



2015 USGA WOMEN'S STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FACT SHEET

Sept. 10-12, 2015

Dalhousie Golf Club, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

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FREE ADMISSION

Admission is free. Tickets are not required and spectators are encouraged to attend.

PAR AND YARDAGE

Dalhousie Golf Club's course is set up at 6,203 yards, playing to a par of 36-36-72. *Please note: yardages subject to change.*

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	5	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	36
Yards	342	516	380	355	147	333	513	165	331	3,082

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	3	4	3	4	5	4	4	5	36
Yards	372	133	377	154	328	489	376	398	494	3,121

COURSE RATING

Based on the course setup for the championship, the USGA Course Rating is 75.9. Its Slope Rating is 139.

ARCHITECT

Opened in 2002, Dalhousie Golf Club's course was designed by Nicklaus Design, with Gary Nicklaus as the principal architect. The course occupies land originally settled in 1798 by Scottish immigrant Rebecca Ramsey, sister of the Earl of Dalhousie.

WHO CAN ENTER

All states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are eligible to enter three-player teams. The only players ineligible to participate are those currently on a college team, per NCAA rules. The final field is comprised of 50 teams, including 49 states and the District of Columbia. Vermont and Puerto Rico did not enter teams.

SCHEDULE

Fifty-four holes of stroke play are scheduled for Sept. 10-12 with the two lowest scores of the three individual rounds counting as the team's score for the round. The team with the lowest aggregate score through all 54 holes is the champion. If there is a tie after the final round, the score from the team's non-scoring player is used to break the deadlock. If the score remains tied, the second-round score from the non-scoring player is used.

For the first time in 2015, there will be a 36-hole cut that reduces the field to the 21 lowest-scoring teams, plus ties. In addition, any individual player who is within five strokes of the individual lead, but whose team has missed the 36-hole cut, will advance to Saturday's final round, remaining in contention for the individual medal.

- Sept. 10 (Thursday) – First round, 18 holes of stroke play
- Sept. 11 (Friday) – Second round, 18 holes of stroke play (field reduced to 21 teams, plus ties)
- Sept. 12 (Saturday) – Third round, 18 holes of stroke play

THE TROPHY

The USGA Women's State Team Championship began in 1995. In 1998, the trophy was named the Judy Bell Trophy in honor of the USGA's first female president, Judy Bell, who served from 1996-97.

CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

This is the 11th USGA Women's State Team Championship. The competition, as well as the Men's State Team Championship, grew out of the USGA's centennial celebration in 1995. USGA officials believed a new championship, one in which each state could be represented by amateur, non-college golfers, was an appropriate way to cap the USGA's yearlong birthday celebration. Deemed a success, the USGA has continued to conduct the championship biennially.

The format was fashioned after the biennial World Amateur Team Championship, which involves three-person teams in a 3-count-2 stroke-play format. State associations were given a variety of options in which to select its team members. The inaugural Women's State Team Championship drew teams from 43 states. In 2013, a record 52 teams representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, participated at NCR Country Club in Kettering, Ohio.

In 2010, the USGA decided to alternate years for the Men's and Women's State Team Championship, with the men playing in even-numbered years and the women in odd years.

PAST WOMEN'S STATE TEAM CHAMPIONS

1995 Pennsylvania (Liz Haines, Judy Oliver, Carol Semple Thompson)
1997 Alabama (Virginia Derby Grimes, Kathy Hartwiger, Beth Williams)
1999 Florida (Taffy Brower, Marla Jemsek-Weeks, Robin Weiss)
2001 Minnesota (Julie Kalina-Jensen, Leigh Klasse, Claudia Pilot)
2003 Ohio (Emily Bastel, Lynn Thompson, Heather Zielinski)
2005 Georgia (Kyu Ri Ban, Laura Coble, Jean Reynolds)
2007 Arizona (Judy Miller, Kayla Mortellaro, Thuhashini Selvaratnam)
2009 Georgia (Dori Carter, Laura Coble, Mariah Stackhouse)
2011 Georgia (Amira Alexander, Laura Coble, Rachel Dai)
2013 New Jersey (Alice Chen, Tara Fleming, Cindy Ha)

2013 CHAMPION

Led by 17-year-old Alice Chen, New Jersey captured a three-stroke victory over Florida in the 2013 USGA Women's State Team Championship contested at NCR Country Club's South Course in Kettering, Ohio. Chen, along with reinstated amateur and team captain Tara Fleming, 46, of Jersey City and Cindy Ha, 17, of Demarest, posted a 54-hole total of 8-over-par 446 in the 3-count-2 team format.

This was New Jersey's first USGA Women's State Team victory, topping a previous best of seventh in 2011.

A Princeton native, Chen shared medalist honors with fellow 17-year-old Bryana Nguyen, of Columbia, Md. Their 6-under 213s tie the low mark held by Brenda Corrie Kuehn of North Carolina (1997), Marla Jemsek-Weeks of Florida (1997) and Candace Schepperle of Alabama (2005). Visit usga.org for the full recap.

THE USGA AT DALHOUSIE GOLF CLUB

While this will be the first USGA championship conducted at Dalhousie Golf Club, it previously hosted the 2012 Missouri State Amateur Championship and 2009 AJGA Rolex Tournament of Champions.

MISSOURI AT THE WOMEN'S STATE TEAM

Missouri has fielded a team in nine of the 10 USGA Women's State Team Championships, to date. Its best finish was in 2007 when it tied Massachusetts for 11th place. All-time Missouri results are as follows:

1995 – T34 with Rhode Island, 500; Marcella Rose, Rosie Schultz and Peggy Williams

1997 – Did not field a team

1999 – 30th, 319; Barbara Berkmeier, Marcella Rose and Nancy Walther

2001 – 34th, 512; Barbara Berkmeier, Marcella Rose and Nancy Walther

2003 – 31st, 484; Mary Ann Beattie, Barbara Berkmeier and Lisa Tinkler

2005 – 33rd, 477; Mary Ann Beattie, Barbara Berkmeier and Kathy Glennon

2007 – T11th with Massachusetts, 465; Barbara Berkmeier, Mindy Bullard and Ellen Port

2009 – 40th, 507; Mary Ann Beattie, Kathy Glennon and Ginny Orthwein

2011 – T47th with Vermont, 541; Barbara Blankenship, Janis Clemens and Stephany Powell

2013 – 26th, 481; Catherine Dolan, Alisha Matthews and Stephany Powell

2015 - ???; Catherine Dolan, Kayla Eckelkamp and Ellen Port

MISSOURI AND THE USGA

This will be the 19th USGA championship held in the Show-Me State, dating to the 1921 U.S. Amateur at St. Louis Country Club. The most recent USGA event conducted in Missouri was the 2014 Curtis Cup Match at St. Louis Country Club. While this will be the first time the USGA Women's State Team will be contested in the state, Missouri hosted the 2009 USGA Men's State Team, won by Pennsylvania, at the Country Club of St. Albans in suburban St. Louis. Missouri will also host the 2016 U.S. Senior Amateur at Old Warson Country Club in St. Louis and 2017 U.S. Girls' Junior at Boone Valley Golf Club in Augusta.

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