

U.S. Women's Open Championship

July 5–8, 2012 Blackwolf Run, Kohler, Wis.

Previous USGA Championship:

1998 Women's Open



2011 U.S. Women's Open Champion

So Yeon Ryu

U.S. Women's Open Championship Trophy
The original trophy, which was presented in 1953 by the United States Golf Association, is housed in the USGA Museum and Arnold Palmer Center for Golf History. The original was replaced in July 1992 by the family and friends of Harton S. Semple, who was USGA president in 1973–74. Semple's daughter, Carol Semple Thompson, is a record 12-time member of the USA Curtis Cup Team..

67th U.S. Women's Open Championship

July 5-8, 2012

Blackwolf Run, Kohler, Wis.

Par: 36–36—72 Yardage: 6,944

Golf Course Architect: Pete Dye **Opened:** 1998

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2012 Conditions of Play

Entries

Open to any female professional, and to female amateurs with a USGA Handicap Index® not exceeding 4.4. Entries close May 2.

Starting Field

156 players

Schedule of Play

- Thursday, July 5 First round (18 holes)
- Friday, July 6 Second round (18 holes)

After 36 holes, the field will be cut to the low 60 scorers and any ties for 60th place.

- Saturday, July 7 Third round (18 holes)
- Sunday, July 8 Fourth round (18 holes)

Playoff

In case of a tie after 72 holes, a three–hole aggregate score playoff will immediately follow. If this playoff results in a tie, the tied players will immediately continue to play off hole–by–hole until the winner is determined.

Sectional Qualifying

36 holes stroke play, scheduled at 19 sites, between May 14 and June 3.

Exemptions from Sectional Qualifying

- Winners of the U.S. Women's Open Championship for the last 10 years (2002–2011)
- Winner and runner-up of the 2011 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship (must be an amateur)
- Winner of the 2012 Ladies British Open Amateur Championship
- Winner of the 2011 Mark H. McCormack Medal (Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking) (must be an amateur)
- Winners of the LPGA Championship the last five years
- Winners of the Ricoh Women's British Open Championship the last five years

- Winners of the Kraft Nabisco Championship the last five years
- From the 2011 U.S. Women's Open Championship, the 10 lowest scorers and anyone tying for 10th place
- From the 2011 final official LPGA money list, the top 70 money leaders.
- From the 2012 official LPGA money list, the top 10 money leaders through the close of entries on May 2 (Must have filed an entry by May 2)
- Winners of LPGA co-sponsored events, whose victories are considered official, from the conclusion of the 2011 U.S. Women's Open Championship to the initiation of the 2012 U.S. Women's Open Championship
- Top five money leaders from the 2011 Japan LPGA Tour, Korea LPGA Tour and Ladies European Tour
- From the current Rolex Rankings, the top 25 point leaders and anyone tying for 25th place as of May 2, 2012 (Must have filed an entry by May 2, 2012)
- From the current Rolex Rankings, the top 25 point leaders as of July 2, 2012
- Special exemptions selected by the USGA

Prize Money

TBD (\$3.25 million, first place \$585,000 in 2011)

Ryu Wins the 2011 Championship

In the end, with all the weather delays, 72 holes wasn't enough to complete the 66th U.S. Women's Open.

A three-hole playoff ensued after So Yeon Ryu drained a 5-foot putt on the 18th hole Monday morning at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colo., to catch Hee Kyung Seo, who had been in the clubhouse at 3-under 281 and waited overnight to see if anyone would catch her.

In the first international playoff since the 1988 U.S. Senior Open, the two Koreans played the 16th, 17th and 18th holes on the 7,047-yard, par-71 East Course. It was the first playoff in the Women's Open since the three-hole format was adopted in 2007.

Ryu, a junior at Yonsei University in Korea, completed her three-stroke victory when she converted a 5-foot putt on No. 18. She clasped her hands and then hugged Seo. Korean hero Se Ri Pak, the 1998 U.S. Women's Open champion who spawned a future generation of Korean female golf stars, came on the green and doused Ryu with champagne.

"Unbelievable," said Ryu, a six-time champion on the KLPGA Tour who finished 25th in the 2010 Women's Open at Oakmont Country Club. "I can't believe it."

"I did my best, and So Yeon did a great job," said Seo. "I'd like to congratulate her."

It was the second time Ryu outlasted Seo in a playoff. In 2009, Ryu won the Orient China Ladies Open after the two shared the 54-hole lead.

Ryu entered the championship with the goal of finishing in the top 10. The top 10 scorers and ties are exempt into the following year's championship. With the win, she won't have to worry about next year; she earned a 10-year exemption.

When play commenced Monday, 36 players were still on the course following Sunday's suspension due to darkness. Seo had been one stroke ahead of Ryu, who had three holes to play, and two ahead of 2007 champion Cristie Kerr, who had two holes to complete. The best Kerr could do was par her final two holes. She needed to sink a 15-foot birdie chance on No. 17, but she yanked it.

"I was pretty confident," said Kerr. "You know, it was a pretty tricky read, though. I was a little bit jacked up."

Meanwhile, Ryu was running out of chances. On the par-5 17th hole, she looked over a 5-foot birdie attempt left of the flagstick. The putt burned the outer lip of the hole. On the final hole, she hit her 6-iron 170 yards to within 5 feet of the hole, setting up the dramatic putt.

"Actually, I just kept singing in my mind," said Ryu. "I prayed to God and then just hit it."

Seo heard the roar while warming up on the range.

"I didn't see it, but I heard sounds of yelling and clapping," said Seo.

Based on statistics this week, Ryu had the advantage of playing the 16th, 17th and 18th holes. She played the three holes three under par as opposed to Seo, who had scored one over. Ryu also had an advantage of having to come back and finish the holes Monday morning. She said it was a key to her victory.

On the first playoff hole, both players parred No. 16. Ryu, seventh in greens in regulation, gained the advantage on the next hole when she knocked a pitching wedge 110 yards to 12 feet. Seo had pulled her drive into a left fairway bunker. The difficult lie ostensibly forced her to play out into the fairway. Her third shot wound up in rough, short and right of the green, and she failed to get up and down for par.

Ryu then drained her birdie putt. The long par 5, which measured 603 yards, wasn't kind to Seo for the second day in a row. On Sunday, she missed a 2½-foot putt for par and it ultimately cost her the title.

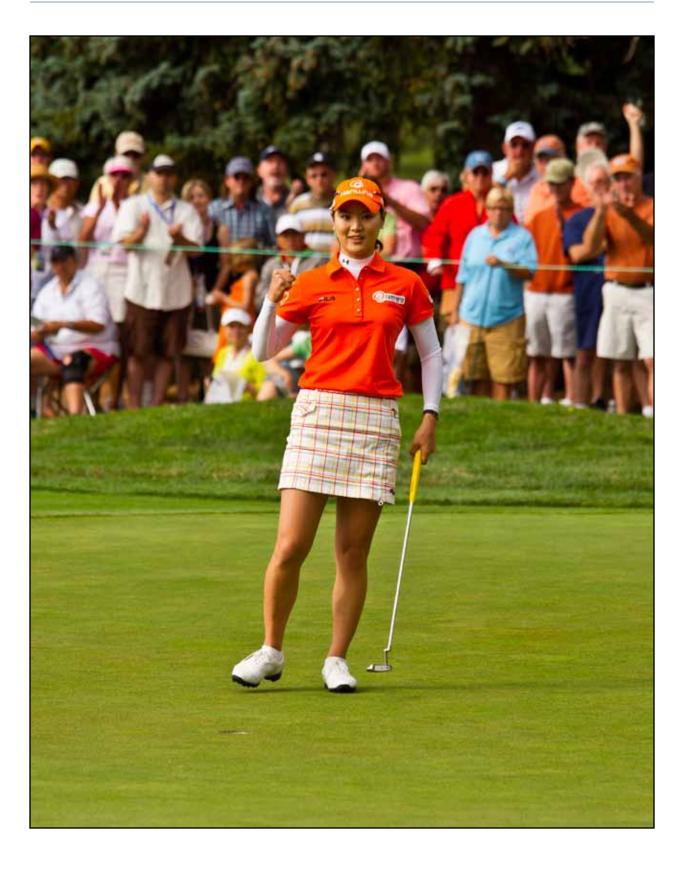
"I think the one mistake yesterday [was] on 17th green," said

On No. 18, Ryu nearly repeated her accomplishment from regulation play. Her approach shot stopped 5 feet from the flagstick. At that point, it was all academic.

"It was lucky for me," said Ryu, who played on the Korean Women's World Amateur Team that finished 11th in South Africa in 2006.

When Ryu was a young girl, she watched Pak win the Women's Open in 1998. She was seriously studying the violin, but decided to pick up golf as a hobby. Soon she was hooked. But on Monday, she thanked Pak for carving a path to star-

"My dream is the hall of fame, but it is just starting," said Ryu. "It's unbelievable this situation."



2011 Championship Notes

Leaders

Round 1 - Stacy Lewis, at 3-under 68, by one stroke over Amy Anderson, Ryann O'Toole and Lizette Salas. Round 2 - Mika Miyazato, at 5-under 137, by one stroke over Ai Miyazato. Round 3 - Cristie Kerr, So Yeon Ryu and Angela Stanford at 1-under 212, by one stroke over Hee Kyung Seo and Mika Miyazato.

Cut

At 7-over-par 149, with 72 players (67 professionals and five amateurs) making the cut.

Weather

The first round was suspended due to a dangerous weather situation at 12:47 p.m. Play was called for the day at 3:11 p.m., with 25 players having completed their first round and 72 players yet to begin their first round. The first round resumed at 7:40 a.m. Friday and concluded at 2:52 p.m. The second round was suspended at 6:08 p.m. Friday due to a dangerous weather situation. Play resumed at 7:15 p.m. and was called due to darkness at 8:25 p.m. with 33 players having completed their second round and 66 players yet to begin their second round. The second round resumed at 6:55 a.m. Saturday and concluded at 2:17 p.m. Play was suspended at 2:17 p.m. after the conclusion of the second round due to a dangerous weather condition. The third round started at 3:15 p.m. The third round was suspended for a dangerous weather situation at 3:59 p.m., and was called for the day at 6:19 p.m., with 47 players yet to begin their third round. The third round resumed at 6:40 a.m. The fourth round started at 11:45 a.m. Play was suspended during Sunday's fourth round at 3:18 p.m. due to a dangerous weather condition, and resumed at 5:54 p.m. Play was suspended at 8 p.m. for a non-dangerous weather situation with 30 players still on the course.

Notes

So Yeon Ryu was the fourth Korean Women's Open winner since Se Ri Pak won the 1998 championship ... This was the 30th USGA championship in Colorado and the seventh conducted at The Broadmoor ... There were 29 USGA champions in the field, including two-time U.S. Women's Open winner Betsy King, who went through sectional qualifying to earn a place in her 31st Women's Open ... King was one of nine golfers in the field who also played in the 1995 U.S. Women's Open at The Broadmoor. She was joined by: Laura Davies, Pat Hurst, Juli Inkster, Cristie Kerr, Leta Lindley, Michele Redman, Sherri Steinhauer and Wendy Ward ... Inkster, who won the 1982 U.S. Women's Amateur on The Broadmoor's Mountain Course, missed the cut ... Sixteen of the 29 USGA champions in the field did make the cut, including six Women's Open winners (Paula Creamer, Eun-Hee Ji, Kerr, Pak, Inbee Park and Karrie Webb) ... Kerr, Pak and Webb played together in the third round ... Michelle Wie, who won the 2003 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links, made a 35-foot putt on the 18th hole of her second round to birdie and make the cut on the number ... Annika Sorenstam, who won the 1995 Women's Open at The Broadmoor, served as honorary general chairman for the championship and gave a junior clinic during the week ... The 7,047 yards for The Broadmoor for the 2011 U.S. Women's Open was the longest in championship history ... The USGA received 1,295 entries for the 2011 championship, the eighth consecutive year the number of entries surpassed 1,000 ... The youngest player in the field was 13-year-old Mariel Galdiano, who was one of 23 teenagers and 25 amateurs in the field ... The third and fourth rounds were played Sunday, the first time two rounds have been played in one day since Sunday at the 2006 Women's Open at Newport (R.I.) C.C. ... This was the first Women's Open playoff since that 2006 championship, which Sorenstam won over Pat Hurst in 18 holes ... The playoff was changed to a three-hole format following that championship.

66th U.S. Women's Open Championship Results

July 7–10, 2011

The Broadmoor (East Course)

Colorado Springs, Colo.

Par: 36–35—71, Yardage: 7,047 • Entries: 1,295, Purse: \$3.25 million

Rd.1	Rd.2	Rd.3	Final			
Pos.	Pos.	Pos.	Pos.	Player, Hometown	Scores	Money
T43	T12	Tl	1	*So Yeon Ryu, Korea	74-69-69-69—281	\$585,000
T16	T21	T4	2	Hee Kyung Seo, Korea	72-73-68-68—281	350,000
T11	T12	Tl	3	Cristie Kerr, Miami, Fla.	71–72–69–71—283	215,493
T16	T6	Tl	4	Angela Stanford, Saginaw, Texas	72-70-70-72—284	150,166
T5	1	T4	5	Mika Miyazato, Japan	70-67-76-72—285	121,591
T11	T15	T6	T6	Inbee Park, Korea	71-73-70-72—286	98,128
T5	T12	Т8		Karrie Webb, Australia	70-73-72-71—286	98,128
T5	2	T6		Ai Miyazato, Japan	70-68-76-72—286	98,128
T2	T4	T12	9	Ryann O´Toole, San Clemente, Calif.	69-72-75-71—287	81,915
T26	T21	T21	T10	Jiyai Shin, Korea	73-72-73-70—288	70,996
T63	T15	T17		Amy Yang, Korea	75-69-73-71—288	70,996
T5	3	Т8		I.K. Kim, Korea	70-69-76-73—288	70,996
T11	T36	T17	T13	Chella Choi, Korea	71-76-70-72—289	60,780
T86	T21	T12		Candie Kung, Chinese Taipei	76-69-71-73—289	60,780
T11	T27	T21	T15	Suzann Pettersen, Norway	71-75-72-72—290	48,658
T26	T27	T17		Yani Tseng, Chinese Taipei	73-73-71-73—290	48,658
T26	T57	T17		Junthima Gulyanamitta, Thailand	73-76-68-73—290	48,658
T16	T6	Т8		Paula Creamer, Pleasanton, Calif.	72-70-73-75-290	48,658
T16	T57	T39		Karen Stupples, England	72-77-73-68-290	48,658
T2	T6	Т8		Lizette Salas, Azusa, Calif.	69-73-73-75—290	48,658
T63	T27	T21	T21	Meena Lee, Korea	75-71-72-73—291	36,374
T63	T36	T21		Morgan Pressel, Boca Raton, Fla.	75-72-71-73—291	36,374
T86	T27	T26		Catriona Matthew, Scotland	76-70-74-71-291	36,374
T26	T15	T12		Leta Lindley, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.	73-71-72-75—291	36,374
T16	T21	T32	T25	Mi-Jeong Jeon, Korea	72-73-76-71—292	30,122
T43	T6	25		Sun Young Yoo, Korea	74-68-77-73-292	30,122
T43	T36	T26	T27	Alison Walshe, Westford, Mass.	74-73-73-73—293	24,042
T16	T27	T44		Sakura Yokomine, Japan	72-74-77-70—293	24,042
T86	T47	T26		Beatriz Recari, Spain	76-72-72-73-293	24,042
T63	T57	T44		Brittany Lincicome, Seminole, Fla.	75-74-74-70—293	24,042
T26	T6	T12		Eun-Hee Ji, Korea	73-69-74-77—293	24,042
T86	T21	T32	T32	a-Moriya Jutanugarn, Thailand	76-69-76-73-294	
T26	T47	T39		Natalie Gulbis, Las Vegas, Nev.	73-75-74-72—294	21,189
T26	T27	T26	T34	Song Hee Kim, Korea	73-73-74-75—295	18,370
T86	T47	T39		Shinobu Moromizato, Japan	76-72-74-73—295	18,370
T26	T47	T26		Jessica Korda, Bradenton, Fla.	73-75-72-75—295	18,370
T5	T47	T32		Maria Hjorth, Sweden	70-78-73-74-295	18,370
T26	T6	T12		Wendy Ward, San Antonio, Texas	73-69-74-79—295	18,370
1	T4	T26		Stacy Lewis, The Woodlands, Texas	68-73-79-75—295	18,370
T105	T57	T32		Sandra Gal, Germany	77-72-72-74—295	18,370
T63	T57	T32		Mina Harigae, Monterey, Calif.	75-74-72-74-295	18,370
T43	T36	T39	T42	Karin Sjodin, Sweden	74-73-75-74—296	14,943
T86	T47	T58		Shanshan Feng, People's Republic of China	76-72-77-71—296	14,943
T86	T57	T32		Meaghan Francella, Port Chester, N.Y.	76-73-72-75—296	14,943
T43	T21	T49	T45	Azahara Muñoz, Spain	74-71-79-73—297	12,458
T26	T15	T49		Hee Young Park, Korea	73-71-80-73-297	12,458

Rd.1	Rd.2	Rd.3	Final			
Pos.	Pos.	Pos.	Pos.	Player, Hometown	Scores	Money
T86	T47	T49		Vicky Hurst, Melbourne, Fla.	76-72-76-73-297	12,458
T63	T57	T44		Jennifer Johnson, Carlsbad, Calif.	75-74-74-74-297	12,458
T43	T15	T32		Se Ri Pak, Korea	74-70-77-76-297	12,458
T26	T36	T49	T50	Sue Kim, Canada	73-74-77-74—298	9,790
T16	T27	T68		Brittany Lang, McKinney, Texas	72-74-81-71—298	9,790
T86	T36	T39		Lindsey Wright, Australia	76-71-75-76—298	9,790
T105	T57	T58		Jinyoung Pak, Korea	77–72–76–73—298	9,790
T63	T57	T49		Soojin Yang, Korea	75-74-75-74—298	9,790
T26	T36	T64	T55	Danah Bordner, Indianapolis, Ind.	73-74-79-73—299	8,680
T63	T36	T49		Lee-Anne Pace, South Africa	75-72-77-75—299	8,680
T63	T15	T44		Mariajo Uribe, Colombia	75-69-79-76—299	8,680
T121	T57	T68		Michelle Wie, Honolulu, Hawaii	78-71-78-72—299	8,680
T105	T27	T44	T59	Jean Chua, Malaysia	77-69-77-77—300	8,141
T121	T36	T49		a-Victoria Tanco, Argentina	78-69-77-76—300	
T43	T47	T58		Yoo Kyeong Kim, Korea	74-74-77-75—300	8,141
T5	T47	T49		a-Lindy Duncan, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	70-78-76-76—300	
T2	T27	T68	63	a-Amy Anderson, Oxbow, N.D.	69-77-81-74-301	
T105	T36	T64	T64	Harukyo Nomura, Japan	77-70-79-76—302	7,735
T63	T36	T58		Becky Morgan, Wales	75-72-78-77—302	7,735
T43	T57	T68		Shinae Ahn, Korea	74-75-78-75—302	7,735
T26	T57	72		Anya Sarai Alvarez, Tulsa, Okla.	73-76-82-71—302	7,735
T16	T57	T49	68	a-Danielle Kang, Thousand Oaks, Calif.	72-77-75-79—303	
T26	T57	T64	69	Paola Moreno, Colombia	73-76-77-78—304	7,408
T16	T47	T64	70	Sherri Steinhauer, Madison, Wis.	72-76-78-79—305	7,277
T121	T57	T58	71	Gwladys Nocera, France	78-71-76-82—307	7,146
T105	T57	T58	72	Bo Mee Lee, Korea	77-72-76—WD	7,014

^{* =} won three-hole aggregate playoff (Ryu 3-4-3, Seo 3-6-4) a-amateur

Failed to Qualify

- Mihyun Kim, Korea, 74–76; Sophie Gustafson, Sweden, 74–76; Anna Nordqvist, Sweden, 74–76; M.J. Hur, Korea, 74–76; a–Christina Proteau, Canada, 77–73; Jimin Kang, Scottsdale, Ariz., 75–75; Momoko Ueda, Japan, 78–72; Amanda Blumenherst, Scottsdale, Ariz., 76–74; Juli Inkster, Los Altos, Calif., 74–76; a–Kelly Shon, Port Washington, N.Y., 74–76; Jennifer Rosales, Philippines, 76–74; Teresa Lu, Chinese Taipei, 73–77
- 151 Sarah-Jane Smith, Australia, 74-77; Heewon Han, Korea, 76-75; Cindy Lacrosse, Tampa, Fla., 71-80; Jaclyn Sweeney, Bradenton, Fla., 80-71
- Silvia Cavalleri, Italy, 79–73; Sun Ju Ahn, Korea, 76–76; a–Stephanie
 Kono, Honolulu, Hawaii, 78–74; Reilley Rankin, Hilton Head Island, S.C., 80–72; Na Yeon Choi, Korea, 78–74; Christina Kim, San Jose, Calif., 74–78; Saehee Son, Korea, 76–76; Jee Young Lee, Korea, 75–77; Aree Song, Korea, 74–78; a–Emma Talley, Princeton, Ky., 75–77
- Katherine Hull, Australia, 74–79; Laura Davies, England, 78–75; Hye Youn Kim, Korea, 76–77; Amy Hung, Chinese Taipei, 77–76; Julieta Granada, Paraguay, 75–78; Alena Sharp, Canada, 74–79; a–Xiyu Lin, People's Republic of China, 72–81; Melissa Reid, England, 77–76; Anna Grzebien, Narragansett, R.I., 77–76; Kristy McPherson, Conway, S.C., 73–80; Haeji Kang, Korea, 78–75; Alexis Thompson, Coral Springs, Fla., 77–76; Stacy Prammanasudh, Enid, Okla., 75–78; a–Rachel Rohanna, Waynesburg, Pa., 73–80; Belen Mozo, Spain, 75–78
- Pat Hurst, Danville, Calif., 75–79; Young A Yang, Korea, 75–79; Nicole Hage, Coral Springs, Fla., 76–78; a–Ariya Jutanugarn, Thailand, 75–79; Katie Futcher, The Woodlands, Texas, 78–76; Michele Redman, Plymouth, Minn., 75–79; Heather Bowie Young, Fort Worth, Texas,

- 76–78; a–Erynne Lee, Silverdale, Wash., 80–74; Yukari Baba, Japan, 75–79; Jennifer Song, Orlando, Fla., 78–76; a–Jennifer Kirby, Canada, 77–77
- Sarah Kemp, Australia, 77–78; a-Kyung Kim, Chandler, Ariz., 75–80; Seon Hwa Lee, Korea, 74–81; Kyeong Bae, Korea, 78–77; Laura Diaz, Scotia, N.Y., 75–80; Katy Harris, Humble, Texas, 78–77; Mallory Blackwelder, Versailles, Ky., 77–78; Shi Hyun Ahn, Korea, 81–74
- 156 Naon Min, Korea, 77–79; a–Emily Collins, Colleyville, Texas, 78–78; a–Brittany Marchand, Canada, 81–75; a–Lisa McCloskey, Houston, Texas, 76–80; Dewi Claire Schreefel, Netherlands, 77–79
- 157 Birdie Kim, Korea, 83–74; Joanna Coe, Mays Landing, N.J., 80–77
- 158 Whitney Wade, Glasgow, Ky., 80-78
- 159 a-Chelsea Mocio, Fort Worth, Texas, 81-78
- 169 Betsy King, Scottsdale, Ariz., 83–77; a–Doris Chen, Bradenton, Fla., 80–80; Whitney Neuhauser, Charlotteville, W.V., 80–80
- 161 a–Christine Wolf, Austria, 77–84–161; Brittany Johnston, Akron, Ohio, 81–80–161; Lauren Doughtie, Suffolk, Va., 80–81–161; Jane Park, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 76–85–161; Garrett Phillips, St. Simons Island, Ga., 79–82–161
- 162 Sofie Andersson, Sweden, 79-83
- 163 a-Mariah Stackhouse, Riverdale, Ga., 79–84; Ashley Prange, Noblesville, Ind., 79–84
- 164 Jessi Gebhardt, Bellingham, Wash., 82–82; a–Margarita Ramos, Mexico, 85–79
- 165 a-Gabriella Then, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 80-85
- 170 a-Mariel Galdiano, Pearl City, Hawaii, 85-85

Championship History

The U.S. Women's Open was added to the USGA's roster of championships in 1953, 58 years after the first U.S. Women's Amateur. The reason for the USGA's relatively late assumption of the Women's Open is simple: women's professional golf is fairly new. When Opal Hill turned professional in 1938, she and Helen Hicks were two of the very few women golf professionals in the world. Unlike the other 12 national championships conducted by the USGA, the Women's Open was created by another organization. In 1946, the short–lived Women's Professional Golfers Association introduced the Women's Open at match play at the Spokane (Wash.) Country Club. The Spokane Athletic Round Table, a men's fraternal organization, contributed the \$19,700 purse from its slot machines proceeds.

The first Women's Open was the only one conducted at match play. Patty Berg won the 36-hole qualifying medal in 1946, with rounds of 72-73-145, then won the championship by defeating Betty Jameson, 5 and 4, in the 36-hole final.

The small membership of the WPGA ran the championship for three years. By 1949, however, women's professional golf was making significant strides and the Ladies Professional Golf Association was founded. A group of 11 women, including Berg, Jameson, Louise Suggs and Babe Didrikson Zaharias, established the new association to provide organized tournaments for women professionals. The LPGA ran the Women's Open for four years, but in 1953 asked the USGA to conduct the championship. The first Women's Open under the USGA flag was played at the Country Club of Rochester, in upstate New York, where Betsy Rawls won the second of her four Women's Open titles (1951, 1953, 1957, 1960).

Conducted by the USGA ever since, the Women's Open is the oldest championship open to women professionals and amateurs. Rawls and Mickey Wright, the only other four-time winner (1958, 1959, 1961, 1964) were the championship's dominant players from 1957 through 1964, winning six Women's Opens between them during those eight years. In 1967, Catherine Lacoste, daughter of French tennis player Rene Lacoste and 1927 British Ladies Amateur Champion Simone Thion de la Chaume, became the only amateur to win the Women's Open.

In its 65-year history, the U.S. Women's Open has reigned as the world's greatest women's championship, attracting steadily increasing numbers of entries and spectators. Whereas only 37 contestants played in 1953, in 1976 the field jumped to 205 players and sectional qualifying was introduced. In 2001, a record 980 contestants entered. A four-day attendance record of 41,200 was set in 1979 at Brooklawn Country Club in Fairfield, Conn. At the 50th Women's Open, in 1995, that record was more than doubled at The Broadmoor Golf Club in Colorado Springs, Colo.

In recent years, the U.S. Women's Open has truly become the world arena of women's golf. Since 1990, 11 championships have been won by foreign-born players, whereas only three of the first 41 champions were foreign-born. The emergence of the Women's Open as a great international contest came in 1987, when England's Laura Davies prevailed in an 18-hole playoff against Japan's Ayako Okamoto and JoAnne Gunderson Carner of the United States. Another foreign-born player, Annika Sorenstam, of Sweden, established the 72-hole scoring record of 272, 8-under par, at Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club in 1996. Juli Inkster, an American professional, matched that 72-hole score of 272, also setting a record in relation to par with 16 under, in 1999.

In 1965, the final round of the championship was televised nationally for the first time. The Women's Open has been televised ever since, with all four rounds now broadcast.

In 2002, qualifying for the Women's Open was held in two stages for the first time - 18 holes for local qualifying and 36 holes for sectional qualifying. Since 2010, there has been one stage - a 36-hole sectional qualifier.

A three-hole aggregate score playoff to immediately follow the end of regulation play was adopted in 2007. It was first used in 2011, when Korea's So Yeon Ryu defeated her countrywoman Hee Kyung Seo.

Championship Results: 1946 to 2011

Conducted by Women's Professional Golfers Association (1946–48)		1963	(July 18–20) Mary Mills, 289 (–3); Sandra Haynie; Louise Sugs, 292; Kenwood C.C., Cincinnati, Ohio;
1946	(Aug. – Sept.) Patty Berg d. Betty Jameson , 5 and 4; Spokane (Wash.) C.C.; Medalist — 145, Patty Berg	1964	Entries: 84 (July 9–11) Mickey Wright, 290 (–2)–70; Ruth Jessen, 290–72; San Diego C.C., Chula Vista, Calif.; Entries: 57
1947	(June) Betty Jameson, 295; a-Sally Sessions 301–4; a-Polly Riley, 301–5; Starmount Forest C.C., Greensboro, N.C.	1965	(July 1–4) Carol Mann, 290 (+2); Kathy Cornelius, 292; Atlantic City C.C., Northfield, N.J.; Entries: 84
1948	(Aug.) Babe Didrikson Zaharias, 300; Betty Hicks, 308; Atlantic City C.C., Northfield, N.J.	1966	(June 30 – July 3) Sandra Spuzich, 297 (+9); Carol Mann, 298; Hazeltine National G.C., Chaska, Minn.; Entries: 101
Conduc (1949-	cted by Ladies Professional Golf Association 52)	1967	(June 29 – July 2) a– Catherine Lacoste , 294 (+10); Susie Maxwell, Beth Stone , 296; Virginia Hot Springs G. & T.C. (Cascades Course), Hot Springs, Va.; Entries: 98
1949	(Sept.) Louise Suggs, 291; Babe Didrikson Zaharias, 305; Prince Georges G. & C.C., Landover, Md.	1968	(July 4-7) Susie Maxwell Berning, 289 (+5); Mickey Wright, 292; Moselem Springs G.C., Fleetwood, Pa.;
1950	(Sept. – Oct.) Babe Didrikson Zaharias, 291; a–Betsy Rawls, 300; Rolling Hills C.C., Wichita, Kan.	1969	Entries: 104 (June 26–29) Donna Caponi , 294 (+2); Peggy Wilson , 295; Scenic Hills C.C., Pensacola, Fla.; Entries: 99
1951	(Sept.) Betsy Rawls , 293; Louise Suggs , 298; Druid Hills G.C., Atlanta, Ga.	1970	(July 2–5) Donna Caponi, 287 (+3), Sandra Haynie,
1952	(June) Louise Suggs, 284; Marlene Bauer, Betty Jameson, 291; Bala G.C., Philadelphia, Pa.		Sandra Spuzich, 288; Muskogee (Okla.) C.C.; Entries: 131
Conduc	cted by United States Golf Association (1953–Present)	1971	(June 24–27) JoAnne Gunderson Carner , 288 (E); Kathy Whitworth , 295; Kahkwa Club, Erie, Pa.; Entries: 141
1953	(June 25–28) Betsy Rawls , 302 (+6)–71; Jacqueline Pung , 302–77; Country Club of Rochester (N.Y.); Entries: 37	1972	(June 29 – July 2) Susie Maxwell Berning, 299 (+11); Kathy Ahern, Pam Barnett, Judy Rankin, 300; Winged Foot G.C. (East Course), Mamaroneck, N.Y.; Entries: 176
1954	(July 1–3) Babe Didrikson Zaharias , 291 (+3); Betty Hicks , 303; Salem C.C., Peabody, Mass.; Entries: 58	1973	(July 19–22) Susie Maxwell Berning, 290 (+2); Shelley Hamlin, Gloria Ehret, 295; Country Club of Rochester (N.Y.); Entries: 150
1955	(June 30 – July 2) Fay Crocker, 299; Louise Suggs, Mary Lena Faulk, 303; Wichita (Kan.) C.C.; Entries: 49	1974	(July 18–21) Sandra Haynie, 295 (+7); Beth Stone,
1956	(July 26–28) Kathy Cornelius , 302 (+7)–75; a– Barbara McIntire , 302–82; Northland C.C., Duluth, Minn.; Entries: 46	1975	Carol Mann, 296; La Grange (III.) C.C.; Entries: 155 (July 17–20) Sandra Palmer, 295 (+7); a–Nancy Lopez, JoAnne Gunderson Carner, Sandra Post, 299; Atlantic City C.C., Northfield, N.J.; Entries: 175
1957	(July 27–29) Betsy Rawls , 299 (+7); Patty Berg , 305; Winged Foot G.C. (East Course), Mamaroneck, N.Y.; Entries: 98	1976	(July 8–11) JoAnne Gunderson Carner , 292 (+8)–76; Sandra Palmer , 292–78; Rolling Green G.C., Springfield, Pa.; Entries: 205
1958	(June 26–28) Mickey Wright, 290 (–2); Louise Suggs, 295; Forest Lake C.C., Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; Entries: 57	1977	(July 21–24) Hollis Stacy, 292 (+4); Nancy Lopez, 294;
1959	(June 26–27) Mickey Wright , 287 (+7); Louise Suggs , 289; Churchill Valley C.C., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Entries: 63	1978	Hazeltine National G.C.; Chaska, Minn.; Entries: 197 (July 20–23) Hollis Stacy, 289 (+5); JoAnne Gunderson
1960	(July 21–23) Betsy Rawls, 292 (+4); Joyce Ziske, 293; Worcester (Mass.) C.C.; Entries: 57		Carner, Sally Little, 290; Country Club of Indianapolis (Ind.); Entries: 297
1961	(June 29 – July 1) Mickey Wright, 293 (+5); Betsy Rawls, 299; Baltusrol G.C. (Lower Course), Springfield, N.J.; Entries: 85	1979	(July 12–15) Jerilyn Britz , 284 (E); Debbie Massey , Sandra Palmer , 286; Brooklawn C.C., Fairfield, Conn.; Entries: 335
1962	(June 28–30) Murle Lindstrom, 301 (+13); Ruth Jessen, JoAnn Prentice, 303; Dunes G. & B.C., Myrtle Beach, S.C.; Entries: 70	1980	(July 10–13) Amy Alcott , 280 (–4); Hollis Stacy , 289; Richland C.C., Nashville, Tenn.; Entries: 337

1999

1981 (July 23-26) Pat Bradley, 279 (-9); Beth Daniel, 280; La Grange (III.) C.C.; Entries: 434 1982 (July 22-25) Janet Alex, 283 (-5); Sandra Haynie, Donna H. White, JoAnne Gunderson Carner, Beth Daniel, 289; Del Paso C.C., Sacramento, Calif.; Entries: 1983 (July 28-31) Jan Stephenson, 290 (+6); JoAnne Gunderson Carner, Patty Sheehan, 291; Cedar Ridge C.C., Tulsa, Okla.; Entries: 414 1984 (July 12-15) Hollis Stacy, 290 (+2); Rosie Jones, 291; Salem C.C., Peabody, Mass.; Entries: 558 (July 11-14) Kathy (Baker) Guadagnino, 280 (-8); Judy 1985 Clark, 283; Baltusrol G.C. (Upper Course), Springfield, N.J.; Entries: 626 (July 10-13) Jane Geddes, 287 (-1)-71; Sally Little, 287-1986 73; NCR C.C., Kettering, Ohio; Entries: 704 (July 23-28) Laura Davies, 285 (-3)-71; Ayako 1987 Okamoto, 285-73; JoAnne Gunderson Carner, 285-74; Plainfield (N.J.) C.C.; Entries: 712 1988 (July 21-24) Liselotte Neumann, 277 (-7); Patty Sheehan, 280; Baltimore (Md.) C.C. (Five Farms, East Course); Entries: 736 (July 13-16) Betsy King, 278 (-6); Nancy Lopez, 282; 1989 Indianwood G. & C.C. (Old Course), Lake Orion, Mich.; Entries: 736 1990 (July 12-15) Betsy King, 284 (-4); Patty Sheehan, 285; Atlanta Athletic Club (Riverside Course), Duluth, Ga.; Entries: 785 1991 (July 11–14) Meg Mallon, 283 (–1); Pat Bradley, 285; Colonial C.C., Fort Worth, Texas; Entries: 865 1992 (July 23-26) Patty Sheehan, 280 (-4)-72; Juli Inkster, 280-74; Oakmont (Pa.) C.C.; Entries: 843 1993 (July 22-25) Lauri Merten, 280 (-8); Donna Andrews, Helen Alfredsson, 281; Crooked Stick G.C., Carmel, Ind.; Entries: 850 1994 (July 18-24) Patty Sheehan, 277 (-7); Tammie Green, 278; Indianwood G. & C.C. (Old Course), Lake Orion, Mich.; Entries: 858 1995 (July 13-16) Annika Sorenstam, 278 (-2); Meg Mallon, 279; Broadmoor G.C. (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo.; Entries: 826 (May 30 – June 2) Annika Sorenstam, •272 (-8); Kris 1996 Tschetter, 278; Pine Needles L. & G.C., Southern Pines, N.C.: Entries: 875 (July 10-13) Alison Nicholas, 274 (-10); Nancy Lopez, 1997 275; Pumpkin Ridge G.C. (Witch Hollow Course), North Plains, Ore.; Entries: 830 (July 2-6) Se Ri Pak, 290 (+6)-73-5-3; a-Jenny 1998 Chuasiriporn, 290–73–5–4; Blackwolf Run G.C., Kohler, Wis.; Entries: 925

(June 3–6) Juli Inkster, •272 (–16); Sherri Turner, 277; Old Waverly G.C., West Point, Miss.; Entries: 844

- 2000 (July 20–23) Karrie Webb, 282 (–6); Cristie Kerr, Meg Mallon, 287; The Merit Club, Gurnee, Ill.; Entries: 953
- 2001 (May 31 June 3) Karrie Webb, 273 (–7); Se Ri Pak, 281; Pine Needles L. & G.C., Southern Pines, N.C.; Entries: 980
- 2002 (July 4–7) **Juli Inkster**, 276 (–4); **Annika Sorenstam**, 278; Prairie Dunes C.C., Hutchinson, Kan.; Entries: 971
- 2003 (July 3–6) **Hilary Lunke**, 283 (–1)–70; **Angela Stanford**, 283–71; **Kelly Robbins**, 283–73; Pumpkin Ridge G.C. (Witch Hollow Course), North Plains, Ore.; Entries: 929
- 2004 (July 1-4) **Meg Mallon**, 274 (-10); **Annika Sorenstam**, 276; Orchards G.C., South Hadley, Mass.; Entries: 1,097
- 2005 (June 23–26) **Birdie Kim**, 287 (+3); a-**Morgan Pressel**, a-**Brittany Lang**, 289; Cherry Hills C.C., Cherry Hills Village, Colo.; Entries: 1,158
- 2006 (June 29 July 2) **Annika Sorenstam**, 284 (E)–70; **Pat Hurst**, 284–74; Newport (R.I.) C.C.; Entries: 1,097
- 2007 (June 28 July 1) Cristie Kerr, 279 (–5); Lorena Ochoa, Angela Park, 281; Pine Needles L. & G.C., Southern Pines, N.C.; Entries: 1,251
- 2008 (June 26–29) Inbee Park, 283 (–9); Helen Alfredsson, 287; Interlachen C.C., Edina, Minn.; Entries: 1,236
- 2009 (July 9–12) Eun–Hee Ji, 284 (E); Candie Kung, 285; Saucon Valley C.C. (Old Course), Bethlehem, Pa.; Entries: 1,278
- 2010 (July 8-11) Paula Creamer, 281 (-3); Suzann Pettersen, Na Yeon Choi, 285; Oakmont (Pa.) C.C.; Entries: §1,296
- 2011 (July 7–10) So Yeon Ryu, 281 (–3)–3–4–3; Hee Kyung Seo, 281–3–6–4; The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo.; Entries: 1,295
- a-amateur
- Record score (1996, 1999)
- § Record entry (2010)

U.S. Women's Open Playoffs

No.	Year	Champion	Score	Runner(s)-up	Score
1	1953	Betsy Rawls	71	Jacqueline Pung	77
2	1956	Kathy Cornelius	75	a-Barbara McIntire	82
3	1964	Mickey Wright	70	Ruth Jessen	72
4	1976	JoAnne Carner	76	Sandra Palmer	78
5	1986	Jane Geddes	71	Sally Little	73
6	1987	Laura Davies	71	Ayako Okamoto	73
				JoAnne Gunderson Carner	74
7	1992	Patty Sheehan	72	Juli Inkster	74
8	1998	Se Ri Pak	73-5-3	a-Jenny Chuasiriporn	73-5-4
9	2003	Hilary Lunke	70	Angela Stanford	71
		·		Kelly Robbins	73
10	2006	Annika Sorenstam	70	Pat Hurst	74
11	2011	So Yeon Ryu	3-4-3	Hee Kyung Seo	3-6-4

a-amateur

Records

Age

Oldest Champion (years/months/days)

43/0/6 Babe Zaharias (1954) 42/0/14 Juli Inkster (2002) 41/2/20 Meg Mallon (2004)

Youngest Champion

19/11/17 Inbee Park (2008) 20/9/8 Se Ri Pak (1998) 21/0/12 So Yeon Ryu (2011)

Youngest Competitor

10/7/21 Beverly Klass (1967) 12/4/18 Alexis Thompson (2007) 12/6 Marlene Hagge (1946)

Youngest Qualifier

12/4/18 Alexis Thompson (2007) 12/11 Morgan Pressel (2001)

Youngest to Make Cut

13/4/13 Marlene Hagge (1947)

Amateurs

Most Amateurs to Start Championship

57 (1958)

Most Amateurs to Complete 72 Holes

22 (1954)

Best Finish by an Amateur

1	Catherine Lacoste, Virginia Hot Springs G. & T.C.
	(Cascades Course), Hot Springs, Va., 1967
2	Betsy Rawls, Rolling Hills C.C., Wichita, Kan., 1950
2	Barbara McIntire, Northland C.C., Duluth, Minn.,
	1956 (lost in playoff)
2	Jenny Chuasiriporn, Blackwolf Run G.C., Kohler, Wis.,
	1998 (lost in playoff)
T2	Polly Riley, Starmount Forest C.C., Greensboro, N.C.,

- 1947
- T2 Sally Sessions, Starmount Forest C.C., Greensboro, N.C., 1947
- T2 Nancy Lopez, Atlantic City C.C., Northfield, N.J., 1975
- T2 **Brittany Lang,** Cherry Hills C.C., Cherry Hills Village, Colo., 2005
- T2 **Morgan Pressel,** Cherry Hills C.C., Cherry Hills Village, Colo., 2005

Lowest 72-Hole Score by an Amateur

283	Grace Park, Old Waverly G.C., West Point, Miss., 1999
285	Aree Song, Pumpkin Ridge G.C. (Witch Hollow
	Course), North Plains, Ore., 2003
285	Paula Creamer, Orchards G.C., South Hadley, Mass.,
	2004
285	Michelle Wie, Orchards G.C., South Hadley, Mass.,
	2004
289	Brittany Lang, Cherry Hills C.C., Cherry Hills Village,
	Colo., 2005
289	Morgan Pressel, Cherry Hills C.C., Cherry Hills Village,
	Colo., 2005

Champions

Most Victories

4	Mickey Wright (1958, 1959, 1961, 1964)
4	Betsy Rawls (1951, 1953, 1957, 1960)
3	Babe Didrikson Zaharias (1948, 1950, 1954)
3	Susie Maxwell Berning (1968, 1972, 1973)
3	Hollis Stacy (1977, 1978, 1984)
3	Annika Sorenstam (1995, 1996, 2006)

Consecutive Victories

2	Mickey Wright (1958, 1959)
2	Donna Caponi (1969, 1970)
2	Susie Maxwell Berning (1972, 1973)
2	Hollis Stacy (1977, 1978)
2	Betsy King (1989, 1990)
2	Annika Sorenstam (1995, 1996)
2	Karrie Webb (2000, 2001)

Start-to-Finish Winners (no ties) (9)

Babe Didrikson Zaharias (1954)
Fay Crocker (1955)
Mickey Wright (1958)
Mary Mills (1963)
Catherine Lacoste (1967)
Susie Maxwell Berning (1968)
Donna Caponi (1970)
JoAnne Gunderson Carner (1971)
Hollis Stacy (1977)

Start-to-Finish Winners (with ties) (5)

Mickey Wright (1964) Amy Alcott (1980) Liselotte Neumann (1988) Betsy King (1989) Annika Sorenstam (2006)

Winners of Women's Amateur and Women's Open (7)

Patty Berg (1938 Amateur; 1946 Open)

Betty Jameson (1939, 1940 Amateur; 1947 Open)

Babe Didrikson Zaharias (1946 Amateur; 1948, 1950, 1954 Open)

Louise Suggs (1947 Amateur; 1949, 1952 Open) Catherine Lacoste (1969 Amateur; 1967 Open)

JoAnne Gunderson Carner (1957, 1960, 1962, 1966, 1968

Amateur; 1971, 1976 Open)

Juli Inkster (1980, 1981, 1982 Amateur; 1999, 2002 Open)

Winner of Girls' Junior, Women's Amateur and Women's Open (1)

JoAnne Gunderson Carner (1956 Junior; 1957, 1960, 1962, 1966, 1968 Amateur; 1971, 1976 Open)

Longest Span Between Victories

13 years Meg Mallon (1991, 2004)

Course

Longest Course

7,047 yards The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado

Springs, Colo., 2011

Shortest Course

6,010 yards Brooklawn C.C., Fairfield, Conn., 1979

Longest Par-3 Holes

252 yards 8th, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2010

227 yards 8th, Interlachen C.C., Edina, Minn., 2008

211 yards 13th, Newport (R.I.) C.C., 2006

211 yards 5th, Pine Needles L. & G.C., Southern Pines,

N.C., 2007

Longest Par-4 Holes

459 yards 18th, Cherry Hills C.C., Cherry Hills Village,

Colo., 2005

451 yards 10th, The Broadmoor (East Course),

Colorado Springs, Colo., 2011

453 yards 3rd, Broadmoor G.C. (East Course),

Colorado Springs, Colo., 1995

Longest Par-5 Holes

603 yards 17th, The Broadmoor (East Course),

Colorado Springs, Colo., 2011

602 yards 12th, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2010 572 yards 12th, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 1992

Most Times Host Site

3 Atlantic City C.C., Northfield, N.J. (1948, 1965, 1975)

3 Pine Needles L. & G.C., Southern Pines, N.C. (1996,

2001, 2007)

Entries

Largest

1,296 (2010)

Smallest

37 (1953)

Scoring

Lowest Score, 9 Holes

- 30 Pamela Wright, second nine, second round, Indianwood G. & C.C., Lake Orion, Mich., 1994
- Juli Inkster, second nine, second round, Pumpkin Ridge G.C. (Witch Hollow Course), North Plains, Ore., 1997
- 30 Raquel Carriedo, first nine, fourth round, Prairie Dunes C.C., Hutchinson, Kan., 2002
- 30 a-Brittany Lincicome, second nine, first round, Orchards G.C., South Hadley, Mass., 2004

Lowest Score, Any Round

- 63 **Helen Alfredsson**, first round, Indianwood G. & C.C., Lake Orion, Mich., 1994
- 64 **Kelli Kuehne**, first round, Old Waverly G.C., West Point, Miss., 1999
- 64 **Lorie Kane**, second round, Old Waverly G.C., West Point. Miss., 1999
- 64 **Becky Iverson**, second round, Old Waverly G.C., West Point, Miss., 1999
- 65 Sally Little, fourth round, Country Club of Indianapolis (Ind.), 1978
- 45 Judy Clark, third round, Baltusrol G.C. (Upper Course), Springfield, N.J., 1985
- 65 Ayako Okamoto, fourth round, Indianwood G. & C.C., Lake Orion, Mich., 1989
- 65 **Pamela Wright**, second round, Indianwood G. & C.C., Lake Orion, Mich., 1994
- 65 **Karrie Webb,** third round, Pumpkin Ridge G.C. (Witch Hollow Course), North Plains, Ore., 1997
- 65 Tamie Green, fourth round, Pumpkin Ridge G.C.
- (Witch Hollow Course), North Plains, Ore., 1997 **Juli Inkster**, first round, Old Waverly G.C., West Poir
 - Juli Inkster, first round, Old Waverly G.C., West Point, Miss., 1999
- 65 **Karrie Webb**, second round, Pine Needles L. & G.C., Southern Pines, N.C., 2001
- 65 **Meg Mallon**, fourth round, Orchards G.C., South Hadley, Mass., 2004
- Song-Hee Kim, fourth round, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2010

Lowest Score, First Round

- 63 **Helen Alfredsson**, Indianwood G. & C.C., Lake Orion, Mich., 1994
- 64 **Kelli Kuehne**, Old Waverly G.C., West Point, Miss., 1999
- Juli Inkster, Old Waverly G.C., West Point, Miss., 1999

Lowest Score, Second Round

64	Lorie Kane, Old Waverly G.C., West Point, Miss., 1999
64	Becky Iverson , Old Waverly G.C., West Point, Miss., 1999
65	Pamela Wright, Indianwood G. & C.C., Lake Orion, Mich., 1994
65	Karrie Webb, Pine Needles L. & G.C., Southern Pines, N.C., 2001
66	Susie Maxwell Berning, Brooklawn C.C., Fairfield,

- Conn., 1979

 Michelle McGann, Crooked Stick G.C., Carmel, Ind.,
 1993
- 66 Alison Nicholas, Pumpkin Ridge G.C. (Witch Hollow Course), North Plains, Ore., 1997
- 66 **Sophie Gustafson,** Pine Needles L. & G.C., Southern Pines, N.C., 2001

Lowest Score, Third Round

- 65 Judy Clark, Baltusrol G.C. (Upper Course), Springfield, N.J., 1985
- 65 **Karrie Webb**, Pumpkin Ridge G.C. (Witch Hollow Course), North Plains, Ore., 1997

Lowest Score, Fourth Round

- Sally Little, Country Club of Indianapolis (Ind.), 1978
 Ayako Okamoto, Indianwood G. & C.C., Lake Orion, Mich., 1989
- Tammie Green, Pumpkin Ridge G.C. (Witch Hollow Course), North Plains, Ore., 1997
- Meg Mallon, Orchards G.C., South Hadley, Mass., 2004
- 65 Song-Hee Kim, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2010

Lowest Score, First 36 Holes

132 **Helen Alfredsson** (63–69), Indianwood G. & C.C., Lake Orion, Mich., 1994

Lowest Score, First 54 Holes

- 201 **Juli Inkster** (65–69–67), Old Waverly G.C., West Point, Miss., 1999
- 203 Alison Nicholas (70–66–67), Pumpkin Ridge G.C. (Witch Hollow Course), North Plains, Ore., 1997
- 204 Karrie Webb (70–65–69), Pine Needles L. & G.C., Southern Pines, N.C., 2001

Lowest Score, 72 Holes

- 272 **Annika Sorenstam** (70–67–69–66), Pine Needles L. & G.C., Southern Pines, N.C., 1996
- 272 **Juli Inkster** (65–69–67–71), Old Waverly G.C., West Point, Miss., 1999
- 273 **Karrie Webb** (70–65–69–69), Pine Needles L. & G.C., Southern Pines, N.C., 2001
- 274 Alison Nicholas (70–66–67–71), Pumpkin Ridge G.C. (Witch Hollow Course), North Plains, Ore., 1997
- 274 **Meg Mallon** (73–69–67–65), Orchards G.C., South Hadley, Mass., 2004

Most Strokes Under Par, 72 Holes

16	Juli Inkster, Old Waverly G.C., West Point, Miss., 1999
11	Sherri Turner, Old Waverly G.C., West Point, Miss.,
	1999
10	Alison Nicholas, Pumpkin Ridge G.C. (Witch Hollow
	Course), North Plains, Ore., 1997
10	Meg Mallon, Orchards G.C., South Hadley, Mass., 2004

Most Strokes Under Par at Any Point

- 16 **Juli Inkster** (fourth round), Old Waverly G.C., West Point, Miss., 1999
- 13 Alison Nicholas (fourth round), Pumpkin Ridge G.C. (Witch Hollow Course), North Plains, Ore., 1997
- 12 **Kelli Kuehne** (fourth round), Old Waverly G.C., West Point, Miss., 1999
- 12 **Lorie Kane** (fourth round), Old Waverly G.C., West Point, Miss, 1999

Highest Score to Lead Field, 18 Holes

74 a-Polly Riley, Louise Suggs and Patty Berg,
Starmount Forest C.C., Greensboro, N.C., 1947
 74 Peggy Kirk, Atlantic City C.C., Northfield, N.J., 1948
 74 Louise Suggs, Rolling Hills C.C., Wichita, Kan., 1950
 74 Fay Crocker, Wichita (Kan.) C.C., 1955
 74 Mickey Wright, Forest Lake C.C., Bloomfield Hills,
Mich., 1958

Highest Score to Lead Field, 36 Holes

149	a-Polly Riley and a-Estelle Page, Starmount Forest
	C.C., Greensboro, N.C., 1947
149	Betty Bush, Rolling Hills C.C., Wichita, Kan., 1950
149	Sandra Spuzich and Mickey Wright, Hazeltine
	National G.C., Chaska, Minn., 1966

Highest Score to Lead Field, 54 Holes

225	Betty Jameson , Starmount Forest C.C., Greensboro,
	N.C., 1947
225	Fay Crocker, Wichita (Kan.) C.C., 1955
225	Sandra Spuzich, Hazeltine National G.C., Chaska,

Highest Score to Lead Field, 72 Holes

Minn., 1966

302	Betsy Rawls and Jacqueline Pung , Country Club of Rochester (N.Y.), 1953
302	Kathy Cornelius and a-Barbara McIntire, Northland
	C.C., Duluth, Minn., 1956
300	Babe Didrikson Zaharias, Atlantic City C.C.,
	Northfield, N.J., 1948

Largest Winning Margin

- Louise Suggs (291), Prince Georges G. & C.C. (Bala Course), Landover, Md., 1949
- Babe Didrikson Zaharias (291), Salem C.C., Peabody, Mass., 1954

Largest 18-Hole Lead

3	Louise Suggs, Prince Georges G. & C.C. (Bala Course),
	Landover, Md., 1949

- Patty Berg, Country Club of Rochester (N.Y.), 1953 3
- 3 Ruth Jessen, Dunes G. & B.C., Myrtle Beach, S.C., 1962
- 3 Kathy Ahern, La Grange (III.) C.C., 1974
- Helen Alfredsson, Indianwood G. & C.C., Lake Orion, 3 Mich., 1994
- 3 Mhairi McKay, Pumpkin Ridge G.C. (Witch Hollow Course), North Plains, Ore., 2003

Largest 36-Hole Lead

- 9 Patty Sheehan, Atlanta Athletic Club, Duluth. Ga., 1990
- 8 Patty Berg, Country Club of Rochester (N.Y.), 1953
- Fay Crocker, Wichita (Kan.) C.C., 1955 8

Largest 54-Hole Lead

Babe Didrikson Zaharias, Salem C.C., Peabody, Mass., 1954

Best Start by Champion

- Juli Inkster, Old Waverly G.C., West Point, Miss., 1999 65 Patty Sheehan, Indianwood G. & C.C., Lake Orion, 66 Mich., 1994
- 67 Liselotte Neumann, Baltimore (Md.) C.C. (Five Farms, East Course), 1988
- 67 Juli Inkster, Prairie Dunes C.C., Hutchinson, Kan., 2002

Best Finish by Champion

65	Meg Mallon, Orchards G.C., South Hadley, Mass., 2004
66	Pat Bradley, La Grange (III.) C.C., 1981
66	Annika Sorenstam, Pine Needles L. & G.C., Southern
	Pines, N.C., 1996
66	Juli Inkster, Prairie Dunes C.C., Hutchinson, Kan., 2002
67	Meg Mallon, Colonial C.C., Fort Worth, Texas, 1991

Worst Start by Champion

- 79 Susie Maxwell Berning, Winged Foot G.C. (East Course), 1972 Murle Lindstrom, Dunes G. & B.C., Myrtle Beach,
- 78 S.C., 1962
- 78 Carol Mann, Atlantic City C.C., Northfield, N.J., 1965 Sandra Palmer, Atlantic City C.C., Northfield, N.J., 1975 78

Worst Finish by Champion

- Kathy Cornelius, Northland C.C., Duluth, Minn., 1956
- 79 a-Catherine Lacoste, Virginia Hot Springs G. & T.C. (Cascades Course), Hot Springs, Va., 1967
- 78 Babe Didrikson Zaharias, Atlantic City C.C., Northfield, N.J., 1948

Lowest Score by Non-Winner, 72 Holes

275 (9 under) Nancy Lopez, Pumpkin Ridge G.C. (Witch Hollow Course), North Plains, Ore., 1997

Players Who Led First Three Rounds But Did Not Win (6)

Mickey Wright (1960) Ruth Jessen (1962) Kathy Whitworth (1981) Patty Sheehan (1990) Pat Bradley (1991) Helen Alfredsson (1993)

Most Sub-Par Rounds, Championship

135	Old Waverly G.C., West Point, Miss., 1999
91	Interlachen C.C., Edina, Minn., 2008
89	Crooked Stick G.C., Carmel, Ind., 1993

Most Sub-Par Scores, One Round

61	Second round, Old Waverly G.C., West Point, Miss., 1999
44	First round, Old Waverly G.C., West Point, Miss., 1999
38	Second round, Crooked Stick G.C., Carmel, Ind., 1993

Lowest Cut

144 (Even)	Old Waverly G.C., West Point, Miss., 1999
145 (3 over)	Crooked Stick G.C., Carmel, Ind., 1993

Highest Cut

179 (35 over)	Salem C.C., Peabody, Mass., 1954
179 (31 over)	Northland C.C., Duluth, Minn., 1956

Best Comeback by Winner, Final Round

5 strokes	Murle Lindstrom (78–74–76–73), Dunes G.
	& B.C., Myrtle Beach, S.C., 1962
5 strokes	Donna Caponi (74–76–75–73), Scenic Hills
	C.C., Pensacola, Fla., 1969
5 strokes	Jane Geddes (74-74-70-69), NCR C.C.,
	Kettering, Ohio, 1986
5 strokes	Betsy King (72–71–71–70), Atlanta Athletic
	Club (Riverside Course), Duluth, Ga., 1990
5 strokes	Lauri Merten (71–71–70–68), Crooked Stick
	G.C., Carmel, Ind., 1993
5 strokes	Annika Sorenstam (67–71–72–68),
	Broadmoor G.C. (East Course) Colorado
	Springs, Colo., 1995

Best Comeback to Tie, Final Round

8 strokes a-Barbara McIntire (75-79-77-71), Northland C.C., Duluth, Minn., 1956 (lost playoff to Kathy Cornelius)

Miscellaneous

Most Consecutive Women's Opens Started

31 Hollis Stacy, 1970–2000 30 Betsy King, 1975–2004 29 Kathy Whitworth, 1959–1987 29 Marilynn Smith, 1948–1976

Most Appearances

- 33 Marlene Hagge
- 32 Juli Inkster
- 32 a-Carol Semple Thompson
- 31 Betsy King 31 Hollis Stacy
- 31 Kathy Whitworth

Most Players Completed 72 holes

- 79 NCR C.C., Kettering, Ohio, 1986
- 76 Broadmoor G.C. (East Course), Colorado Springs,
 - Colo., 1995
- 74 Colonial C.C., Fort Worth, Texas, 1991
- 74 Interlachen C.C., Edina, Minn., 2008

Most Top-5 Finishes

- Louise SuggsMickey Wright
- 9 JoAnne Gunderson Carner

Most Top-10 Finishes

- 19 Louise Suggs14 Kathy Whitworth
- 13 Patty Berg
- 13 Mickey Wright

Consecutive Top-5 Finishes

- 5 Mickey Wright
- 5 JoAnne Gunderson Carner
- 4 Kathy Whitworth
- 4 Ruth Jessen
- 3 Louise Suggs (twice)
- 3 Patty Berg

Consecutive Top-10 Finishes

- 11 Louise Suggs
- 5 Patty Berg
- 5 Mickey Wright
- 5 JoAnne Gunderson Carner
- 5 Marlene Hagge
- 5 Betsy Rawls
- 4 Kathy Whitworth
- 4 Betsy King

Most Sub-Par Rounds in a Career

- 24 Beth Daniel
- 24 Betsy King
- 21 Meg Mallon
- 21 Pat Bradley
- 21 Patty Sheehan

Most Rounds in the 60s

- 14 Beth Daniel
- 13 Patty Sheehan
- 12 Juli Inkster
- 12 Meg Mallon
- 12 Se Ri Pak
- 12 Kelly Robbins

Most Holes-in-One

3 1998, Blackwolf Run G.C., Kohler, Wis.

Holes-in-One (20)

a-Martha Cowden, 4th hole, Druid Hills G.C., Atlanta, Ga., 1951 Patty Berg, 7th hole, Churchill Valley C.C., Pittsburgh, Pa., 1959 Gerda Whalen, 7th hole, Scenic Hills C.C., Pensacola, Fla., 1969 a-Nancy Porter, 6th hole, Winged Foot G.C. (East Course), Mamaroneck, N.Y., 1972

a-Nancy Porter, 16th hole, Rolling Green G.C., Springfield, Pa., 1976 a-Amy Geithner, 14th hole, La Grange (III.) C.C., 1981 Julie Stanger, 17th hole, La Grange (III.) C.C., 1981 Pat Bradley, 6th hole, Cedar Ridge C.C., Tulsa, Okla., 1983 Susan Fromuth, 15th hole, Cedar Ridge C.C., Tulsa, Okla., 1983 Jane Lock, 15th hole, Cedar Ridge C.C., Tulsa, Okla., 1983 a-Joan Ellis, 15th hole, Salem C.C., Peabody, Mass., 1984 a-Sarah Dekraay, 8th hole, NCR C.C., Kettering, Ohio, 1986

Kristi Albers, 4th hole, Baltimore (Md.) C.C. (Five Farms, East Course), 1988 Susan Sanders, 4th hole, Colonial C.C., Fort Worth, Texas, 1991

Susie Redman, 15th hole, Pumpkin Ridge G.C. (Witch Hollow Course), North Plains, Ore., 1997

Helen Alfredsson, 8th hole, Blackwolf Run G.C., Kohler, Wis., 1998

Clarissa Childs, 8th hole, Blackwolf Run G.C., Kohler, Wis., 1998 Brandie Burton, 13th hole, Blackwolf Run G.C., Kohler, Wis., 1998 Tracy Hanson, 12th hole, Pumpkin Ridge G.C. (Witch Hollow Course), North Plains, Ore., 2003

Patricia Meunier-Lebouc, 12th hole, Interlachen C.C., Edina, Minn., 2008

a-Sun Gyoung Park, 6th hole, Oakmont (Pa.) C.C., 2010

Most Eagles at One Championship

36 2004, Orchards G.C., South Hadley, Mass. 30 1993, Crooked Stick G.C., Carmel, Ind.

Most Eagles, One Hole, at One Championship

- 27 2004, 13th hole (par 5), Orchards G.C., South Hadley, Mass.
- 24 1993, 9th hole (par 5), Crooked Stick G.C., Carmel, Ind.

Foreign-Born Winners of the U.S. Women's Open (13 players, 16 times)

1955	Fay Crocker, Uruguay	1996	Annika Sorenstam, Sweden	2006	Annika Sorenstam, Sweden
1967	Catherine Lacoste, France,	1997	Alison Nicholas, England	2008	Inbee Park, Korea
1983	Jan Stephenson, Australia	1998	Se Ri Pak, Korea	2009	Eun-Hee Ji, Korea
1987	Laura Davies, England	2000	Karrie Webb, Australia	2011	So Yeon Ryu, Korea
1988	Liselotte Neumann, Sweden	2001	Karrie Webb, Australia		
1995	Annika Sorenstam, Sweden	2005	Birdie Kim, Korea		

The Last Time It Happened

Last foreign winner:

So Yeon Ryu, 2011

Last to defend title:

Karrie Webb, 2001

Last to win three consecutive Women's Opens:

Never been done

Last champion to win Women's Open on first attempt:

Birdie Kim, 2005

Last winner to win Women's Open on second attempt:

So Yeon Ryu, 2011

Last amateur to win Women's Open:

Catherine Lacoste, 1967

Last start-to-finish winner:

Annika Sorenstam, 2006

Last winner to win money title in same year:

Karrie Webb, 2000

Last winner to birdie the 72nd hole:

So Yeon Ryu, 2011

Last winner to birdie the 72nd hole to force playoff:

So Yeon Ryu, 2011

Last winner to birdie the 72nd hole to win by one stroke:

Eun-Hee Ji, 2009

Last to win with four sub-par rounds:

Inbee Park, 2008

Last to win without a round in the 60s:

Eun-Hee Ji, 2009

Last to win with all rounds in the 60s:

Never been done

Last to win with a round of 74:

So Yeon Ryu, first round, 2011

Last to win with a round of 75:

Hilary Lunke, fourth round, 2003

Last to win with a round of 76:

Se Ri Pak, fourth round, 1998

Last to win with a round of 77:

JoAnne Carner, third round, 1976

Last to win with a round of 78:

Sandra Palmer, first round, 1975

Last to win with a round of 79:

Susie Berning, first round, 1972

Last to win with a round in the 80s:

80, Mickey Wright, second round, 1961

Last player to win after being in local qualifying:

Hilary Lunke, 2003

Last player to win after being in sectional qualifying:

Birdie Kim, 2005

Last winner younger than 20:

Inbee Park, 19, 2008

Last winner between ages 20-29:

So Yeon Ryu, 21, 2011

Last winner between ages 30-39:

Annika Sorenstam, 35, 2006

Last winner over age 40:

Meg Mallon, 41, 2004

Last winner who received a special exemption:

Never been done

Last defending champion to miss the cut:

Birdie Kim, 2006

Special Exemptions

1977	Patty Berg	1996	Donna Andrews
1978	Patty Berg		JoAnne Carner
	Louise Suggs		Hollis Stacy
	Marilyn Smith	1997	Amy Alcott
1979	Patty Berg		JoAnne Carner
	Louise Suggs		Kelli Kuehne
	Marilyn Smith		Hollis Stacy
1981	a-Edwina Kennedy	1998	Pat Bradley
1983	Mickey Wright		Beth Daniel
	Juli Inkster	1999	Jane Geddes
1985	Mickey Wright		Nancy Lopez
	Susie Maxwell Berning	2000	Pat Bradley
	Sandra Haynie		Nancy Lopez
1986	Donna Caponi	2001	Liselotte Neumann
1987	Kathy Whitworth	2002	Nancy Lopez
1988	Kay Cockerill	2003	Betsy King
	Carol Mann	2004	Betsy King
	Sally Little		Dottie Pepper
1990	Heather Farr		a–Michelle Wie
1991	Sandra Palmer	2006	Kelly Robbins
	Kathy Whitworth		Michelle Wie
1993	Vicki Goetze	2009	Laura Davies
1994	Amy Alcott	a-amateur	
	Juli İnkster	a amateu	
1995	JoAnne Carner		
	Hollis Stacy		
	Jan Stephenson		
	Ayako Okamoto		