



## 2024 U.S. Open Championship Pinehurst Resort & Country Club | FAQ

### **GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION**

- Championship Dates
  - Practice Rounds: Monday – Wednesday, June 10-12, 2024
  - Championship Rounds: Thursday – Friday, June 13-16, 2024
- Host Club
  - Pinehurst Resort & Country Club (Course No. 2)  
1 Carolina Vista Drive  
Village of Pinehurst, N.C. 28374
- Field
  - 156 professionals and amateur players. A portion of the field will earn exemptions into the championship through one of several designated exemption categories. The remaining players will earn a playing spot through U.S. Open Qualifying. Any professional or amateur golfer with a USGA handicap index not exceeding 1.4 may enter U.S. Open Qualifying. There is no pro-am for the U.S. Open Championship.
- Format
  - 72-hole stroke play; the Field will be cut to low 60 scores (and ties) following the completion of 36-holes.
  - A 2-hole aggregate playoff will take place immediately following the completion of the final round if two or more players are tied after 72-holes.
- Media
  - Local, national, and international members of the media will be covering the U.S. Open, as well as throughout the world via a Virtual Media Hub. For more information, visit [mediacenter.usga.org](https://mediacenter.usga.org).
  - All media inquiries should be directed to the USGA Communications Department at (908) 234-2300.
- Broadcast
  - Live coverage to more than 175 countries will be broadcast on NBC, USA Network, Golf Channel, Peacock, international broadcast channels and USGA digital platforms. Detailed network coverage will be released in the weeks leading up to the championship.
- Volunteer Program
  - The championship will require the assistance of approximately 4,000 volunteers supporting 10 different committees. Volunteer registration opened in April 2023. Due to an overwhelming response, the volunteer program is currently on a waitlist. If you are interested in learning more and adding your name to the list, [please click here](#). With any volunteer-related questions, please contact the Championship Office at [2024usopen@usga.org](mailto:2024usopen@usga.org).
- USOpen.com & USGA Championship App

- Visit [usopen.com](https://usopen.com), the official website of the 124<sup>th</sup> U.S. Open Championship, for complete fan information, live streaming, scoring, highlights, real-time win probability, and more as the action unfolds at Pinehurst Resort. Be sure to download the official USGA Mobile App on iOS and Android.
- U.S Open Future Sites
  - 2025 U.S. Open Championship                      Oakmont Country Club (Oakmont, Penn.)
  - 2026 U.S. Open Championship                      Shinnecock Hills Golf Club (Southampton, N.Y.)
  - 2027 U.S. Open Championship                      Pebble Beach Golf Links (Pebble Beach, Calif.)
  - 2028 U.S. Open Championship                      Winged Foot Country Club (Mamaroneck, NY)

## **LODGING, HOTELS, & HOME RENTALS**

- Lodging & Hotel Accommodations
  - Fans, volunteers, and other guests of the championship are responsible for securing their own housing during the week of the championship. To learn more about what accommodations are available during the week of the championship, please visit the local Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Aberdeen area CVB's website: [www.homeofgolf.com/usopen2024](http://www.homeofgolf.com/usopen2024).
- Private Home Rentals – Fans, Volunteers, etc.
  - Fans interested in renting a private home during the week of the championship will be responsible for researching, coordinating, and directly contracting with the homeowner. It is expected fans will primarily learn of opportunities through local property rental management companies or on popular home rental platforms such as VRBO, Airbnb, and others. Residents interested in renting their home during the week of the championship should be considerate of their price point. Fan spending expectations are likely to be in-line with the hotel market. In other words, fans who can book into a local hotel for \$200/night per room will have the same expectation for a private home.
- Private Home Rentals – Players & USGA Officials
  - The USGA Championship Office ONLY coordinates its own USGA staff housing needs as well as supports matching homeowners with players who are interested in renting homes that meet the particular player's criteria. If you are interested in renting your home to the USGA and/or player during the championship, please email [2024usopen@usga.org](mailto:2024usopen@usga.org) and provide basic contact information (name, email, phone, home address) specifics on your residence (number of bedrooms/bathrooms, other amenities, etc.). Please note, a typical player rental period will begin Saturday, June 8 and conclude on Monday, June 17, with the house being vacated by the homeowner during that time. *\*All agreements/contracts and final negotiations will be between the homeowner and the player/player representative.*

## **TICKETS & FAN EXPERIENCE**

- Tickets
  - Tickets are available for purchase on [usopen.com/tickets](https://usopen.com/tickets). To stay informed on the latest ticket releases, sign up for the Victory Club on the above website.
  - The USGA will distribute and fulfill U.S. Open MOBILE tickets in the Spring of 2024. Tickets are transferrable in advance of coming to the championship via the USGA App.
- Junior & Military Ticket Policies
  - Both the Junior and Military Ticket Policies for the 2024 U.S. Open are currently being finalized. For the latest information on tickets, please visit [usopen.com/tickets](https://usopen.com/tickets). We will update this FAQ to include both policies when it is made available.

- Corporate Hospitality
  - Information about Corporate Hospitality can be obtained by contacting MSG Promotions, the USGA's official corporate hospitality marketing company for the 2024 U.S. Open Championship at (484) 223-3295 or [msgpromotions.com](http://msgpromotions.com).
  
- Autograph Policy
  - The USGA asks that you respect each player's complete focus on preparing for and playing in the championship. Autographs should only be obtained at designated Autograph Zones or at the completion of the player's round. On-course autographs are not permitted at any time. This includes, but is not limited to, tees, fairways, greens and practice areas during practice and championship rounds.
  
- Disability Services for Fans
  - The USGA is committed to providing a positive and user-friendly experience for all fans with disabilities and is pleased to provide the following services:
    - Accessible parking spaces for all vehicles having appropriate HD/DP license plates or placards will be reserved at all parking locations.
    - The Disability Services Committee will be onsite to assist fans with disabilities with multi-person golf carts and wheelchair-accessible transportation to and from Disability Services Headquarters and specific grandstand and facility locations throughout the golf course via a fixed transportation route with predetermined stops.
    - A limited number of motorized scooters for fans with disabilities may be available at the Mobility Scooter Tents on a first-come, first-served basis.
    - Telecommunications Devices for the hearing impaired will be available at Disability Services HQ.
    - Accessible restrooms will be available at all portable restroom locations throughout the championship grounds.
  
- Mobile Device Policy
  - The USGA encourages fans to capture their favorite moments at our championships and stay connected with family and friends while onsite. We have set guidelines on mobile device usage to ensure our players and other fans are not distracted or disrupted during the championship.
    - Fans may carry mobile devices smaller than 7" in length and/or height.
    - Device volume controls must be set to "silent" or "vibrate" and flash photography must be disabled.
    - Phone calls should be limited to areas away from play and not in any area that may disrupt play, including grandstands.
    - Photography, video, and audio recording are permitted throughout the course, but content must not be used for commercial purposes.
    - Live streaming or shot-by-shot coverage of any player (with or without video) is not permitted at any time throughout championship week.
    - All posted signage and instructions from championship staff and volunteers must be observed.
    - Conducting a global championship for the best golfers in the world is our primary focus. Violation of any of the above policies may result in immediate expulsion and loss of ticket privileges for the remainder of the championship.
  
- Prohibited Items List
  - Fans and other championship attendees will go through security screening prior to entering the championship grounds and will not be allowed to bring any of the items listed below. To help expedite admission into the championship, it is recommended that all prohibited items are safely stowed prior to arriving at the championship or parking lot. Please be sure to read the following list of prohibited items carefully.
    - No Weapons (regardless of permit, including but not limited to firearms or knives)
    - No Explosives and/or Fireworks of any kind

- No Tablets and/or Computers (mobile devices smaller than 7" are permitted, subject to mobile device policy)
- No Drones
- No Selfie Sticks or Handheld Camera Stabilizers
- No Cameras (point and shoot, film, or DSLR) or Video Cameras (other than Monday through Wednesday for personal use only)
- No Noise-Producing Devices (including radios, TVs, or portable speakers)
- No Backpacks, Briefcases, Purses and/or Bags larger than 6" W x 6" H x 6" D in their natural state. NOTE: Transparent/clear plastic hand and shoulder bags no larger than 12" W x 12" H x 6" D are permitted.
- No Signs, Posters, Banners and/or other Sports Paraphernalia or Memorabilia
- No Food and/or Beverages except for medical or infant needs
- Water Bottles (32-ounce size or less, no glass) are permitted provided they are empty upon arrival
- No Glass, Coolers, Aerosol Cans and/or Spray Bottles except for medical or infant needs. NOTE: Personal-care items (3-ounce size or less) are permitted.
- No Pets or Emotional Support Animals (only trained service dogs as defined by the ADA)
- No Lounge Chairs and/or Oversized Chairs
- No Ladders and/or Step Stools or other similar items
- No Bicycles, Segways, Scooters, or other personal transportation devices allowed inside championship admission gates (other than used for individuals with mobility disabilities)
- No other items or actions deemed unlawful, dangerous or disruptive by the USGA and/or championship Security Personnel, in their sole discretion
- The USGA reserves the right to amend the List of Prohibited Items at any time to provide a safe and secure championship.

## **PARKING & TRANSPORTATION**

- Comprehensive Parking & Transportation Plan Release
  - In coordination with the championship's Public Safety Committee, a comprehensive parking and transportation plan will be released to the public in the Spring of 2024.
- Parking & Transportation Philosophical Overview
  - The USGA coordinates an extensive local, regional and statewide team to support a safe and smooth arrival for all players, fans, volunteers, vendors, and staff traveling to the championship grounds. The primary goal of the transportation plan is to minimize vehicular traffic and congestion in the immediate vicinity, neighborhoods, and roadways surrounding Pinehurst Resort. We will do this by utilizing satellite parking lot options to maximize an efficient shuttle system, identify a ride share and passenger drop-off area, and maintain a secure public safety perimeter around the championship grounds and neighboring residences.
- Road Closures and/or Traffic Modifications around Pinehurst Resort
  - The USGA's goal is to limit the inconvenience of Pinehurst residents as much as possible and to implement a parking and transportation plan that minimizes the impact on neighbors in the immediate proximity of Pinehurst Resort & Country Club, allowing residents to continue with their day-to-day access and activities during the week of the championship.
  - The USGA is working with the Village of Pinehurst, Moore County, and North Carolina Dept. of Transportation (NCDOT), and several local supporting agencies to identify and develop road closures or modifications necessary to host a safe, efficient, and secure championship. It is expected that public and private roadways in the immediate vicinity of Pinehurst Resort & Country Club will be impacted and require further traffic and access control measures during the week of the championship.

- Exact road modifications, closures, hours of operation, and limited residential access points for surrounding roadways and neighborhoods will be communicated in 2024 as plans are further finalized between the USGA, Pinehurst Resort, and the Village of Pinehurst.
- Access for Public Services, Emergency Vehicles, Deliveries
  - Standard public services such as garbage collection, emergency vehicle access, mail and package delivery will not be interrupted during the week of the championship. Traffic control officers will be in place to permit service vehicles through any limited access control points and to the appropriate locations.
- Ride Share & Passenger Drop-Off
  - Ride Share will only be allowed at designated area(s) that will be communicated in the Spring of 2024. There is no parking or staging for vehicles, so pickup times will need to be coordinated accordingly. Vehicles proceeding to the ride-share location will be instructed to follow directional signs and parking attendants to the appropriate pick-up and drop-off location. Due to traffic restrictions, access is limited to vehicles no larger than a 12-passenger van or limousine. Ride-share vehicles are not permitted to pick-up or drop-off at any other location around the championship grounds.
- Golf Carts & Bicycles
  - Fans who wish to drive their golf cart or ride their bicycle to the championship will be able to do so following the traffic pattern guidelines to the location(s) to be communicated in the Spring of 2024. Owners will be responsible for the security of their golf carts and/or bicycles once the proper location(s) have been determined.
- Walk to the U.S. Open Championship
  - For those within walking distance, signage will be strategically placed to help guide you to the nearest championship admission gate in a safe and efficient manner. Residents who do not live within walking distance will be encouraged to follow the general parking or ride-share guidelines that will be communicated in the Spring of 2024.

## **LOCAL BUSINESSES & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- What is the economic impact a U.S. Open has on the local and regional communities?
  - Historically, the U.S. Open has generated over \$120M in direct and indirect economic spending in the host region in which the championship is held. While specific business segments and industries may not benefit directly, the championship will have a positive impact on the Village of Pinehurst, Moore County, and the State of North Carolina.
- I am looking for part-time work. How do I get involved with the U.S. Open Championship?
  - There will be several temporary employment opportunities for individuals in the months and weeks leading up to the championship. Multiple USGA suppliers will be looking for additional support in various functions such as parking management, private security, ecology, and food and beverage services. Further details will be provided in early-2024 to learn about various U.S. Open Championship employment opportunities.
- How will the U.S. Open impact my local business?
  - There will be increased activity in the local communities leading up to, during, and post-championship. The impact on individual businesses depends on many factors including the type and location of the business. Some tourism and hospitality-related businesses will see a significant spike and impact during the championship while others should expect normal day-to-day business volume. Spending during championship week is primarily focused on travel-related industries (i.e., hotels, restaurants, etc.). However, significant spending will also occur before and after the championship as construction, post-championship teardown, and out-of-town visitors increase.

- Logo Usage & Intellectual Property
  - The term U.S. Open and all related marks, logos, and intellectual property relating to the USGA, U.S. Open Championship, and Pinehurst Resort are trademark protected and therefore the use for business or individual purposes are strictly forbidden. Additional questions regarding intended use of the championship name or logo should be directed to the USGA Legal Department at 908-234-2300.