



USGA Announces 27 Additional Players Exempt for 117th U.S. Open Championship

*U.S. Amateur champions Matthew Fitzpatrick and Byeong Hun An
among latest group*

FAR HILLS, N.J. (May 22, 2017) – The United States Golf Association today announced that 27 additional golfers, including U.S. Amateur champions Matthew Fitzpatrick and Byeong Hun An, have earned full exemptions into the 2017 U.S. Open Championship, to be played June 15-18 at Erin Hills, in Erin, Wis. These exemptions bring the number of fully exempt players to 78.

All 27 exemptions were awarded to players who earned a place in the top 60 of the Official World Golf Ranking (OWGR) as of May 22. Fitzpatrick, who won the 2013 U.S. Amateur, is ranked No. 41. He will compete in his third U.S. Open. He tied for 48th and was the low amateur at Pinehurst No. 2 in 2014. An, who won the 2009 U.S. Amateur, is ranked No. 56. He has played in three U.S. Opens, including a tie for 23rd at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club last year.

The other players who earned full exemptions through the current Official World Golf Ranking are: Wesley Bryan, Rafael Cabrera Bello, Ross Fisher, Tommy Fleetwood, Bill Haas, Adam Hadwin, Brian Harman, Tyrrell Hatton, Russell Henley, Charley Hoffman, Billy Horschel, Yuta Ikeda, Brooks Koepka, Marc Leishman, Francesco Molinari, Alex Noren, Louis Oosthuizen, Pat Perez, Thomas Pieters, Jon Rahm, Brendan Steele, Hideto Tanihara, Jeunghun Wang, Lee Westwood and Bernd Wiesberger.

Horschel moved into the OWGR top 60 after winning the AT&T Byron Nelson Championship in a playoff on May 21, his fourth PGA Tour victory. Horschel, who advanced 32 spots from the previous week to No. 44, will compete in his sixth U.S. Open. At No. 12, Rahm is the highest-ranked player in the current OWGR who was not previously exempt into the U.S. Open. Rahm, who won this year's Farmers Insurance Open in his first full PGA Tour season as a professional, was the low amateur in the 2016 U.S. Open, when he tied for 23rd.

Oosthuizen, who is No. 17 in the OWGR, finished as runner-up with Dustin Johnson to champion Jordan Spieth in the 2015 U.S. Open, held at Chambers Bay. Oosthuizen will play in his eighth U.S. Open.

The winner of the European Tour BMW PGA Championship (May 25-28) will also earn an exemption. The number of fully exempt golfers may increase with the addition of the top 60 players from the OWGR as of Monday, June 12.

The first of two international sectional qualifiers for the 2017 U.S. Open was held on May 22, in Japan, where four spots in the 156-player field were determined. England

will host qualifying for the 13th consecutive year on Monday, May 29. Those players who qualify are in addition to the 78 fully exempt players listed below.

Sectional qualifying in the United States, at 36 holes, will take place at 10 sites on Monday, June 5. The sites are: Big Canyon Country Club & Newport Beach Country Club, Newport Beach, Calif.; Jupiter Hills Club (Hills Course), Tequesta, Fla.; Hawks Ridge Golf Club, Ball Ground, Ga.; Woodmont Country Club (North Course), Rockville, Md.; Canoe Brook Country Club (North and South Courses), Summit, N.J.; Brookside Golf & Country Club & Lakes Golf & Country Club, Columbus, Ohio; Springfield Country Club, Springfield, Ohio; Germantown Country Club & Ridgeway Country Club, Memphis, Tenn.; Lakewood Country Club, Dallas, Texas; and Tacoma Country & Golf Club, Lakewood, Wash.

The U.S. Open will be contested in Wisconsin for the first time. Erin Hills is hosting its third USGA championship and its first since the 2011 U.S. Amateur, when Kelly Kraft defeated Patrick Cantlay, 2 up, in the 36-hole final. The U.S. Open will be contested in the Midwest for the first time since 2003, when Jim Furyk won at Olympia Fields (Ill.) Country Club.

A list of the 78 golfers fully exempt into the 2017 U.S. Open as of May 22 (not including the four international sectional qualifiers from Japan) is below. It can also be found at this link: <http://www.usopen.com/qualifying/exemptions.html>.

More information about the 2017 U.S. Open at Erin Hills, including local and sectional qualifying, is available at www.usopen.com.

The list of the 78 golfers who are fully exempt into the 2017 U.S. Open (as of May 22):

Byeong Hun An	14	Marc Leishman	14
Daniel Berger	13, 14	Shane Lowry	12
Wesley Bryan	14	Hideki Matsuyama	13, 14
Angel Cabrera	1	Graeme McDowell	1
Rafael Cabrera Bello	14	William McGirt	13, 14
Paul Casey	13, 14	Rory McIlroy	1, 6, 7, 13, 14
Roberto Castro	13	a-Maverick McNealy	4
Kevin Chappell	13, 14	Phil Mickelson	6, 13, 14
a-Brad Dalke	2	Francesco Molinari	14
Jason Day	7, 8, 12, 13, 14	Ryan Moore	13, 14
Jason Dufner	7, 12, 13	Kevin Na	12, 13
Ernie Els	6	Alex Noren	14
Ross Fisher	14	Sean O'Hair	13
Matthew Fitzpatrick	14	Louis Oosthuizen	14
Tommy Fleetwood	14	Pat Perez	14
Rickie Fowler	8, 14	Scott Piercy	12, 14
Jim Furyk	12	Thomas Pieters	14
Sergio Garcia	5, 12, 14	Jon Rahm	14
Lucas Glover	1	Patrick Reed	13, 14
Branden Grace	12, 14	Justin Rose	1, 11, 14
a-Scott Gregory	3	Gene Sauers	10
Emiliano Grillo	13, 14	Charl Schwartzel	13, 14
Bill Haas	14	Adam Scott	5, 13, 14
Adam Hadwin	14	Webb Simpson	1
Brian Harman	14	Brandt Snedeker	13, 14
Tyrrell Hatton	14	Jordan Spieth	1, 5, 13, 14
Russell Henley	14	Brendan Steele	14
Charley Hoffman	14	Henrik Stenson	6, 14
J.B. Holmes	13, 14	Daniel Summerhays	12
Billy Horschel	14	Hideto Tanihara	14

Yuta Ikeda	14	Justin Thomas	13, 14
Dustin Johnson	1, 12, 13, 14	Jhonattan Vegas	13
Zach Johnson	6, 12	Jimmy Walker	7, 13, 14
Martin Kaymer	1, 14	Jeunghun Wang	14
Si Woo Kim	8, 13, 14	Bubba Watson	5, 13, 14
Kevin Kisner	13, 14	Lee Westwood	14
Russell Knox	13, 14	Bernd Wiesberger	14
Brooks Koepka	14	Danny Willett	5, 14
Matt Kuchar	13, 14	Gary Woodland	13, 14

Bold – U.S. Open champion a-amateur

Key to Player Exemptions:

1. Winners of the U.S. Open Championship the last 10 years (2007-16)
2. Winner and runner-up of the 2016 U.S. Amateur Championship (must be an amateur)
3. Winner of the 2016 Amateur Championship, conducted by The R&A (must be an amateur)
4. Winner of the 2016 Mark H. McCormack Medal (top-ranked in WAGR & must be an amateur)
5. Winners of the Masters Tournament the last five years (2013-17)
6. Winners of the Open Championship, conducted by The R&A, the last five years (2012-16)
7. Winners of the PGA of America Championship the last five years (2012-16)
8. Winners of the Players Championship the last three years (2015-17)
9. Winner of the 2017 European Tour BMW PGA Championship
10. Winner of the 2016 U.S. Senior Open Championship
11. Winner of the 2016 Olympic Gold Medal
12. From the 2016 U.S. Open Championship, the 10 lowest scorers and anyone tying for 10th place
13. Those players who qualified for the season-ending 2016 Tour Championship
14. Top 60 point leaders and ties from the current World Ranking as of May 22, 2017
15. Top 60 point leaders and ties from the current World Ranking as of June 12, 2017
16. Special exemptions selected by the USGA