

124th U.S. AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP – FACT SHEET

Aug. 12-18, 2024 Hazeltine National Golf Club Stroke-Play Co-Host Course: Chaska Town Course

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PAR AND YARDAGE

Hazeltine National will be set up at 7,552 yards and will play to a par of 36-36–72. Chaska Town Course, which will serve as the stroke-play co-host course for the two rounds of stroke play, will be set up at 6,804 yards and play to a par of 35-35–70. *(NOTE: Yardages subject to change.)*

Hazeltine National Golf Club										
Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	4	5	3	4	4	5	3	4	36
Yardage	439	427	633	207	445	406	568	173	432	3,730
Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	5	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	36
Yardage	450	606	518	198	352	642	400	184	472	3,822
Chaska Tow	n Coui	rse								
Chaska Tow Hole	n Coui 1	rse 2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
			3 4	4 3	5 4	6 3	7 4	8 4	9 5	Total 35
Hole	1	2								
Hole Par	1 4	2 4	4	3	4	3	4	4	5	35
Hole Par	1 4	2 4	4	3	4	3	4	4	5	35
Hole Par Yardage	1 4 415	2 4 451	4 287	3 144	4 351	3 185	4 521	4 403	5 561	35 3,318

THE COURSES

The mission of the founders of Hazeltine was to build and maintain a golf course suitable for the conduct of national championships. After early designs by another architect, Robert Trent Jones created a long and demanding layout to test the best players in golf. The course was opened for play in 1962. Over time, Jones modified many holes to adapt it to the needs of major championship play. In advance of the 1991 U.S. Open Championship, his son Rees Jones made changes to the design to maintain the competitive standard that his father set forth. The public debut of changes following the 1970 U.S. Open, including the now-famous sixteenth hole, occurred in 1983, when Billy Casper emerged victorious in the U.S. Senior Open. The success of that championship paved the way for the return of Hazeltine to the international golf scene.

Designed by renowned golf course architect Arthur Hills, the Chaska Town Course sprawls over 285 acres of oak groves, open prairie and marshlands. Lush bent grass covers the playing area from tee box to green. Chaska Town Course is owned and operated by the City of Chaska.

COURSE RATING AND SLOPE

Based on the course setup for the championship, the Course Rating[™] for Hazeltine National Golf Club is 77.8 and its Slope Rating[®] is 148. The Course Rating[™] for Chaska Town Course is 73.6 and its Slope Rating[®] is 143.

ENTRIES

The USGA accepted 4,970 entries in 2024. This year, the championship reduced the number of local qualifying sites from 95 to 45. There were only two local sites with availability at close of registration (43/45 full). The championship is open to amateur golfers with a Handicap Index[®] not exceeding 0.4. In 2023, the USGA accepted a record 8,253 entries. The previous record was 7,920 in 1999.

TWO-STAGE QUALIFYING

Local qualifying for the 2024 U.S. Amateur Championship took place at 45 sites between June 4 - July 3. Final qualifying, also over 18 holes, took place at 19 sites from July 15 - July 31.

To view a full list of qualifying results, visit <u>usamateur.org</u>.

CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD

The starting field of 312 players will play 18 holes of stroke play on Aug. 12 and 13, one round on each of the two qualifying courses, after which the field will be cut to the low 64 scorers. Six rounds of match play begin on Aug. 14 and the championship concludes with a 36-hole championship match on Aug. 18.

EXEMPT PLAYERS

There are currently 157 players who are fully exempt through final qualifying in the U.S. Amateur. The list includes five reigning USGA champions – Stewart Hagestad (2023 U.S. Mid-Amateur), Bryan Kim (2023 U.S. Junior Amateur), Todd White (2023 U.S. Senior Amateur) and Brian Blanchard and Sam Engel (2024 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball).

SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Practice rounds will take place Aug. 10-11. The championship schedule is as follows:

Aug. 12 (Monday): First round, stroke play (18 holes)

- Aug. 13 (Tuesday): Second round, stroke play (18 holes)
- Aug. 14 (Wednesday): Round of 64, match play
- Aug. 15 (Thursday): Rounds of 32 and 16, match play
- Aug. 16 (Friday): Quarterfinal round, match play
- Aug. 17 (Saturday): Semifinal round, match play

Aug. 18 (Sunday): Championship match (36 holes)

WHAT THE CHAMPION RECEIVES

Among the benefits enjoyed by the U.S. Amateur champion are:

- A gold medal and custody of the Havemeyer Trophy for the ensuing year
- An exemption from local and final qualifying for the next U.S. Open (2025)
- An exemption from qualifying for the next 10 U.S. Amateurs
- ► An exemption from qualifying for the next Open Championship, conducted by The R&A
- A likely invitation to the next Masters Tournament (2025)

2023 CHAMPIONSHIP

Nick Dunlap, of Huntsville, Ala., and a sophomore at the University of Alabama, defeated Pennsylvanian Neal Shipley, 4 and 3, in the 36-hole final at Cherry Hills Country Club in suburban Denver. Dunlap joined Tiger Woods as the only players in USGA history to have won a U.S. Junior Amateur and U.S. Amateur. Dunlap won his U.S. Junior Amateur title in 2021.

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT HAZELTINE

1966 U.S. Women's Open (Sandra Spuzich)
1970 U.S. Open (Tony Jacklin)
1977 U.S. Women's Open (Hollis Stacy)
1983 U.S. Senior Open (Billy Casper)
1991 U.S. Open (Payne Stewart)
1994 U.S. Mid-Amateur (Tim Jackson)
2001 USGA Men's State Team (won by Minnesota)
2006 U.S. Amateur (Richie Ramsay)

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MINNESOTA

The 2024 U.S. Amateur Championship will be the 37th USGA championship conducted in Minnesota.

Hazeltine National G.C., Chaska (8)

1966, 1977 Women's Open 1970, 1991 Open 1983 Senior Open 1994 Mid-Amateur 2001 Men's State Team 2006 Amateur

The Minikahda Club, Minneapolis (6) 1916 Open 1927 Amateur

- 1957 Walker Cup 1988 Women's Amateur 1998 Curtis Cup 2017 Senior Amateur
- Interlachen C.C., Edina (5) 1930 Open 1935 Women's Amateur 1986 Senior Amateur 1993 Walker Cup 2008 Women's Open

Somerset C.C., Mendota Heights (2) 1956 Senior Amateur 1995 Senior Women's Amateur

Braemar G.C., Edina 1979 Women's Amateur Public Links

Bunker Hills G.C., Coon Rapids 1976 Amateur Public Links

Edinburgh USA, Brooklyn Park 1992 Amateur Public Links

Francis A. Gross G.C., Minneapolis 1964 Amateur Public Links

Golden Valley C.C., Golden Valley 1988 Girls' Junior

Keller G.C., Maplewood 1931 Amateur Public Links

Meadowbrook G.C., Hopkins 1947 Amateur Public Links

STATES HOSTING MOST USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 94 Pennsylvania
- 90 California
- 75 New York
- 63 New Jersey
- 61 Illinois
- 60 Massachusetts

OTHER CHAMPIONSHIPS AT HAZELTINE

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 1994 U.S. Mid-Amateur (Tim Jackson)
 2001 USGA Men's State Team (Minnesota)
 2002 PGA Championship (Rich Beem)
 2006 U.S. Amateur (Richie Ramsay)
 2009 PGA Championship (Y.E. Yang)
 2016 Ryder Cup (Team USA)
- 2019 KPMG Women's PGA Championship (Hannah Green)

Minneapolis G.C., St. Louis Park 1950 Amateur

Northland C.C., Duluth 1956 Women's Open

Rochester G. & C.C., Rochester 1993 Women's Mid-Amateur

Rush Creek G.C., Maple Grove 2004 Amateur Public Links

Town & C.C., St. Paul 1951 Women's Amateur

Univ. of Minnesota G.C., St. Paul 1958 Junior Amateur

Wayzata C.C., Wayzata 1984 Junior Amateur

Woodhill C.C., Wayzata 2001 Women's State Team

BROADCAST COVERAGE

The 124th U.S. Amateur will receive at least 15 hours of broadcast coverage on Golf Channel and Peacock. Rolex is the exclusive presenting partner of coverage for eight USGA championships in 2024, including the U.S. Amateur. Rolex's commitment will allow an uninterrupted broadcast of these championships, providing fans with hours of continuous live action.

Date/Day	Time (EDT)	Network	Coverage
Aug. 14/Wed.	5-6 p.m.	Peacock	Round of 64 Matches
	6-8 p.m.	Golf Channel	Round of 64 Matches
Aug. 15/Thurs.	5-6 p.m.	Peacock	Round of 32 Matches
	6-8 p.m.	Golf Channel	Round of 32 Matches
Aug. 16/Friday	5-6 p.m.	Peacock	Quarterfinal Matches
	6-8 p.m.	Golf Channel	Quarterfinal Matches
Aug. 17/Saturday	3-6 p.m.	Golf Channel	Semifinals Matches
Aug. 18/Sunday	2-5 p.m.	Golf Channel	Championship Match

CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

Like the U.S. Open and U.S. Women's Amateur championships, the U.S. Amateur has been contested since the USGA's first championship season in 1895. The trophy was initially presented to the USGA on March 28, 1895, in honor of the association's first president, Theodore A. Havemeyer.

The original Havemeyer Trophy, an ornate silver trophy produced by J.E. Caldwell and Company in Philadelphia, was presented to C.B. Macdonald at Newport Golf Club after his 1895 victory. The prize was then passed to each successive U.S. Amateur champion until Nov. 22, 1925, when it was lost in a massive fire at the home club of Bob Jones, East Lake Country Club in Atlanta, Ga.

Rather than replicate the original, the USGA decided to produce an entirely new trophy with an extended base to accommodate additional engraving. The new Havemeyer Trophy, a tall steeple cup designed in solid gold, was formally presented in January of 1926 by USGA Treasurer Edward S. Moore. It was retired in 1992 and was stolen from the USGA Golf Museum in the spring of 2012, and never recovered. A copy of the trophy, produced in 1992, is passed from champion to champion. In 1996, the USGA replicated the original silver Havemeyer Trophy using two existing photographs. A second replica was produced for display at East Lake.

The U.S. Amateur Trophy is on display at the USGA Golf Museum in Liberty Corner, N.J.

FUTURE U.S. AMATEUR SITES

Aug. 11-17, 2025 – The Olympic Club (Lake and Ocean Courses), San Francisco, Calif. Aug. 10-16, 2026 – Merion Golf Club, Ardmore, Pa. Aug. 9-15, 2027 – Oak Hill Country Club, Pittsford, N.Y. Aug. 12-18, 2030 – Atlanta Athletic Club, Johns Creek, Ga. Aug. 11-17, 2031 – The Honors Course, Ooltewah, Tenn. TBD 2032 – Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, Bandon, Ore. Aug. 15-21, 2033 – Chambers Bay, University Place, Wash. TBD 2041 – Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, Bandon, Ore.

TBD 2047 – Oakland Hills Country Club, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

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