA ran the Women's Open for four years but in 1953 asked the United States Golf Association to conduct the championship, which it has done ever since.

The youngest winner of the U.S. Women's Open is Inbee Park, who won the 2008 championship at the age of 19 years, 11 months, 18 days. Babe Didrikson Zaharias, who won the 1954 Women's Open at age 43 years, 6 months, is the oldest winner.

In 1967, Catherine Lacoste, daughter of French tennis player Rene Lacoste and 1927 British Ladies Amateur champion Simone Thion de la Chaume, became the only amateur to win the U.S. Women's Open. Six other amateurs – most recently Brittany Lang and Morgan Pressel in 2005 – have finished as runner(s)-up.

FUTURE U.S. WOMEN'S OPENS

July 13-16, 2017: Trump National G.C. (Old Course), Bedminster, N.J.

May 31-June 3, 2018: Shoal Creek (Ala.)

May 30 – June 2, 2019: Country Club of Charleston (S.C.)

June 4-7, 2020: Champions Golf Club, Houston, Texas

June 3-6, 2021: The Olympic Club, San Francisco, Calif.