



121st Massachusetts Women's Amateur Championship

Fact Sheet

Championship Information

August 12-16, 2024, Taconic Golf Club
19 Meacham St, Williamstown, MA, 01267

Championship Central: massgolf.org/championshipcentral-masswam-2024/

Social Media: @playmassgolf | #MassWomensAM

Course Setup

Taconic Golf Club will be set up at approximately 5,879 yards and will play to a par of 71. The yardage for each round of the championship will vary due to course setup and conditions.

Hole by Hole

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	5	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	35
Yards	480	335	373	280	160	335	350	360	165	2828

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	5	4	4	4	3	4	4	3	5	36
Yards	498	366	310	360	155	360	332	175	495	3051

Architect

Boston-born Wayne Stiles of Stiles & Van Kleeck, a Boston firm, was commissioned to design and construct an 18-hole course in 1927. The layout is generally viewed as the most highly-regarded of his 76 courses that still exist. In 2008, renowned golf course architect Gil Hanse of Hanse Golf Course Design Inc. was retained by Taconic for a multi-million dollar renovation project, which was completed in the summer of 2009.

Who Can Enter

Any female amateur golfer who has an active Mass Golf Membership and a Handicap Index® not exceeding 10.0 (at the time of registration). The player must have played and posted five rounds at any Mass Golf member club/course within 12 months of the entry close date.

Starting Times & Live Scoring

[CLICK HERE](#) for a list of the 2024 field.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the starting times for Rounds 1 and 2, and live scoring once the Championship begins.

Schedule of Play

August 12 & 13: Stroke Play (18 holes/day)

- The low 32 players will advance to match play, beginning August 14.

- Any ties for the final Match Play qualifying place(s) will be determined by a hole-by-hole playoff, if needed, on August 16.

August 14: Round of 32 (a.m.) and Round of 16 (p.m.)

August 15: Quarterfinals (a.m.) and Semifinals (p.m.)

August 16: Final Match (18 holes)

What the Winner Receives

The Amateur Champion is awarded the Championship Bowl. The winner is also exempt into the 2025 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship (if eligible). The Amateur Finalist receives the Curtis Memorial Trophy. The stroke play medalist(s) given an award. The low net qualifier for match play receives the Osgood Memorial Cup.

2023 Champion **Rebecca Skoler** (Pine Brook Country Club) won the 2023 Mass Women's Amateur at Dedham Country & Polo Club. Skoler, who attends the University of Virginia, had her short game dialed in throughout the final match, and never trailed against Westford teen **Molly Smith** (Vesper Country Club). She won the match 2&1, with a pair of clutch par puts on holes 16 and 17 hoisted the trophy for the first time. Skoler will not be back to defend her title this year, as she will be back with her college squad.

Championship History The Massachusetts Women's Amateur Championship is the oldest championship conducted by Mass Golf. The first Massachusetts Women's Amateur was played in 1900 at Oakley Country Club, with **Grace Keyes**, a pioneer for women's amateur golf in the Bay State, winning the title. The championship has been contested every year except for 1918 and 1943-45 due to World War I and World War II, respectively.

Notable past champions include **Margaret Curtis** (1901, 1907, 1908, 1914), **Harriot Curtis** (1920), **Anne Marie Tobin** (1988, 1991-1995, 2000), **Joanne Goodwin** (1954, 1956, 1958, 1961), and **Tara Joy Connelly** (2003, 2013), all of whom have been inducted into the Massachusetts Golf Hall of Fame.

The 2024 Women's Amateur marks the first time Taconic has hosted the championship. The last course in the Berkshires to host the championship was Wyantenuck Country Club in 2002 when **Kelly Robb** won the title.

Championship Figures

- Size of Field:** 62
- Average Age of Players:** 22.85 years
- Average Competitor Handicap Index:** 2.60
- Number of Players Age 18 and Under:** 25
- Youngest Player:** Reva Machanavajhula (Billerica, MA) [14 years, 8 months, 8 days]
- Oldest Player:** Danielle Lee (Concord, MA) [65 years, 5 months, 20 days]
- Number of Mass Golf Member Clubs and Organizations Represented:** 40
- Most Represented Mass Golf Member Club:** Winchester Country Club (4)

The Last Time It Happened

- Last to win two consecutive Mass Women's Amateurs:** Isabel Southard (2014-2015)
- Last to win three consecutive Mass Women's Amateurs:** Anne Marie Tobin (1993-1995)
- Last to win four consecutive Mass Women's Amateurs:** Anne Marie Tobin (1992-1995)
- Last winner younger than 20:** Morgan Smith, 18 years, 6 months, 10 days (2022)
- Last winner between ages 20-29:** Rebecca Skoler, 21 years, 7 months, 30 days (2023)
- Last winner between ages 30-39:** Shannon Johnson, 35 years, 7 months, 15 days (2018)
- Last winner over age 40:** Pam Kuong, 49 years, 5 months (2010)

Mass Golf Championships at Taconic (Event Winners)

- 1959 Mass Amateur** (John Tosca, Jr.)
- 1972 Mass Amateur** (Tracy Mehr)
- 1981 Mass Amateur** (Steve Tasho)
- 1982 Women's Stroke Play for the Baker Trophy** (Susan Brainard)
- 1992 Mass Open** (Andy Morse)
- 2000 Mixed Four-Ball Championship for the Stone Cup** (Susan Lemay & James Ruschioni)
- 2004 Mass Amateur** (Frank Vana, Jr.)
- 2010 Women's Senior Amateur** (Mary Gale)
- 2016 Mass Amateur** (Brendan Hunter)
- 2022 Super Senior Amateur** (Don Foberg)

Other Notable Championships & Events

1956 U.S. Junior Amateur (Harlan Stevenson)
1958 NCAA Championship (Phil Rogers, Houston)
1963 U.S. Women's Amateur (Anne Quast Sander)
1976 Endicott Cup & Tri-State Matches (Lida Kinnicutt)
1994 Endicott Cup & Tri-State Matches (Mary Gale)
1996 U.S. Senior Amateur (O. Gordon Brewer)
2012 New England Junior Amateur (Connecticut)

Past Champions in the Field

Shannon Johnson (2018), Allison Paik (2020), Morgan Smith (2022)

Most Mass Women's Amateurs Hosted by a Club

(15) Brae Burn Country Club, West Newton	(6) Salem Country Club, Salem
(9) The Country Club, Brookline	(6) Oakley Country Club, Watertown
(8) Charles River Country Club, Newton	(5) Concord Country Club, Concord
(7) Weston Golf Club, Weston	(5) Wollaston Golf Club, Milton
(7) Winchester Country Club, Winchester	
(7) Belmont Country Club, Belmont	

Future Sites

2025: Concord Country Club, Concord
2026: Oak Hill Country Club, Fitchburg
2029: Wyantenuck Country Club, Great Barrington

Media Coverage

Media members are invited to cover all five days of the Massachusetts Women's Amateur on site at Taconic Golf Club. Space in the workroom will be made available for all members of the working media who wish to cover the event. We ask that you inform Mass Golf if your intention is to be on site for any of the competition days.

There will be video interviews and written recaps posted on the MassGolf.org website and on Mass Golf's social media channels (@PlayMassGolf) at the end of each round. All recaps will be distributed to the media after each day of competition. Other unique content will be posted on Mass Golf's social media channels throughout each round.

Media Contact

Mass Golf will offer complimentary high-resolution photographs during the Massachusetts Women's Amateur for editorial use only. Please credit David Colt with all photos. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the page where these photographs will be posted.

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