



USGA Accepts More Than 1,700 Entries for 72nd U.S. Women's Open Championship

10 past U.S. Women's Open champions scheduled to compete

FAR HILLS, N.J. (May 18, 2017) – The United States Golf Association has accepted 1,709 entries for the 72nd U.S. Women's Open Championship, which will be conducted July 13-16, 2017, at Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, N.J. It will be the seventh U.S. Women's Open contested in New Jersey, and the first in 30 years.

This marks the fourth consecutive year the U.S. Women's Open has received more than 1,700 entries. The 2015 championship at Lancaster (Pa.) Country Club holds the entry record with 1,873. Ten U.S. Women's Open champions are among the 97 players who are currently fully exempt into the championship.

"In what has become a hallmark of this championship, we are excited to see such a strong group of entrants from around the world for the 72nd U.S. Women's Open Championship," said Stuart Francis, chairman of the USGA Championship Committee. "We also look forward to welcoming the U.S. Women's Open back to New Jersey for the first time since Laura Davies of England captured the 1987 championship at Plainfield Country Club."

The USGA accepted entries for the 72nd U.S. Women's Open from golfers in 47 states (all except Alaska, West Virginia and Wyoming) and 51 countries in total.

To be eligible for the U.S. Women's Open, a player must have a Handicap Index® not exceeding 2.4, or be a professional. Sectional qualifying will be conducted over 36 holes between May 22 and June 12. Qualifying will be held at 21 sites in the United States, as well as four international sites: one each in England, Japan, the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea.

Brittany Lang, of McKinney, Texas, who won the 2016 U.S. Women's Open at CordeValle in San Martin, Calif., is one of 10 fully exempt U.S. Women's Open champions. Lang is joined by Na Yeon Choi (2012), In Gee Chun (2015), Paula Creamer (2010), Eun-Hee Ji (2009), Cristie Kerr (2007), Inbee Park (2008, 2013), So Yeon Ryu (2011), Karrie Webb (2000, 2001) and Michelle Wie (2014).

This will be the third USGA championship conducted at Trump National in Bedminster. The club previously hosted the 2009 U.S. Girls' Junior, won by Amy Anderson, who now competes on the LPGA Tour and will attempt to qualify for the U.S. Women's Open at the Frankfort, Ill., qualifying site on June 12. It also hosted the 2009 U.S. Junior Amateur, won by 2015 U.S. Open and Masters champion Jordan Spieth.

The championship's youngest entrant is 10-year-old Avery Zweig, of McKinney, Texas. She will attempt to qualify at the sectional qualifying site in Prior Lake, Minn., on May 31. Debby Pinnell is the championship's oldest entrant at age 66.

Justine Dreher, a Ladies European Tour player from France, was the first applicant when entries opened on March 8. The final championship application came from Laurie Rinker, 54, of Stuart, Fla. Rinker, the 1980 U.S. Girls' Junior champion who won the LPGA Teaching & Club Professionals Championship in 2015, filed her entry 11 minutes before the 5 p.m. EDT deadline on May 17.



Players still have several opportunities to gain a full exemption into the U.S. Women's Open. The winner of the 2017 KPMG Women's PGA Championship and any other LPGA co-sponsored events prior to the start of the U.S. Women's Open, as well as the winner of the 2017 Ladies British Open Amateur Championship, will earn exemptions into the championship field. Additionally, any player in the top 50 point leaders and ties from the Rolex Rankings as of July 9 not already exempt will be added to the field.

More information about the U.S. Women's Open, including a variety of ticket options, is available at www.usga.org/womensopen.

The following 97 golfers are fully exempt into the 2017 U.S. Women's Open (as of May 18):

Marina Alex
Beth Allen
Aditi Ashok
Seon Woo Bae
Isabelle Boineau
Katie Burnett
a-Virginia Elena Carta
Chella Choi
Na Yeon Choi
In Gee Chun
Carlota Ciganda
Jacqui Concolino
Paula Creamer
Austin Ernst
Jodi Ewart Shadoff
Shanshan Feng
Sandra Gal
Georgia Hall
Brooke Henderson
Charley Hull
Mi Jung Hur
Karine Icher
Ha Na Jang
Su-Yeon Jang
Eun-Hee Ji
Ariya Jutanugarn
Moriya Jutanugarn
Danielle Kang
Kim Kaufman
Cristie Kerr
Megan Khang
Christina Kim
Ha-Neul Kim

Hyo Joo Kim
I.K. Kim
Min Sun Kim
Sei Young Kim
Jin Young Ko
Lydia Ko
Jessica Korda
Candie Kung
Brittany Lang
Alison Lee
Jeong Eun Lee
Mi Hyang Lee
Minjee Lee
Min-Young Lee
Mirim Lee
Seung Hyun Lee
Stacy Lewis
Xiyu Lin
Brittany Lincicome
Pernilla Lindberg
Gaby Lopez
a-Leona Maguire
Mo Martin
Caroline Masson
Catriona Matthew
Ai Miyazato
Mika Miyazato
Azahara Munoz
Haru Nomura
Anna Nordqvist
Su-Hyun Oh
Ryann O'Toole
Lee-Anne Pace

Hee Young Park
Inbee Park
Sung Hyun Park
Florentyna Parker
Suzann Pettersen
Pornanong Phatlum
Gerina Piller
Morgan Pressel
Beatriz Recari
Paula Reto
So Yeon Ryu
Lizette Salas
Supamas Sangchan
a-Eun Jeong Seong
Alena Sharp
Jenny Shin
Jiyai Shin
Kelly Shon
Sarah Jane Smith
Jennifer Song
Angela Stanford
Ai Suzuki
Kris Tamulis
Lexi Thompson
Mariajo Uribe
Karrie Webb
Michelle Wie
Jing Yan
Amy Yang
Sakura Yokomine
Weiwei Zhang

Bold – U.S. Women's Open champion
a – amateur