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## USGA ANNOUNCES 25 ADDITIONAL PLAYERS EXEMPT FOR 2015 U.S. OPEN

### Three-time USGA champion and Washington native Ryan Moore makes Chambers Bay field

FAR HILLS, N.J. (May 26, 2015) – The United States Golf Association today announced that 25 additional golfers, including three-time USGA champion Ryan Moore, have earned full exemptions into the 2015 U.S. Open Championship, to be played June 18-21 at Chambers Bay, in University Place, Wash. These exemptions bring the number of fully exempt players to 74.

All 25 exemptions were awarded to players who earned a place in the top 60 of the Official World Golf Ranking as of May 25. Moore, who won the 2004 U.S. Amateur Championship and the 2002 and 2004 U.S. Amateur Public Links titles and has four PGA Tour victories, is ranked No. 34. Moore, who grew up near Chambers Bay in Puyallup, Wash., has played in eight previous U.S. Opens. His best finish was a tie for 10th in 2009 at Bethpage State Park's Black Course.

The other players who earned full exemptions through the current Official World Golf Ranking are: Byeong-Hun An, Paul Casey, George Coetzee, Jamie Donaldson, Victor Dubuisson, Matthew Every, Tommy Fleetwood, Stephen Gallacher, Branden Grace, Charley Hoffman, J.B. Holmes, Thongchai Jaidee, Miguel Angel Jimenez, Anirban Lahiri, Marc Leishman, Shane Lowry, Joost Luiten, Ben Martin, Francesco Molinari, Ian Poulter, Marc Warren, Lee Westwood, Bernd Wiesberger and Danny Willett.

An, who won the 2009 U.S. Amateur Championship, moved up 78 positions in the Official World Golf Ranking (OWGR) to No. 54 by winning the PGA European Tour's BMW PGA Championship on May 24. Jimenez, who tied for second in the 2000 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach (Calif.) Golf Links, climbed 25 spots to No. 44 in the OWGR after tying for second at the BMW PGA Championship. Molinari tied for fifth at the European Tour event and advanced eight spots in the OWGR to No. 58. The number of fully exempt golfers may increase with the inclusion of the top 60 players from the OWGR as of Monday, June 15.

The first two sectional qualifiers for the 2015 U.S. Open were held May 25, in Japan, where five spots in the 156-player field were determined, and in Surrey, England, where 11 players qualified. Those 16 players are in addition to the 74 fully exempt players listed below.

Sectional qualifying in the United States, at 36 holes, will take place at 10 sites on Monday, June 8. The sites are: Big Canyon Country Club & Newport Beach Country Club, Newport Beach, Calif.; The Bear's Club, Jupiter, Fla.; Hawks Ridge Golf Club, Ball Ground, Ga.; Woodmont Country Club (North Course), Rockville, Md.; Old Oaks Country Club & Century Country Club, Purchase, N.Y.; Brookside Golf & Country Club & Lakes Golf & Country Club, Columbus, Ohio; Springfield Country Club, Springfield, Ohio; Germantown Country Club & Ridgeway Country Club, Memphis, Tenn.; Northwood Club, Dallas, Texas; and Tumble Creek Club, Cle Elum, Wash.

The U.S. Open will be contested for the first time in the Pacific Northwest. Chambers Bay is hosting its second USGA championship, having hosted the 2010 U.S. Amateur.

A list of the 74 golfers fully exempt into the 2015 U.S. Open as of May 25 (not including the 16 international sectional qualifiers) is below. It can also be found at this link:

[http://www.usopen.com/en\\_US/news/qualifying/exemptions.html](http://www.usopen.com/en_US/news/qualifying/exemptions.html).

## 2015 U.S. Open Exemption List (as of May 25):

Byeong-Hun An	9, 13	Joost Luiten	13
Keegan Bradley	7, 11, 13	Hunter Mahan	12, 13
<b>Angel Cabrera</b>	1	Ben Martin	13
Paul Casey	13	Hideki Matsuyama	12, 13
Darren Clarke	6	<b>Graeme McDowell</b>	1, 13
George Coetzee	13	<b>Rory McIlroy</b>	1, 6, 7, 12, 13
Erik Compton	11	Phil Mickelson	6, 13
Jason Day	11, 12, 13	Francesco Molinari	13
Jamie Donaldson	13	Colin Montgomerie	10
Victor Dubuisson	13	Ryan Moore	13
Jason Dufner	7	Kevin Na	12, 13
<b>Ernie Els</b>	6	a-Bradley Neil	3
Matthew Every	13	<b>Geoff Ogilvy</b>	1
Tommy Fleetwood	13	Louis Oosthuizen	6, 13
Rickie Fowler	8, 11, 12, 13	Ryan Palmer	12, 13
<b>Jim Furyk</b>	12, 13	Ian Poulter	13
Stephen Gallacher	13	Patrick Reed	12, 13
Sergio Garcia	12, 13	<b>Justin Rose</b>	1, 12, 13
<b>Lucas Glover</b>	1	a-Oliver Schniederjans	4
Branden Grace	13	Charl Schwartzel	5, 13
Bill Haas	12, 13	Adam Scott	5, 11, 12, 13
Russell Henley	12, 13	John Senden	12, 13
Charley Hoffman	13	<b>Webb Simpson</b>	1, 12, 13
Morgan Hoffmann	12	Brandt Snedeker	11, 13
J.B. Holmes	13	Jordan Spieth	5, 12, 13
Billy Horschel	12, 13	Henrik Stenson	11, 13
Thongchai Jaidee	13	Brendon Todd	12, 13
Miguel Angel Jimenez	13	Cameron Tringale	12
Dustin Johnson	11, 13	Jimmy Walker	11, 12, 13
Zach Johnson	12, 13	Marc Warren	13
<b>Martin Kaymer</b>	1, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13	Bubba Watson	5, 12, 13
Chris Kirk	12, 13	Lee Westwood	13
Brooks Koepka	11, 13	Bernd Wiesberger	13
Matt Kuchar	12, 13	Danny Willett	13
Anirban Lahiri	13	Gary Woodland	12, 13
Marc Leishman	13	<b>Tiger Woods</b>	1, 8
Shane Lowry	13	a-Gunn Yang	2

**Bold** – U.S. Open champion      a-amateur

### Key to Player Exemptions

- 1) Winners of the U.S. Open Championship the last 10 years (2005-14)
- 2) Winner and runner-up of the 2014 U.S. Amateur Championship (must be an amateur)
- 3) Winner of the 2014 British Amateur Championship (must be an amateur)
- 4) Winner of the 2014 Mark H. McCormack Medal (top-ranked in WAGR & must be an amateur)
- 5) Winners of the Masters Tournament the last five years (2011-15)
- 6) Winners of the British Open Championship the last five years (2010-14)
- 7) Winners of The PGA of America Championship the last five years (2010-14)
- 8) Winners of The Players Championship the last three years (2013-15)



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- 9) Winner of the 2015 PGA European Tour BMW PGA Championship
  - 10) Winner of the 2014 U.S. Senior Open Championship
  - 11) From the 2014 U.S. Open Championship, the 10 lowest scorers and anyone tying for 10th place
  - 12) Those players who qualified for the season-ending 2014 Tour Championship
  - 13) Top 60 point leaders and ties from the World Ranking, as of May 25, 2015
  - 14) Top 60 point leaders and ties from the World Ranking, as of June 15, 2015
  - 15) Special exemptions selected by the USGA