

## USGA'S 2016 SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTED BY RETURN OF U.S. OPEN TO OAKMONT

Championship to be Contested for Record Ninth Time at Historic Pennsylvania Club

FAR HILLS, N.J. (Jan. 11, 2016) – The United States Golf Association (USGA) today confirmed the sites and dates for its 2016 championship schedule. Pennsylvania will host four USGA championships, increasing its total to 87, the most of any state. The Keystone State's 2016 championships include the record ninth U.S. Open at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club, the U.S. Women's Amateur at Rolling Green Country Club in Springfield, the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur at The Kahkwa Club in Erie, and the U.S. Mid-Amateur at Stonewall Links in Elverson.

This marks the first time in 16 years that four championships have been contested in one state (Oregon, 2000), and the first time since 1969 that a U.S. Open has been one of those four championships. Other states to have hosted four USGA championships in the same year include California (1976), Colorado (1982), Massachusetts (1995), New Jersey (1985 and 1990), Texas (1969) and Washington (1984).

"We are incredibly appreciative of the committed group of clubs that will conduct our 2016 national championships," said Diana Murphy, USGA vice president and Championship Committee chairman. "We are especially looking forward to the U.S. Open's record ninth playing at Oakmont, a truly historic course and welcoming community that will once again provide an exciting championship experience for players and golf fans worldwide in June."

The 2016 USGA championship season will commence with the concurrent U.S. Amateur Four-Ball and U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball championships from May 21-25. The Amateur Four-Ball marks the 12th USGA championship at Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, N.Y. In addition to hosting five U.S. Opens, including the 1929 U.S. Open won by amateur Bob Jones, the A.W. Tillinghast design has also hosted two U.S. Women's Opens, two U.S. Amateurs, a U.S. Senior Open and a Walker Cup Match. The Women's Amateur Four-Ball will be contested at Streamsong (Fla.) Resort, its first USGA championship.

Oakmont will host the 116th U.S. Open from June 16-19. Designed by Henry C. Fownes and opened in 1903, Oakmont has crowned eight U.S. Open champions: Tommy Armour (1927); Sam Parks Jr. (1935); Ben Hogan (1953); Jack Nicklaus (1962); Johnny Miller (1973); Larry Nelson (1983); Ernie Els (1994) and Angel Cabrera (2007). In addition to hosting more U.S. Opens than any venue, Oakmont has hosted two U.S. Women's Opens (1992, 2010) and five U.S. Amateurs (1919, 1925, 1938, 1969, 2003).

The 2016 U.S. Women's Open will be played at CordeValle, in San Martin, Calif., from July 7-10, marking just the third time the championship will be contested in California and the first since 1982. This is CordeValle's second USGA championship following the 2013 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur. The U.S. Senior Open will be contested at Scioto Country Club in Columbus, Ohio, from Aug. 11-14, marking the club's fourth USGA championship and first since the 1986 U.S. Senior Open won by Dale Douglass. Scioto also hosted the 1926 U.S. Open, won by Jones, and the 1968 U.S. Amateur, won by Bruce Fleisher.

The 116th U.S. Women's Amateur will be played at Rolling Green Golf Club from Aug. 1-7, the 14th time the championship will have been contested in Pennsylvania. It marks the club's second USGA championship after the 1976 U.S. Women's Open, won by eight-time USGA champion JoAnne Gunderson Carner, the most decorated female champion in USGA history. Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., will host the 116th U.S. Amateur from Aug. 15-21, its 11th USGA championship. The club also hosted the 2002 U.S. Amateur, won by Ricky Barnes, six U.S. Opens, two U.S. Senior Opens and one U.S. Women's Amateur.

The U.S. Junior Amateur and U.S. Girls' Junior championships will both be played July 18-23. The Honors Course, in Ooltewah, Tenn., will host its fifth USGA championship with the U.S. Junior, and The Ridgewood Country Club in Paramus, N.J., will conduct its fourth USGA championship with the U.S. Girls' Junior.

There are 13 annual USGA championships, as well as the Latin America Amateur, Curtis Cup Match, Women's World Amateur Team, World Amateur Team and the USGA Men's State Team, on the 2016 schedule. The Curtis Cup Match, a biennial competition between female amateur teams from the United States and Great Britain & Ireland, will be played at Dun Laoghaire Golf Club, in Enniskerry, Ireland, from June 10-12, marking the club's first time hosting a Curtis Cup Match.

A slideshow of course images from all of the 2016 USGA championship sites is available at <u>usga.org</u>. To request a 2016 course photo for editorial use, email <u>PhotoRequests@usga.org</u>.

## 2016 USGA Championship Schedule

(Domestic)
May 21-25U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball, Streamsong (Fla.) Resort
May 21-25U.S. Amateur Four-Ball, Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, N.Y
June 16-19U.S. Open, Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club
July 7-10U.S. Women's Open, CordeValle, San Martin, Calif.
July 18-23U.S. Girls' Junior, The Ridgewood Country Club, Paramus, N.J.
July 18-23U.S. Junior Amateur, The Honors Course, Ooltewah, Tenn.
Aug. 1-7U.S. Women's Amateur, Rolling Green Golf Club, Springfield, Pa.
Aug. 11-14U.S. Senior Open, Scioto Country Club, Columbus, Ohio
Aug. 15-21U.S. Amateur, Oakland Hills Country Club, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.
Sept. 10-15U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur, The Kahkwa Club, Erie, Pa.
Sept. 10-15U.S. Mid-Amateur, Stonewall Links, Elverson, Pa.
Sept. 17-22U.S. Senior Women's Amateur, Wellesley (Mass.) Country Club
Sept. 17-22U.S. Senior Amateur, Old Warson Country Club, St. Louis, Mo.
Sept. 28-30USGA Men's State Team, Country Club of Birmingham (Ala.)

## (International)

Jan. 14-17......Latin America Amateur, Casa de Campo Resort, La Romana, Dominican Republic

June 10-12......Curtis Cup Match, Dun Laoghaire Golf Club, Enniskerry, Ireland

Sept. 14-17.....Women's World Amateur Team, El Camaleon Golf Club and Playa Paraiso Golf Club, Cancun, Mexico

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