



120th Massachusetts Women's Amateur Championship

Fact Sheet

Championship Information

August 14-18, 2023, Dedham Country & Polo Club
124 Country Club Rd., Dedham, MA 02026

Championship Central: massgolf.org/championshipcentral-2023masswomensam

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Course Setup

Dedham Country & Polo Club will be set up at approximately 5,940 yards and will play to a par of 70. 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	4	4	3	5	3	5	4	4	4	36
Yards	391	344	173	444	133	481	359	382	330	3037

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	5	4	3	4	3	4	4	3	4	34
Yards	511	378	166	347	190	370	367	168	406	2903

Architect

Dedham Country & Polo Club is the only golf course in Massachusetts designed by golden era architect Seth Raynor. Although he wasn't the original architect, Raynor's designed debuted in 1924 and introduced template holes, such as Redan (#3), Cape (#4), Maiden (#8), Biarritz (#14), and Reverse Redan (#17).

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 2023 field.

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

Schedule of Play

August 14 & 15: Stroke Play (18 holes/day)

- The low 32 players will advance to match play, beginning August 16.

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

August 17: Quarterfinals (a.m.) and Semifinals (p.m.)

August 18: Final Match (18 holes)

What the Winner Receives

The Amateur Champion is awarded the Championship Bowl. The Amateur Finalist receives the Curtis Memorial Trophy. The stroke play medalist(s) are awarded. The low net qualifier for match play receives the Osgood Memorial Cup. Merchandise certificates will be awarded and are redeemable at the host site.

2022 Champion

Morgan Smith (Vesper Country Club) won the 2022 Mass Women's Amateur at Orchards Golf Club in South Hadley. Smith, a first year at Georgetown University, won the 18th hole to complete a rally against University of Virginia's **Rebecca Skoler** (Pine Brook Country Club), 1-up, in the final match. Smith also won stroke play medalist by five shots. Both women will compete in the field again this year.

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 2023 Women's Amateur marks the fourth time Dedham C&PC has hosted the championship. **Patricia O'Brien** (1969), **Muffy Marlio** (1982), and **Laura Torrisi** (2001) all won the title at Dedham.

Championship Figures

Size of Field: 74

Average Age of Players: 26.18 years

Average Competitor Handicap Index: 2.88

Number of Players Age 18 and Under: 28

Youngest Player: Ryley Regan (Orchards Golf Club) [12 years, 6 months, 7 days]

Oldest Player: Danielle Lee (Renaissance) [64 years, 5 months, 22 days]

Number of Mass Golf Member Clubs and Organizations Represented: 45

Most Represented Mass Golf Member Club: Vesper Country Club (5).

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)

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Last winner younger than 20: Morgan Smith, 18 years, 6 months, 10 days (2022)

Last winner between ages 20-29: Hannah Ghelfi, 20 years, 8 months, 13 days (2017)

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 Dedham (Event Winners)

1931-1941, 1947-1951, 1956, 1965 Mixed Four-Ball Championship (Multiple Winners)

1949 Women's Four-Ball for the Townshend Cup (Nancy Black & Dorothea Howard)

1951 Women's Mid-Amateur for the Keyes Cup (Laddie Homer)

1961 Girls' Junior Amateur (Betty Tobin)

1965 Junior Amateur (Richard Bliss)

1967 Girls' Junior Amateur (Kathie Seymore)

1969 Women's Amateur (Patricia O'Brien)

1972 Girls' Junior Amateur (Caren McGhee)

1982 Women's Amateur (Muffy Marlio)

1983 Junior Amateur (Artie Wilson)

1990 Junior Amateur (Marc Spencer)

2000 Junior Amateur (Ben Spitz)

2001 Women's Amateur (Laura Torisi)

2010 Mass Mid-Amateur (Dan Falcucci)

Other Notable Championships & Events 1930 Endicott Cup & Tri-State Matches (Elizabeth Skinner; Massachusetts)
1963 & 1972 Junior InterCity Team Matches (New York; Philadelphia)
1975 U.S. Girls' Junior Amateur (Dayna Benson)
1989 New England Women's Amateur (Loren Milhench)
1994 New England Junior Amateur Championship (Massachusetts)
2006 Griscom Cup Matches (New York)
2021 U.S. Women's Open Qualifying (Noémie Paré & Christina Kim)

Past Champions in the Field Mary Chamberlain (2009), 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
Weston Golf Club, Weston	(5) Wollaston Golf Club, Milton
(7) Winchester Country Club, Winchester	
(7) Belmont Country Club, Belmont	

Future Sites 2024: Taconic Golf Club, Williamstown
2025: TBD

Media Coverage Media members are invited to cover all five days of the Massachusetts Women's Amateur on site at Dedham C&PC. 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. Parking is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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.

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