



## **USGA Announces Postponement of 75th U.S. Women's Open Championship**

*Milestone championship will remain at Champions Golf Club in Houston, Texas, and will be played Dec. 10-13 on two courses*

LIBERTY CORNER, N.J. (April 3, 2020) – The USGA today announced that due to the evolving dynamics of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the 75th U.S. Women's Open, originally scheduled for June 4-7 at Champions Golf Club in Houston, Texas, has been postponed to Dec. 10-13.

"The USGA remains committed to hosting the U.S. Women's Open in 2020," said USGA CEO Mike Davis. "We are grateful to the LPGA and our broadcast partner FOX for their terrific collaboration in finding a new date for the championship. Our priority remains ensuring the safety of all involved with the U.S. Women's Open, while still providing the world's best players the opportunity to compete this year."

To account for reduced daylight given the move to December, the Jackrabbit Course at Champions Golf Club will be used in conjunction with the Cypress Creek Course, which was originally slated to host all four rounds of championship play. The Jackrabbit will co-host Rounds 1 and 2.

U.S. Women's Open qualifying, which is run in conjunction with Allied Golf Associations and international federations, is expected to be held on rescheduled dates and potentially some new locations. The USGA is also reviewing how the postponement will affect exemption categories, and definitive changes will be communicated when they are finalized.

"We are incredibly thankful to Champions Golf Club for its flexibility and support during this uncertain time," said Davis. "The club, led by Jack and Robin Burke, has been such a great friend of the USGA for some time, stepping up in 2017 to host the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur on short notice after it was displaced by a hurricane, and now accommodating a significant schedule change for our premier women's championship, not to mention allowing us to use both golf courses. We're confident the combined efforts will lead to an incredibly special 75th U.S. Women's Open."

Champions Golf Club was founded in 1957 by World Golf Hall of Fame members Jimmy Demaret and Jack Burke Jr., who currently serves as president. The Cypress Creek Course,

designed by Ralph Plummer and opened in 1959, has hosted four previous USGA championships: the 1969 U.S. Open, 1993 U.S. Amateur, 1998 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur and 2017 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur. The Jackrabbit Course was designed by George Fazio and opened in 1964.

Additional information about the postponement can be found at [uswomensopen.com](http://uswomensopen.com). The USGA will continue to rely on CDC and WHO recommendations in determining schedule considerations for the remaining 2020 championships. Decisions regarding the U.S. Open, U.S. Senior Open, U.S. Senior Women's Open as well as the eight remaining amateur championships will be made in the near future.

#### About the USGA

The USGA is a nonprofit organization that celebrates, serves and advances the game of golf. Founded in 1894, we conduct many of golf's premier professional and amateur championships, including the U.S. Open and U.S. Women's Open. With The R&A, we govern the sport via a global set of playing, equipment, handicapping and amateur status rules. The USGA campus in Liberty Corner, New Jersey, is home to the Association's Research and Test Center, where science and innovation are fueling a healthy and sustainable game for the future. The campus is also home to the USGA Golf Museum, where we honor the game by curating the world's most comprehensive archive of golf artifacts. To learn more, visit [usga.org](http://usga.org).