

*****U.S. OPEN MEDIA ALERT *****

**PARKING FOR PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP MERCHANDISE OPENING
MOVED TO BLUE LOT/GALLERIA AT PITTSBURGH MILLS**

FAR HILLS, N.J. (June 8, 2016, 4:30 p.m.) – Beginning Thursday morning and continuing through Sunday, June 12, the USGA is directing all U.S. Open Championship shoppers to the Galleria at Pittsburgh Mills ([Championship Blue Lot](#)) for its Pre-Championship Merchandise Opening.

The previously communicated parking location at Coxcomb Hill Road has been closed due to weather-related conditions and will not reopen through the weekend. The U.S. Open Merchandise Pavilion will open at 10 a.m. EDT as planned Thursday through Sunday, closing at 6 p.m. daily. The first shuttle will depart the Blue Lot to the Merchandise Pavilion at 9:00 a.m. EDT.

Shoppers, vendors and volunteers are advised to allow extra time for parking and transportation to the U.S. Open Merchandise Pavilion, with an estimated 20-minute bus ride from the parking lot to the venue. Parking is free and open to the public; a U.S. Open Championship ticket is not required to attend this special pre-opening, which features more than 500,000 championship-logoed items. Once the championship begins, with practice rounds (June 13-15) and championship rounds (June 16-19), a ticket will be required to access the Merchandise Pavilion.

Trail signs and support personnel will guide shoppers to the appropriate parking venue beginning at 8 a.m. Thursday morning. Complete directions and a map to the Blue Lot/Galleria at Pittsburgh Mills can be found at usopen.com/knowbeforeyougo, accessible via desktop or mobile device.

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About the U.S. Open Merchandise Pavilion

The U.S. Open Merchandise Pavilion will feature one-of-a-kind apparel designs and accessory keepsakes from more than 50 vendors and offer more than 500,000 logoed items. In addition to major apparel manufacturers such as Ralph Lauren, adidas, Nike and Under Armour, hand-painted glassware from Oakmont-based Amanda Lee will also be available.

About the USGA

The USGA conducts the U.S. Open, U.S. Women's Open and U.S. Senior Open, as well as 10 national amateur championships, two state team championships and international matches, attracting players and fans from more than 160 countries. Together with The R&A, the USGA governs the game worldwide, jointly administering the Rules of Golf, Rules of Amateur Status, equipment standards and World Amateur Golf Rankings. The USGA's reach is global with a working jurisdiction in the United States, its territories and Mexico, serving more than 25 million golfers and actively engaging 150 golf associations.

The USGA is one of the world's foremost authorities on research, development and support of sustainable golf course management practices. It serves as a primary steward for the game's history and invests in the development of the game through the delivery of its services and its ongoing "For the Good of the Game" grants program. Additionally, the USGA's Course Rating and Handicap systems are used on six continents in more than 50 countries.

For more information about the USGA, visit www.usga.org.

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