

TELEVISION BROADCAST

The USGA has broadcast arrangements with Fox Sports network to cover its championship lineup. FOX will handle the production and talent and will be the main contact for all discussions.

BROADCAST TIMES

The U.S. Amateur is broadcast beginning on Wednesday, the first round of match play. On Wednesday and each day through the conclusion of the championship, there will be a window of television coverage on one of the Fox networks. The championship may be broadcast live or via tape delay, at the discretion of FOX.

Actual broadcast times will be determined by FOX and the USGA, with input from the Host Club. The initial discussion regarding broadcast times will take place nine months prior to the start of the championship. Once final, the broadcast schedule will be posted and made public. At any time, FOX may request a change in the broadcast schedule so the Host Club and the USGA should remain flexible.

Once the broadcast times are set, the USGA and the Host Club will determine the schedule of events and the starting times for each round of matches.

TELEVISION COMPOUND

To broadcast an event the size of the U.S. Amateur, FOX will need to set up a compound that will hold all of the support efforts. The USGA and the Host Club will mutually determine the best location of the television compound. The size of the compound may vary depending on the venue; should be as flat as possible; should be on a firm surface (even in poor weather) to support the facilities; should be easily accessible by large semi-trucks (75' trailers at 80,000 pounds with low ground clearance) and other vehicles; but also have convenient access to the golf course. Once an area is determined, FOX officials will review the area and sign off on its use.

BROADCAST COMMUNICATIONS

FOX will need to order some temporary communications to support their broadcast. The requirements may include a T-1 circuit, hard wired telephone lines, internet service, etc. Each year, the main FOX contact will develop the list of communications and the order will be at FOX's expense. The USGA and the Host Club should determine, in advance, the feasibility of bringing those services to the television compound. If additional infrastructure is needed to bring those services to the compound, it should be done well in advance.

BROADCAST BOOTH

FOX will construct a broadcast booth to house the main talent during the broadcast coverage. This booth will need to be in a central location with a good scenic backdrop. The USGA and FOX will jointly determine the location of this booth. The booth will be constructed approximately one week before the championship and all construction will be finished prior to the start of stroke play. The booth construction will require heavy equipment to access the location of the booth. Pictures of a typical broadcast booth are below.



CAMERA TOWERS AND EQUIPMENT

FOX will visit the Host Club approximately one year prior to the championship. During this visit, they will determine exactly how they plan to cover the matches. FOX will give the USGA and the Host Club a full recap of their plans.

- 11 Hard Cameras
- 8 RF HH's
- 1 RF Steady cam on Saturday and Sunday
- 1 Wired Beauty Clock Tower Robo or Hard Cam
- 1 Mobile Tower Camera
- 1 Camera Crane



MOBILE TOWER CAMERA

FOX will be utilizing a Mobile Tower Camera that gives the viewer a perspective from behind the player. This can be used in conjunction with yardage graphics and shot tracer technology. The Mobile Tower Cameras are brought onto the fairway behind the players as they hit their send shot and wheeled back off of the fairway in between groups. If being used on the teeing grounds, they stay in position behind the tee.

