



2016 Open Championship

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The **2016 Open Championship** was a [men's major golf championship](#) and the 145th Open Championship, played from 14–17 July at [Royal Troon Golf Club](#) in [Ayrshire](#), [Scotland](#). It was the ninth Open Championship played at the Old Course of Troon, and the fifth since gaining royal status.

[Henrik Stenson](#) shot a final round 63 for 264, a record 20-under par, three strokes ahead of runner-up [Phil Mickelson](#), the [2013](#) champion. The leader after 54 holes, Stenson became the first [Scandinavian](#) man to win a [major title](#).^[2]

This was the final appearance for [1997](#) champion [Justin Leonard](#).

Media

This was the first Open Championship under new television rights deals in the United Kingdom and United States. In the U.K., [Sky Sports](#) replaced the [BBC](#), who held broadcast rights from [1955](#) to [2015](#), marking the first time that rights to the Open had been held by a [subscription television](#) service. To comply with [anti-siphoning laws](#), rights to broadcast a nightly highlights programme on free-to-air television were sold to the BBC. The contract was to begin in 2017, but the BBC opted out of the 2016 edition.^{[3][4]}

In the U.S., television rights shifted from [ESPN](#) to [NBC](#) and sister pay-TV network [Golf Channel](#), marking the first time that Golf Channel had coverage of a men's major championship. It also restored a major to the network for the first time since 2014; from [1995](#) to [2014](#), NBC televised the [U.S. Open](#) and other championships of the [USGA](#), which moved to [Fox](#) in 2015.^[5] Similarly to the BBC, ESPN chose to opt out of its final year of Open rights, causing NBC's rights to begin in 2016 instead.^[6]

Venue

2016 Open Championship



Tournament information

Dates	14–17 July 2016
Location	Ayrshire , Scotland
Course(s)	Royal Troon Golf Club Old Course
Organized by	The R&A
Tour(s)	European Tour PGA Tour Japan Golf Tour

Statistics

Par	71
Length	7,190 yd (6,575 m)
Field	156 players, 81 after cut
Cut	146 (+4)
Prize fund	£ 6,500,000 ^[1] € 7,544,614 \$ 8,572,200
Winner's share	£ 1,175,000 € 1,363,834 \$ 1,549,590

Champion

 Henrik Stenson
264 (−20)

Old Course

Hole	Name	Yards	Par	Hole	Name	Yards	Par
1	Seal	367	4	10	Sandhills	451	4
2	Black Rock	390	4	11	The Railway	482	4
3	Gyaws	377	4	12	The Fox	430	4
4	Dunure	555	5	13	Burmah	473	4
5	Greenan	209	3	14	Alton	178	3
6	Turnberry	601	5	15	Crosbie	499	4
7	Tel-el-Kebir	401	4	16	Well	554	5
8	Postage Stamp	123	3	17	Rabbit	220	3
9	The Monk	422	4	18	Craigend	458	4
Out		3,445	36	In		3,745	35
Source: ^[7]				Total		7,190	71

Lengths of the course for previous Opens:^{[8][9]}



- 2004: 7,175 yards (6,561 m), par 71
- 1997: 7,079 yards (6,473 m), par 71
- 1989: 7,097 yards (6,489 m), par 72
- 1982: 7,067 yards (6,462 m), par 72
- 1973: 7,064 yards (6,459 m), par 72
- 1962: 7,045 yards (6,442 m), par 72
- 1950: 6,583 yards (6,019 m), par 70
- 1923: 6,415 yards (5,866 m)

Opens from 1962 through 1989 played the 11th hole as a par-5.

Field

Each player is classified according to the first category in which he qualified, but other categories are shown in parentheses.^{[10][11]}

1. The Open Champions aged 60 or under on 17 July 2016

Mark Calcavecchia, Darren Clarke (2), Ben Curtis, John Daly, David Duval, Ernie Els (2), Todd Hamilton, Pádraig Harrington (2), Zach Johnson (2,3,4,12,14), Paul Lawrie, Justin Leonard, Sandy Lyle, Rory McIlroy (2,4,5,6,10,12), Phil Mickelson (2,4,14), Mark O'Meara, Louis Oosthuizen (2,3,4,5,12,14)

- Stewart Cink (2) and Tiger Woods (2) did not play.
- Eligible but did not enter: Nick Faldo, Ian Baker-Finch, Tom Lehman, Nick Price.

2. The Open Champions for 2006–2015

3. First 10 and anyone tying for 10th place in the 2015 Open Championship

Jason Day (4,10,11,12,14), Sergio García (4), Marc Leishman (4,14), Jordan Niebrugge, Justin Rose (4,5,8,12), Adam Scott (4,9,14), Jordan Spieth (4,8,9,12,14), Danny Willett (4,5,9)

- Brooks Koepka (4,12) withdrew with an ankle injury.^[12]

4. The first 50 players on the Official World Golf Ranking (OWGR) for Week 21, 2016

An Byeong-hun (5,6), Kiradech Aphibarnrat (5), Rafael Cabrera-Bello, Paul Casey (12), Kevin Chappell, Matthew Fitzpatrick (5), Rickie Fowler (11,12,14), Jim Furyk (12), Branden Grace (5,14), Emiliano Grillo, Bill Haas (12,14), Charley Hoffman (12), J. B. Holmes (12,14), Billy Horschel, Thongchai Jaidee (5,14), Dustin Johnson (8,12,14), Kim Kyung-tae (19), Kevin Kisner (12), Søren Kjeldsen (5), Russell Knox, Matt Kuchar (12,14), Danny Lee (12,14), David Lingmerth, Shane Lowry (5), Hideki Matsuyama (12,14), Ryan Moore, Kevin Na (12), Patrick Reed (5,12,14), Charl Schwartzel (5,14), Brandt Snedeker (12), Henrik Stenson (5,12), Andy Sullivan (5), Justin Thomas, Jimmy Walker (12,14), Bubba Watson (9,12,14), Lee Westwood (OQS-Thailand), Bernd Wiesberger (5)

- Daniel Berger (12) withdrew with a shoulder injury.^[13]

5. First 30 in the Race to Dubai for 2015

Kristoffer Broberg, Victor Dubuisson, Ross Fisher, Tommy Fleetwood, David Howell, Miguel Ángel Jiménez, Martin Kaymer (8,11), Anirban Lahiri (14,15), James Morrison, Thorbjørn Olesen, Thomas Pieters, Marc Warren, Chris Wood (6)

- Jaco van Zyl withdrew to focus on the Olympics.^[14]

6. The BMW PGA Championship winners for 2014–2016

7. First 5 European Tour members and any European Tour members tying for 5th place, not otherwise exempt, in the top 20 of the Race to Dubai on completion of the 2016 BMW International Open

Andrew Johnston, Rikard Karlberg, Lee Soo-min, Joost Luiten

8. The U.S. Open Champions for 2012–2016

Webb Simpson

9. The Masters Tournament Champions for 2012–2016

10. The PGA Champions for 2011–2015

Keegan Bradley, Jason Dufner

11. The Players Champions for 2014–2016

12. Top 30 players from the final 2015 FedEx Cup points list

Steven Bowditch (14), Harris English, Scott Piercy, Robert Streb

- *Bae Sang-moon (14) was unable to compete due to a military obligation in South Korea.*

13. First 5 PGA Tour members and any PGA Tour members tying for 5th place, not exempt in the top 20 of the PGA Tour FedEx Cup points list for 2016 on completion of the 2016 Quicken Loans National

Smylie Kaufman, William McGirt

14. Playing members of the 2015 Presidents Cup teams

Chris Kirk

15. First and anyone tying for 1st place on the Order of Merit of the Asian Tour for 2015

16. First and anyone tying for 1st place on the Order of Merit of the PGA Tour of Australasia for 2015

Nathan Holman

17. First and anyone tying for 1st place on the Order of Merit of the Southern Africa PGA Sunshine Tour for 2015

George Coetzee

18. The Japan Open Champion for 2015

Satoshi Kodaira

19. First 2 and anyone tying for 2nd place, not exempt, on the Official Money List of the Japan Golf Tour for 2015

Yūsaku Miyazato

20. First 2 and anyone tying for 2nd place, in a cumulative money list taken from all official 2016 Japan Golf Tour events up to and including the 2016 Japan Golf Tour Championship

Yuta Ikeda, Yosuke Tsukada

21. The Senior Open Champion for 2015

Marco Dawson

22. The Amateur Champion for 2016

Scott Gregory (a)

23. The U.S. Amateur Champion for 2015

- *Bryson DeChambeau forfeited his exemption by turning professional in April 2016.*

24. The European Amateur Champion for 2015

Stefano Mazzoli (a)

25. The Mark H. McCormack Medal winner for 2015

- *Jon Rahm forfeited his exemption by turning professional in June 2016 but subsequently earned a spot through the Open Qualifying Series.*

Open Qualifying Series

The Open Qualifying Series (OQS) consists of 10 events from the six major tours. Places are available to the leading players (not otherwise exempt) who finish in the top n and ties. In the event of ties, positions go to players ranked highest according to that week's OWGR.

Location	Tournament	Date	Spots	Top	Qualifiers
Australia	<u>Emirates Australian Open</u>	29 Nov	3	10	<u>Nick Cullen</u> , <u>Matt Jones</u> , <u>Rod Pampling</u>
Thailand	<u>Thailand Golf Championship</u>	13 Dec	4	12	<u>Jamie Donaldson</u> , <u>Phachara Khongwatmai</u> , <u>Clément Sordet</u> , <u>Lee Westwood</u> (4)
Africa	<u>Joburg Open</u>	17 Jan	3	10	<u>Zander Lombard</u> , <u>Haydn Porteous</u> , <u>Anthony Wall</u>
Japan	<u>Mizuno Open</u>	29 May	4	12	<u>Kodai Ichihara</u> , <u>Shugo Imahira</u> , <u>Lee Sang-hee</u> , <u>Hideto Tanihara</u>
Sweden	<u>Nordea Masters</u>	5 Jun	1	5	<u>Lasse Jensen</u>
USA	<u>FedEx St. Jude Classic</u>	12 Jun	4	12	<u>Brian Gay</u> , <u>Russell Henley</u> , <u>Noh Seung-yul</u> , <u>Steve Stricker</u>
USA	<u>Quicken Loans National</u>	26 Jun	4	12	<u>Jon Rahm</u> , <u>Vijay Singh</u> , <u>Harold Varner III</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i><u>Billy Hurley III</u> did not play so he could attend his sister's wedding.</i>^[15]
France	<u>Alstom Open de France</u>	3 Jul	4	12	<u>Alexander Norén</u> , <u>Callum Shinkwin</u> , <u>Richard Sterne</u> , <u>Brandon Stone</u>
USA	<u>Barracuda Championship</u>	3 Jul	1	5	<u>Greg Chalmers</u>
Scotland	<u>Scottish Open</u>	10 Jul	4	12	<u>Nicolas Colsaerts</u> , <u>Tyrrell Hatton</u> , <u>Matteo Manassero</u> , <u>Richie Ramsay</u>

The Greenbrier Classic was cancelled due to the damage sustained by the course in the 2016 West Virginia flood.^[16] The Open Qualifying Series event originally slated for the Greenbrier was shifted to the Barracuda Championship.^[17]

Final Qualifying

The Final Qualifying events were played on 28 June at four courses covering Scotland and the North-West, Central and South-coast regions of England. Three qualifying places were available at each location. None of the twelve qualifiers had played in Regional Qualifying on 20 June: each was exempted by virtue of holding an Official World Golf Ranking.^[18]

Gailes Links – Oskar Arvidsson, Scott Fernández, Colin Montgomerie
Hillside – Dave Coupland, Paul Howard, Jack Senior
Royal Cinque Ports – Steven Alker, James Heath, Matthew Southgate
Woburn – Paul Dunne, Ryan Evans, Robert Rock

Alternates

To make up the full field of 156, additional places are allocated in ranking order from the Official World Golf Ranking at the time that these places are made available by the Championship Committee. Any places made available after 3 July will use the week 27 rankings. Eleven places were made available on 27 June based on the week 26 rankings.^[19]

1. James Hahn (ranked 58, week 26)
2. Gary Woodland (65)
3. Ryan Palmer (68)

4. Patton Kizzire (70)
5. Fabián Gómez (71)
6. Wang Jeung-hun (74)
7. Scott Hend (75)
8. Graeme McDowell (76)
9. Brendan Steele (77)
10. Francesco Molinari (78)
11. Tony Finau (79)
12. Jim Herman (80) – replaced Billy Hurley III
13. Marcus Fraser (81) – replaced Tiger Woods
14. Luke Donald (ranked 83, week 27) – replaced Jaco van Zyl^[20]
15. Daniel Summerhays (86) – replaced Stewart Cink^[21]
16. Charles Howell III (87) – *did not play due to injury*^[22]
17. Jamie Lovemark (88) – replaced Daniel Berger^[13]
18. Ian Poulter (90) – *did not play due to injury*
19. Colt Knost (92) – replaced Brooks Koepka^[12]

Nationalities in the field

North America (52)	South America (2)	Europe (61)	Oceania (14)	Asia (18)	Africa (9)
 <u>United States</u> (52)	 <u>Argentina</u> (2)	 <u>England</u> (24)	 <u>Australia</u> (11)	 <u>India</u> (1)	 <u>South Africa</u> (9)
		 <u>Northern Ireland</u> (3)	 <u>Fiji</u> (1)	 <u>Japan</u> (8)	
		 <u>Scotland</u> (6)	 <u>New Zealand</u> (2)	 <u>South Korea</u> (6)	
		 <u>Wales</u> (1)		 <u>Thailand</u> (3)	
		 <u>Ireland</u> (3)			
		 <u>Austria</u> (1)			
		 <u>Belgium</u> (2)			
		 <u>Denmark</u> (3)			
		 <u>France</u> (2)			
		 <u>Germany</u> (1)			
		 <u>Italy</u> (3)			
		 <u>Netherlands</u> (1)			
		 <u>Spain</u> (5)			
		 <u>Sweden</u> (6)			

Past champions in the field

Made the cut

Player	Country	Year(s) won	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	To par	Finish
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Phil Mickelson	 United States	2013	63	69	70	65	267	−17	2
Rory McIlroy	 Northern Ireland	2014	69	71	73	67	280	−4	T5
Zach Johnson	 United States	2015	67	70	75	71	283	−1	T12
Darren Clarke	 Northern Ireland	2011	71	72	73	70	286	+2	T30
Pádraig Harrington	 Ireland	2007, 2008	70	72	73	72	287	+3	T36
Mark O'Meara	 United States	1998	71	72	78	73	294	+10	T63
Paul Lawrie	 Scotland	1999	72	74	74	74	294	+10	T63

Missed the cut

Player	Country	Year(s) won	R1	R2	Total	To par
Ernie Els	 South Africa	2002, 2012	71	76	147	+5
Todd Hamilton	 United States	2004	75	73	148	+6
Justin Leonard	 United States	1997	70	78	148	+6
Mark Calcavecchia	 United States	1989	73	75	148	+6
John Daly	 United States	1995	75	76	151	+9
Louis Oosthuizen	 South Africa	2010	71	83	154	+12
Ben Curtis	 United States	2003	77	83	160	+18
Sandy Lyle	 Scotland	1985	85	78	163	+21
David Duval	 United States	2001	82		WD	

Round summaries

First round

Thursday, 14 July 2016

[Phil Mickelson](#) shot an 8-under-par 63 to take a three-shot lead over [Martin Kaymer](#) and [Patrick Reed](#). His 63 tied him with 27 others for the lowest round in a major championship.^{[23][24]} Mickelson had a 16-foot putt at the 18th to become the first player to score 62 at a major championship, but the putt lipped out of the hole.^[25]

Place	Player	Country	Score	To par
1	Phil Mickelson	 United States	63	−8
T2	Martin Kaymer	 Germany	66	−5
	Patrick Reed	 United States		
T4	Keegan Bradley	 United States	67	−4
	Tony Finau	 United States		
	Billy Horschel	 United States		
	Zach Johnson	 United States		
	Søren Kjeldsen	 Denmark		
	Steve Stricker	 United States		
	Andy Sullivan	 England		
	Justin Thomas	 United States		

Second round

Friday, 15 July 2016

[Phil Mickelson](#) maintained his lead at the halfway point at 132 (−10), a stroke ahead of [Henrik Stenson](#), whose 65 moved him into solo second place.^[26] The cut was at 146 (+4), allowing previous major champions [Jordan Spieth](#), [Danny Willett](#), and [Bubba Watson](#) to continue onto the third day. [Billy Horschel](#) started in joint fourth place, but had a dismal 85 to miss the cut by six strokes.^[27]

Place	Player	Country	Score	To par
1	Phil Mickelson	 United States	63-69=132	−10
2	Henrik Stenson	 Sweden	68-65=133	−9
T3	Keegan Bradley	 United States	67-68=135	−7
	Søren Kjeldsen	 Denmark	67-68=135	
5	Zach Johnson	 United States	67-70=137	−5
T6	Tony Finau	 United States	67-71=138	−4
	Sergio García	 Spain	68-70=138	
	Bill Haas	 United States	68-70=138	
	Andrew Johnston	 England	69-69=138	
	Charl Schwartzel	 South Africa	72-66=138	

Amateurs: [Gregory](#) (+9), [Mazzoli](#) (+12)

Third round

Saturday, 16 July 2016

[Henrik Stenson](#) (68) overtook [Phil Mickelson](#) (70) in the third round, taking a single-shot lead into the final round,^[28] with Mickelson five shots clear of the field.^[29]











Place	Player	Country	Score	To par
1	<u>Henrik Stenson</u>	 <u>Sweden</u>	68-65-68=201	−12
2	<u>Phil Mickelson</u>	 <u>United States</u>	63-69-70=202	−11
3	<u>Bill Haas</u>	 <u>United States</u>	68-70-69=207	−6
4	<u>Andrew Johnston</u>	 <u>England</u>	69-69-70=208	−5
5	<u>J. B. Holmes</u>	 <u>United States</u>	70-70-69=209	−4
T6	<u>Tony Finau</u>	 <u>United States</u>	67-71-72=210	−3
	<u>Søren Kjeldsen</u>	 <u>Denmark</u>	67-68-75=210	
	<u>Steve Stricker</u>	 <u>United States</u>	67-75-68=210	
T9	<u>Keegan Bradley</u>	 <u>United States</u>	67-68-76=211	−2
	<u>Sergio García</u>	 <u>Spain</u>	68-70-73=211	
	<u>Patrick Reed</u>	 <u>United States</u>	66-74-71=211	
	<u>Charl Schwartzel</u>	 <u>South Africa</u>	72-66-73=211	

Final round

Sunday, 17 July 2016












In what earned instant acclaim as one of the greatest final-round duels in major championship history,^[30] Henrik Stenson broke the aggregate scoring record for all majors while establishing a new Open Championship record on his way to his first career major win. In the final pairing with Phil Mickelson, Stenson began the round with a one-shot advantage. Mickelson quickly jumped into the lead with a birdie at the first while Stenson three-putted for bogey. Stenson rebounded with five birdies on the front nine while Mickelson recorded a birdie and an eagle at the par-5 fourth, giving Stenson back a one-shot lead at the turn.^[31]

Both birdied the tenth, then Stenson made bogey at the eleventh and they were tied again.^[32] Both parred the next two holes, then Stenson recorded three consecutive birdies, including a 51-foot (16 m) putt from off the green on the 15th to open up a two-shot lead. Mickelson narrowly missed an eagle putt on the 16th while Stenson got up and down from the greenside rough for a birdie to maintain the advantage. With another birdie at the 18th, Stenson tied the major championship scoring record at 63 (−8).^[33] Runner-up Mickelson shot 267 to equal the previous Open record set by Greg Norman in 1993. Eleven strokes behind Mickelson in solo third was J. B. Holmes at 278 (−6).

Place	Player	Country	Score	To par	Money (£)
1	Henrik Stenson	 Sweden	68-65-68-63=264	-20	1,175,000
2	Phil Mickelson	 United States	63-69-70-65=267	-17	675,000
3	J. B. Holmes	 United States	70-70-69-69=278	-6	433,000
4	Steve Stricker	 United States	67-75-68-69=279	-5	337,000
T5	Sergio García	 Spain	68-70-73-69=280	-4	235,667
	Tyrrell Hatton	 England	70-71-71-68=280		
	Rory McIlroy	 Northern Ireland	69-71-73-67=280		
8	Andrew Johnston	 England	69-69-70-73=281	-3	170,000
T9	Bill Haas	 United States	68-70-69-75=282	-2	135,333
	Dustin Johnson	 United States	71-69-72-70=282		
	Søren Kjeldsen	 Denmark	67-68-75-72=282		

Source:^[34]

Scorecard

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Par	4	4	4	5	3	5	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	5	3	4
 Stenson	-11	-12	-13	-14	-14	-15	-15	-16	-16	-17	-16	-16	-16	-17	-18	-19	-19	-20
 Mickelson	-12	-12	-12	-14	-14	-15	-15	-15	-15	-16	-16	-16	-16	-16	-16	-17	-17	-17
 Holmes	-4	-4	-4	-5	-5	-6	-7	-7	-7	-7	-7	-7	-7	-7	-5	-6	-6	-6
 Stricker	-3	-3	-3	-4	-4	-4	-5	-5	-5	-5	-5	-5	-5	-6	-6	-7	-5	-5
 García	-2	-2	-2	-3	-3	-3	-4	-5	-5	-4	-4	-4	-3	-3	-3	-4	-4	-4
 Hatton	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-3	-3	-3	-3	-2	-3	-3	-3	-3	-4	-4	-4
 McIlroy	E	-1	-1	-1	-2	-3	-3	-3	-4	-4	-3	-2	-3	-3	-3	-4	-4	-4
 Johnston	-6	-5	-6	-7	-7	-7	-7	-6	-6	-5	-5	-4	-4	-4	-3	-3	-3	-3
 Haas	-6	-6	-6	-6	-5	-4	-4	-3	-3	-3	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
 D. Johnson	-1	-1	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
 Kjeldsen	-3	-2	-2	-2	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2

Cumulative tournament scores, relative to par

	Eagle		Birdie		Bogey		Double bogey
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Records

- Stenson became the second to finish 20-under-par in a major championship, tying Jason Day's record from the PGA Championship in 2015.
- Stenson was the first to finish 20-under at the Open Championship, beating Tiger Woods' record of 19-under in 2000.
- Stenson's 264 set a new major championship record, beating David Toms' 265 in the PGA Championship in 2001.
- Stenson broke the previous Open Championship record by three shots, formerly 267, set by Greg Norman in 1993.
- Stenson's 63 (in round 4) and Mickelson's (in round 1) tied the major record for a round. It was the 28th and 29th time this score had been achieved, and Stenson was the 27th different player to do so. Stenson and Johnny Miller are the only players to shoot 63 in the final round of a major and win.^[35]
- Mickelson, age 46, became the oldest player to shoot a round of 63 in an Open Championship and also the second-oldest player to shoot 63 in any major championship; Gary Player shot 63 in the second round of the PGA Championship in 1984 at age 48.^[36]
- The 11-shot difference between Stenson and Mickelson with the rest of the field was the largest in history.^[37]

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