



USGA Announces Local Qualifying Sites for 117th U.S. Open Championship

114 Local Qualifiers Will Be Conducted in 44 States and Canada Between May 2-18

FAR HILLS, N.J. (Feb. 21, 2017) – The United States Golf Association today announced local qualifying sites for the 117th U.S. Open Championship. The U.S. Open will be contested for the first time at Erin Hills, in Erin, Wis., on June 15-18. Local qualifying, conducted over 18 holes at 114 sites in 44 states and Canada, will take place between May 2-18. Canada will host a local qualifier for the first time.

“The support provided by state and regional golf associations, along with Golf Canada, will allow thousands of golfers from around the world, both professional and amateur, to take part in the two-tiered process of U.S. Open qualifying,” said Stuart Francis, USGA Championship Committee chairman. “We are pleased to conduct an international local qualifier for the first time in Canada as we continue to expand qualifying opportunities around the globe for all of our USGA championships.”

Beacon Hall Golf Club, in Aurora, Ontario, will host the local Canadian qualifier on Monday, May 8. The course, designed by Bob Cupp, opened for play in 1988. The outward nine is lined by stands of pine trees while the inward nine features fescue and waste bunkers.

Those players who advance out of local qualifying will compete in sectional qualifying, which will be conducted over 36 holes at 10 U.S. sites on Monday, June 5. For the 13th consecutive year, Japan and England will host international sectional qualifying, both scheduled in late May.

In 2016, the USGA accepted 9,877 entries for the championship at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club. The record of 10,127 was established for the 2014 championship at Pinehurst Resort & Country Club’s Course No. 2, in the Village of Pinehurst, N.C.

Thirty-eight courses return as U.S. Open local qualifying sites from last year and several have a long history as hosts. Illini Country Club, in Springfield, Ill., has conducted a U.S. Open qualifier in 43 of the last 44 years. Maketewah Country Club, in Cincinnati, Ohio, has been a local site in 40 of the last 41 years. Riverton (Wyo.) Country Club has hosted local qualifying since 1998, while Collindale Golf Course, in Fort Collins, Colo., has been a host site since 2003. Ironwood Country Club, in Palm Desert, Calif., has held a local qualifier in 18 of the last 19 years.

The Country Club of Detroit, in Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., will serve as a U.S. Open local qualifying site for the third time since 2012. Arnold Palmer won the 1954 U.S. Amateur at the club, defeating Robert Sweeney, 1 up, in the final. It was the first of three USGA championships for Palmer, including the 1960 U.S. Open. The club also hosted the 1915 U.S. Amateur, won by Robert A. Gardner.

Several local exemptions for the U.S. Open were amended prior to the 2014 championship. The top 500 point leaders and ties from the Official World Golf Ranking™ (as of March 8) will be exempt from local qualifying. Any player in the OWGR’s top 500 (as of April 24) who has filed an entry prior to the deadline of 5 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, April 26, will also earn a local exemption. In the past, only the top 150 point leaders were exempt. Additionally, any player who has had multiple finishes in the top 400 of the year-ending OWGR in the past five calendar years (2012-2016) is exempt from local qualifying.

Ken Venturi (1964) and Orville Moody (1969) are the only players to win the U.S. Open after qualifying through both local and sectional play. Last year, 27 players advanced through local and sectional qualifying to the 156-player U.S. Open Championship field at Oakmont. Of those 27, five players made



the 36-hole cut, including Brandon Harkins, who started his journey at The Club at Ruby Hill, in Pleasanton, Calif., which will host a local qualifier for the ninth consecutive year.

Several U.S. Open champions have advanced to the championship through both local and sectional qualifying at some point in their careers, including Lucas Glover, David Graham, Lou Graham, Hale Irwin, Tony Jacklin, Lee Janzen, Tom Kite, Johnny Miller, Corey Pavin, Curtis Strange, Lee Trevino and Fuzzy Zoeller.

To be eligible, a player must have a Handicap Index® not exceeding 1.4, or be a professional.

There are 16 local qualifying sites in the state of Florida, the most of any state. Fourteen local qualifiers are scheduled in California, while Texas will host seven local qualifiers.

Online player registration for the 2017 U.S. Open will begin in the first week of March (<https://champs.usga.org/index.html>).

2017 U.S. Open Championship Local Qualifying Sites (114)

Tuesday, May 2 (1)

Twin Warriors G.C., Santa Ana Pueblo, N.M.

Wednesday, May 3 (2)

Mission Inn R. & C. (El Campeon Course), Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla.

Wildwood G.C., Allison Park, Pa.

Friday, May 5 (1)

The Club at Admirals Cove (North/West Courses), Jupiter, Fla.

Monday, May 8 (25)

C.C. at DC Ranch, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Indian Ridge C.C. (Grove Course), Palm Desert, Calif.

TPC at Valencia, Valencia, Calif.

Beacon Hall Golf Club, Aurora, Ontario, Canada

The Heritage at Westmoor, Westminster, Colo.

Rockrimmon C.C., Stamford, Conn.

TPC Prestancia (Stadium Course), Sarasota, Fla.

The Wanderers Club, Wellington, Fla.

The C.C. of Winter Haven, Winter Haven, Fla.

Summer Grove G.C., Newnan, Ga.

Illini C.C., Springfield, Ill.

Midlane G.R., Wadsworth, Ill.

Delaware C.C., Muncie, Ind.

Northwest G.C., Silver Spring, Md.

Muskegon C.C., Muskegon, Mich.

Midland Hills C.C., St. Paul, Minn.

C.C. at The Legends, Eureka, Mo.

Haworth C.C., Haworth, N.J.

TPC Summerlin, Las Vegas, Nev.

Kinsale G. & F.C., Powell, Ohio

DeBordieu Club, Georgetown, S.C.

Jackson C.C., Jackson, Tenn.

Split Rail L. & G.C., Aledo, Texas

The Country Club, Salt Lake City, Utah

Canterwood G. & C.C., Gig Harbor, Wash.

Tuesday, May 9 (8)

Hot Springs C.C. (Arlington Course), Hot Springs, Ark.

Yocha Dehe G.C., Brooks, Calif.

Andalusia C.C., La Quinta, Calif.

Mendakota C.C., Mendota Heights, Minn.

Beechmont C.C., Beachwood, Ohio

Jimmie Austin OU G.C., Norman, Okla.

Pronghorn Resort (Nicklaus Course), Bend, Ore.

Wolfdancer G.C., Cedar Creek, Texas

Wednesday, May 10 (6)

Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Silver Lakes, Glencoe, Ala.

La Costa Resort & Spa, Carlsbad, Calif.

Orange Tree G.C., Orlando, Fla.

River Landing G.C. (River Course), Wallace, N.C.

Green Brook C.C., North Caldwell, N.J.

Butler C.C., Butler, Pa.

Thursday, May 11 (12)

Sewailo G.C., Tucson, Ariz.

Bermuda Dunes C.C., Bermuda Dunes, Calif.

Industry Hills G.C. (Eisenhower Course), City of Industry, Calif.

La Purisima G.C., Lompoc, Calif.

The Club at Emerald Hills, Hollywood, Fla.

Cypress Run G.C., Tarpon Springs, Fla.

Pinehills G.C. (Nicklaus Course), Plymouth, Mass.

C.C. of Lincoln, Lincoln, Neb.

C.C. of York, York, Pa.

River Oaks C.C., Houston, Texas

Farmington C.C., Charlottesville, Va.

The Bull at Pinehurst Farms, Sheboygan Falls, Wis.

Saturday, May 13 (1)

The King Kamehameha G.C., Wailuku, Hawaii



Sunday, May 14 (1)

BanBury G.C., Eagle, Idaho

Monday, May 15 (30)

Seville G. & C.C., Gilbert, Ariz.
Classic Club, Palm Desert, Calif.
The Club at Ruby Hill, Pleasanton, Calif.
Fountaingrove G. & Athletic C., Santa Rosa, Calif.
CommonGround G.C., Aurora, Colo.
Rocky Bayou C.C., Niceville, Fla.
Shingle Creek G.C., Orlando, Fla.
Sawgrass C.C. (East/West Courses), Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.
Orchid Island G. & Beach Club, Vero Beach, Fla.
Stone Mountain G.C., Stone Mountain, Ga.
Waialae C.C., Honolulu, Hawaii
Cantigny G.C., Wheaton, Ill.
South Bend C.C., South Bend, Ind.
Spirit Hollow G.C., Burlington, Iowa
Southern Trace C.C., Shreveport, La.
Hillendale C.C., Phoenix, Md.
Dearborn C.C., Dearborn, Mich.
C.C. of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich.
Creekmoor G.C., Raymore, Mo.
Pinewild C.C. (Magnolia Course), Pinehurst, N.C.
Running Deer G.C., Pittsgrove, N.J.
Edgewood Tahoe G.C., Stateline, Nev.
Oak Hill C.C. (West Course), Rochester, N.Y.
Maketewah C.C., Cincinnati, Ohio
Catawba Island Club, Port Clinton, Ohio
Oldfield Club, Okatie, S.C.
C.C. of Sioux Falls, Sioux Falls, S.D.
Butterfield Trail G.C., El Paso, Texas
Riverhill C.C., Kerrville, Texas
Pete Dye G.C., Bridgeport, W.Va.

Tuesday, May 16 (9)

The Preserve G.C., Carmel, Calif.
Ironwood C.C. (South Course), Palm Desert, Calif.
Collindale G.C., Fort Collins, Colo.
Wintonbury Hills, G.C., Bloomfield, Conn.
Southern Hills Plantation G.C., Brooksville, Fla.
Crumpin-Fox Club, Bernardston, Mass.
Missoula C.C., Missoula, Mont.
North Shore C.C., Glen Head, N.Y.
Newport C.C., Newport, R.I.

Wednesday, May 17 (9)

Palmer G.C., Palmer, Alaska
Wichita C.C., Wichita, Kan.
Lonnie Poole G.C., Raleigh, N.C.
Shaker Ridge C.C., Albany, N.Y.
C.C. of Scranton, Clarks Summit, Pa.
Holston Hills C.C., Knoxville, Tenn.
Dallas Athletic Club (Gold Course), Dallas, Texas
Washington County G.C., Hartford, Wis.
Riverton C.C., Riverton, Wyo.

Thursday, May 18 (9)

Ak-Chin Southern Dunes G.C., Maricopa, Ariz.
Granite Bay G.C., Granite Bay, Calif.
Bear's Paw C.C., Naples, Fla.
Hammock Dunes Club (Creek Course), Palm Coast, Fla.
Willoughby G.C., Stuart, Fla.
Kearney Hill G.L., Lexington, Ky.
West Shore C.C., Camp Hill, Pa.
Odessa C.C. (Links Course), Odessa, Texas
Wine Valley G.C., Walla Walla, Wash.