



125th BMW
Philadelphia Amateur
Championship

Aronimink Golf Club
Radley Run Country Club
June 9-11 & 13, 2025

Welcome Letter

Competitors,

Congratulations on qualifying for GAP's 125th BMW Philadelphia Amateur Championship, our association's longest running individual competition. Earning a spot in this year's championship was rigorous, with five qualifying sites spread across the GAP footprint. We fielded the largest entry pool in Amateur Championship history.

Golf in Philadelphia and GAP share a rich history and tradition. Aside from the USGA, we are the longest tenured golf association in the United States. Formed by a vision of individuals from four founding member clubs, including Aronimink Golf Club, we have grown to more than 325 member clubs and 130,000 members encompassing Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, Northern Maryland and South/Central New Jersey.

The 125th Amateur Championship will test players at the venerable Aronimink. Aronimink is a long-time supporter of GAP and our championships. The hosting of this year's Amateur will mark 25 GAP Majors hosted by Aronimink. We are also extremely fortunate and grateful to Aronimink and Radley Run Country Club, the second site for our stroke-play championship qualifying, for hosting this prized GAP Major.

We anticipate, given the strength of field and the test presented by Aronimink and Radley Run, history will be made. We're thrilled you are competing in GAP's 125th BMW Philadelphia Amateur Championship.

Play well!

Kenneth A. Phillips
President
Golf Association of Philadelphia

Glenn Meyer
Chairperson, Championship Committee
Golf Association of Philadelphia



Schedule of Events and Format

Day 1 - Monday, June 9

36-Hole Stroke Play Qualifying at Aronimink GC and Radley Run CC

144 players (72 on each course in morning/afternoon)

*Morning Wave: 7 - 8:50 a.m. off Tee 1 & 10 *boxed lunch to be provided at your morning wave golf course**

Afternoon Wave: 12:15 - 2:05 p.m. off Tee 1 & 10

***Following the second round of stroke play, the low 32 players will advance to match play all to be held at Aronimink GC. A playoff will also be conducted at Aronimink to determine final match play positions.**

Day 2 - Tuesday, June 10

Round of 32

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. off Tee 1 & 10

Round of 16

12 - 1 p.m. off Tee 1 & 10

Day 3 - Wednesday, June 11

Quarterfinals

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. off Tee 1

Semifinals

12 - 12:15 p.m. off Tee 1

Day 4 - Friday, June 13

36-Hole Final Match

7:30 a.m. off Tee 1 (first 18-hole round)

12 p.m. off Tee 1 (second 18-hole round)

***Following the final match, an awards ceremony and cocktail party will take place in the clubhouse.**



Course Overview

Aronimink Golf Club

Established: 1896



Architects: Donald Ross,
Ron Pritchard ('03), Gil Hanse ('18)

Greens: Penn A-1/A-4 Bentgrass

Fairways: L-93 Bentgrass

Rough: PennTrio Bentgrass

Course Rating/Slope: 75.5 / 144

Yardage: 7,267

General Manager/COO: Andrew Whitelaw

Head Golf Professional: Jeff D. Kiddie

Superintendent: John M. Gosselin

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Radley Run Country Club

Established: 1965

Architect: Alfred Tull

Greens: Bentgrass

Fairways: Bentgrass

Rough: Bentgrass

Course Rating/Slope: 73.1 / 138

Yardage: 6,847

General Manager: Michael Sofia

Director of Golf: Jonathan Arthur

Superintendent: Derek Wozniak

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Course Map



125th BMW Philadelphia Amateur Championship



HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	
YARDAGE	434	413	455	457	159	402	396	242	605	3563	
PAR	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	3	5	35	
HOLE	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOTAL
YARDAGE	444	425	466	385	221	515	556	229	463	3704	7267
PAR	4	4	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	35	70

History of Aronimink

Founded in 1896, Aronimink GC is one of the four founding clubs of the Golf Association of Philadelphia and will be hosting the BMW Philadelphia Amateur for the eighth time in the championships 125-year history. Last hosted in 2013, Michael McDermott won his second of three Philadelphia Amateur titles.



Along with its dedication to hosting amateur championships, Aronimink has been host to other premier golf championships over the years including:



1962 PGA Championship: Gary Player

1977 U.S. Amateur Championship: John Fought

1997 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship: Jason Allred 1-up over Trevor Immelman

2003 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship: John Jacobs

2010 & 2011 AT&T National: Justin Rose & Nick Watney

2018 BMW Championship: Keegan Bradley

2020 KPMG Women's Championship: Sei Young Kim

Aronimink is set to host the 2026 PGA Championship, which will coincide with the United States 250th anniversary of America's founding in 1776 in Philadelphia.



Player Information

STARTING TIMES AND PAIRINGS

Starting times and pairings will be emailed to players and posted online at gapgolf.org. Full coverage of the championship can be found on our social media pages by visiting [here](#).

PRACTICE ROUNDS

Practice rounds will not be available at Aronimink GC. Radley Run CC will be offering practice rounds for players only, call the golf shop at 610-793-1660. Rate: \$40 cart included.

TEES AND YARDAGES

Various yardages will be used throughout the duration of the championship from approximately 6,800 - 7,200 at both Aronimink GC and Radley Run CC.

PARKING AND REGISTRATION

- Self-parking will be available each day of the championship.
- There will not be a formal registration for players. Registration will be available for alternates checking in to standby.

DRIVING RANGE

The driving range will be open each day of the championship one hour prior to the first tee time.

LOCKER ROOM

Players will be allowed access to the locker room each day of the championship.

DRESS CODE / CLUB POLICIES

Players, caddies and spectators must abide by the club's dress code and all other guest policies. Visit [here](#) for more information.



Player Information

CADDIES

- Caddies will be allowed for the championship. If you need to request a caddie, please reach out to the Caddiemaster Tom Foley at Aronimink GC by calling 610-356-9148.
- Rates: \$105-\$125.
- Caddies will not be available through Radley Run.

FOOD SERVICE

- Lunch will be provided each day of the championship for PLAYERS ONLY courtesy of BMW. On Monday during qualifying, you will receive a boxed lunch in between rounds at the course you played in the morning.
- Caddies and spectators will have the opportunity to purchase food and beverage. Credit card only for all transactions.

SPECTATORS

- Spectators are welcome and encouraged to attend the 125th BMW Philadelphia Amateur Championship.
- Spectators will not be permitted in carts.
- If you have any questions leading up to the championship, please contact us at tournaments@gapgolf.org.



Rules of Play

AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION

- During a round, a player must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee (Model Local Rule G-6).
- Push or pull carts are allowed.

RULES OF PLAY

- Prior to participating, competitors must review the Golf Association of Philadelphia's [Policies & Procedures](#).
- The [Rules of Golf](#) as approved by the USGA and The R&A govern play as well as the [2025 GAP Hard Card](#).

PACE OF PLAY

Prompt pace of play will be expected throughout the duration of the championship. The following policies will be in effect:

Stroke Play Portion: [Four Checkpoint Pace of Play Policy](#)

Match Play Portion: [Time & Position](#)



Exemptions

- The past five William Hyndman III Player of the Year winners
- The past five Silver Cross winners
- The past 10 Philadelphia Amateur and Philadelphia Open champions
- 2024 BMW Philadelphia Amateur Match Play Contestants
- The past five Patterson Cup champions
- Top-15 and ties at the 2024 Patterson Cup
- Amateurs who finished Top-25 at the 2024 Philadelphia Open
- Low Amateur at the past five Philadelphia Opens
- The past three GAP Middle-Amateur champions
- Top-10 and ties at the 2024 Middle-Amateur Championship
- The past three Delaware Amateur and Delaware Open champions
- Top-5 and ties at the 2024 Delaware Amateur and Delaware Open
- 2024 Finalists at the Philadelphia Junior Boys and Junior Player of the Year
- Christman Cup Champion, Delaware Junior Champion
- 2024 Aronimink GC and Radley Run CC club champions
- Qualifiers from the 2024 U.S. Open, U.S. Amateur, U.S. Mid-Amateur, U.S. Senior Amateur and U.S. Senior Open
- 2024 Philadelphia Senior Champion and Senior Silver Cross Champion
- 2024 Senior Player of the Year
- 2024 Marston Cup Champion
- 2024 Delaware Mid-Amateur and Delaware Open Low Mid-Amateur
- Northeast Stroke Play Champion



Exemptions Earned

USGA Exemption Event

The champion of the 125th BMW Philadelphia Amateur Championship will receive a full exemption into the 125th U.S. Amateur Championship to be played from Aug, 11-17 at The Olympic Club.

Additionally, the following exemptions are earned from this year's championship:

Champion:

- 10-year exemption into the BMW Philadelphia Amateur
- 5-year exemption into the Patterson Cup
- 5-year exemption into the GAP Middle-Amateur, if eligible

Semifinalists:

Locally exempt from 2026 U.S. Amateur Qualifying

Quarterfinalists:

121st Philadelphia Open Championship

Match Play Contestants:

126th BMW Philadelphia Amateur Championship

****The 125th BMW Philadelphia Amateur Championship is an official World Amateur Golf Ranking Event****



2024 Recap

BARBIN CAPTURES PHILADELPHIA AMATEUR TITLE

LAFAYETTE HILL, Pa.- Austin Barbin's week ended like it started, in an extended embrace with father Andy and with another historic championship secured. Barbin, winner of the Maryland Amateur Sunday, added GAP's grandest prize Saturday with a dominant, 9&7, victory over Aaron Fricke of LuLu Country Club in the 124th BMW Philadelphia Amateur Championship at Whitemarsh Valley Country Club (par 72, 6,868 yards). Barbin, the first Amateur victor to represent Chesapeake Bay Golf Club, a club owned and operated by his family, never trailed in the 36-hole Final. The prodigious Barbin was clinical: long drives, sharp irons and a deft short-game. He, however, is not the first Barbin baby boy to bask in the Amateur spotlight. Brother Zach captured the 2020 edition at Lancaster Country Club. They are the fourth set of brothers to etch their names in the J. Wood Platt Amateur Championship Trophy. The Barbins join Albert H. and William P. Smith; J. Wood and Zimmer Platt and Ray and Andy Thompson. The Thompsons were the last duo engraved on the sterling silver trophy (Ray, 1972; Andy, 1986/1998). Austin Barbin is the first to win the GAP and Maryland amateurs in the same season.



2024 Recap

Father Andy was on the bag for both.

“It means so much, especially with it being Father’s Day weekend,” said Austin, 23, of Elkton, Md. “My dad has been there every step of the way. Like I said before, this tournament means a ton to me but it means more to him. To have two sons win this. It’s a blessing to have him on the bag. He’s my role model. He’s my best friend. We’re a good team and it’s just so much fun having him on the bag.”



“This is the one [Austin] wanted more than anything,” said Andy, 58. “We’re from Philly. Everything about my family is Philadelphia and Montgomery County (where Whitemarsh is located) and GAP. It’s a tournament Zach was thrilled to be able to get in 2020 and Austin’s wanted to do the same thing. [All four kids, Andrew, Jr., Zach, Austin and Evan] work hard at it. They were never told to practice, they all just love the game. [On the final hole], I had to fix a divot. I told him to slow down because I wanted to walk the last fairway with him. He’s as good as it gets. I don’t have to tell you that.”

Barbin buzzsawed his competition, regardless of location, all week.

He earned the No. 2 seed with a 6-under par score in qualifying (36 holes). His match victories, in order, 6&5, 3&2, 5&4, 3&2 and 9&7. In the Maryland Amateur, he qualified as the No. 3 seed at 3-under (18 holes). He then won his matches 6&4, 7&5, 1-up, 5&3 and 7&6.

“It was just a really special week. A long week. I didn’t have my best stuff the previous days but today I really had my “A” game,” said Barbin. “I knew if I had my “A” game I was going to be tough to beat. I’ve had different swing thoughts and swing feels every single day of this tournament. That’s not usually how I roll. I was really close to where I wanted to be with my swing. Yesterday, I went back to Chesapeake and got on some video and found a really good feel and rolled with it this morning. I was confident with it and here I am.”

On top of the GAP mountain.

Final

2. Austin Barbin, Chesapeake Bay GC, d. 8. Aaron Fricke, LuLu CC, 9&7.



Past Champions



2024

Austin Barbin
at Whitemarsh Valley CC



2023

Michael Crowley
at Huntingdon Valley CC



2022

Michael R. Brown, Jr.
at Philadelphia CC



2021

Conor McGrath
at Cedarbrook CC



2020

Zach Barbin
at Lancaster CC

For full list/history of BMW Philadelphia Amateur past champions, click [here](#).