

117th Massachusetts Amateur Championship

Fact Sheet

Championship Information

July 7-11, 2025, GreatHorse
 128 Wilbraham Rd., Hampden, MA, 01036
Championship Central: massgolf.org/championship-central-mass-amateur-2025
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Course Setup

GreatHorse will be set up at approximately 7,228 yards and will play to a par of 72. 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	5	3	4	4	4	4	5	3	36
Yards	406	587	230	415	425	404	455	569	186	3677

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	4	4	36
Yards	406	564	202	394	581	134	420	389	462	3551

Architect

GreatHorse, whose current design is credited to New England-based architect Brian Silva, provides a par-72, 7,600-yard layout from the championship tees with a staggering 207 bunkers and over 200 feet of elevation change. The course has been previously selected as the 2019 New England Golf Course Owner's Association Course of the Year and listed as one of GolfWeek's Top 200 Modern Courses.

Who Can Enter

Entries are open to amateur golfers who have an active Mass Golf/GHIN Handicap Index at any public, private, semi-private, municipal or non-real estate Mass Golf member course/club not exceeding 3.6 (at the time of registration).

Starting Times & Live Scoring

[CLICK HERE](#) for a list of the 2025 field.
[CLICK HERE](#) for the starting times for Rounds 1 and 2, and live scoring once the Championship begins.

Schedule of Play

July 7 & 8: Stroke Play (18 holes/day)

- The low 32 players will advance to match play, beginning July 9.
- Any ties for the final Match Play qualifying place(s) will be determined by a hole-by-hole playoff, if needed, at the conclusion of Round 2.
- July 9:** Round of 32 (a.m.) and Round of 16 (p.m.)
- July 10:** Quarterfinals (a.m.) and Semifinals (p.m.)
- July 11:** Final Match (36 holes)

Qualifying

Qualifying, played over 18 holes, was conducted at 11 sites in Massachusetts between June 2 and June 25. In total, 96 players automatically advanced to the championship through qualifying, with alternates added at a late date.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the qualifying results.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the alternates list.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the 2025 exemptions.

2024 Champion

One year after making it to the final match, Framingham Country Club member Matthew Naumec won the title at his home course. The Wilbraham native, who is also a member of GreatHorse, was the 32nd and final player to make it into match play, prevailing in a playoff. In match play, he won all his matches without reaching the 17th hole, and in the final match against Worcester Country Club member **Ricky Stimets**, he rallied from 3 down after 18 and made a birdie on the 36th and final hole.

Championship History

This is the 117th Massachusetts Amateur Championship. The Mass Amateur was first played in 1903 at Myopia Hunt Club, where Arthur G. Lockwood emerged victorious. The Championship has been conducted every year since except for two years (1917-1918) during World War I and for four years (1942-1945) during World War II. The youngest winner is **Ryan Downes** who won the title at age 17 at Essex County Club in 2023. The oldest winner is **Ed Fletcher**, who was 53 when he won his lone title at Concord Country Club in 1995.

Noted past winners include **Francis Ouimet**, **Frederick J. Wright, Jr.**, **Ted Bishop**, **Kevin Johnson**, **James Driscoll**, **Frank Vana, Jr.**, **Rob Oppenheim**, and **Michael Thorbjornsen**. **Jesse Guilford**, who was inducted into the Mass Golf Hall of Fame in October 2021, is the only amateur who has won both the Mass Amateur (1916, 1921, 1924) and the Mass Open (1919, 1929). Guilford won the U.S. Amateur in 1921. Francis Ouimet also won the Mass Amateur (1913, 1914, 1915, 1919, 1922, 1925) and the U.S. Amateur (1914, 1931), as did Ted Bishop (Mass Amateur, 1940, 1946, 1961); U.S. Amateur (1946).

The 2025 Mass Amateur marks the first time GreatHorse has hosted the championship.

Championship Records

Most Wins: 7 (Frederick J. Wright, Jr. – 1920, 1926, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1938)

Most Times as a Host Club: 11 (The Country Club, Brae Burn Country Club)

Youngest Players to Win: Ryan Downes (2023, Age 17)

Oldest Players to Win: Ed Fletcher (1995, Age 53)

Largest Age Differential Between Finalists: 39 years (1956 – Fred Wright (58) and Charles Volpone (19).

Longest Final Match: 40 holes in 1993 (Flynt Lincoln def. Jason Kissell at Essex County Club)

Shortest Final Match: 25 holes in 1922 (Francis Ouimet def. Clark Hodder, 12 and 11, at Kernwood Country Club)

Most Appearances in Championship Proper: 37 (Frank Vana, Jr., 1984-85; 1988-2017, 2020-21, 2023)

Most Consecutive Appearances in Match Play: 22 (Frank Vana, Jr., 1991-2012)

Most Appearances in Match Play: 28 (Frank Vana, Jr., 1985, 1988, 1991-2012; 2015; 2017, 2021, 2023)

The Last Time It Happened	<p>Last to win two consecutive Mass Amateurs: Mike Calef, 2012-2013</p> <p>Last to win three consecutive Mass Amateurs: Frederick J. Wright, Jr., 1929-1931</p> <p>Last to win four consecutive Mass Amateurs: Frederick J. Wright, Jr., 1928-1931</p> <p>Last winner younger than 20: Ryan Downes (2023), 17 years, 8 months, 14 days</p> <p>Last winner between ages 20-29: Matthew Naumec (2024), 28 years, 24 days</p> <p>Last winner between ages 30-39: Matt Parziale (2017), 30 years, 1 month, 9 days</p> <p>Last winner over age 40: John Hades (2010), 49 years, 11 months, 12 days</p>	
Mass Golf/NEGA Championships at GreatHorse (Event Winners)	<p>2016 Massachusetts Women's Amateur (Jacquelyn Eleey)</p> <p>2018 Massachusetts Open (Jason Thresher)</p> <p>2019 New England Women's Amateur (Shannon Johnson)</p> <p>2020 Massachusetts Mid-Amateur (Arthur Zelmati)</p> <p>2022 Ouimet Memorial Tournament (Ryan Downes, Keith Smith, Catie Scherneck)</p> <p>2023 Massachusetts Junior Amateur (Carson Erick)</p> <p>2024 New England Junior Amateur (C.J. Winchenbaugh, Carys Fennessy)</p>	
Past Champions in the Field	<p>Steven Tasho (1981 & 1985), Andy Drohen (2003), Ben Spitz (2006), Mike Calef (2012 & 2013), Nick McLaughlin (2015), Matt Parziale (2017), Ryan Downes (2023), Matthew Naumec (2024)</p>	
Most Mass Amateurs Hosted by a Club	<p>(11) The Country Club, Brookline</p> <p>(11) Brae Burn Country Club, Newton</p> <p>(8) Essex County Club, Manchester-by-the-Sea</p> <p>(7) Worcester Country Club, Worcester</p> <p>(7) Winchester Country Club, Winchester</p> <p>(6) Charles River Country Club, Newton</p>	<p>(6) Vesper Country Club, Tyngsborough</p> <p>(6) The Kittansett Club, Marion</p> <p>(5) Salem Country Club, Peabody</p> <p>(5) Longmeadow Country Club, Longmeadow</p> <p>(5) Myopia Hunt Club, Hamilton</p> <p>(5) Taconic Golf Club, Williamstown</p>
Approximate Yardages By Year (Since 2015)	<p>2025 – GreatHorse (7,228)</p> <p>2024 – Framingham Country Club (6,544)</p> <p>2023 – Essex County Club (6,463)</p> <p>2022 – Concord Country Club (6,709)</p> <p>2021 – Brae Burn Country Club (6,770)</p> <p>2020 – The Kittansett Club (6,808) & The Bay Club (6,929)</p>	<p>2019 – The Country Club (6,721)</p> <p>2018 – George Wright Golf Course (6,506) & William J. Devine Golf Course (5,918)</p> <p>2017 – Charles River Country Club (6,611)</p> <p>2016 – Taconic Golf Club (6,664)</p> <p>2015 – Oak Hill Country Club (6,619)</p>

Future Sites

2026: Winchester Country Club, Winchester

2027: Willowbend, Mashpee

**2025
Awards**

The Massachusetts Cup will be presented to the Champion. The winner is also automatically exempt for the 2025 U.S. Amateur Championship. The Harry B. McCracken, Jr. medal will be awarded to the stroke play medalist(s). Merchandise certificates will be awarded to the 32 match play qualifiers.

**Media
Operations**

Media members are invited to cover all five days of the Massachusetts Amateur on site at GreatHorse. 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.

**Photo Media
Service**

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.

Mass Golf will offer complimentary high-resolution photographs during the Mass Amateur for editorial use only. Please credit David Colt with all photos.

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