

# The Plan for the Open Championship

There will be two important departures from previous practice in the 53rd Open Championship of the USGA.

The Championship Proper will be held at the Oakmont Country Club, Oakmont, Pa., June 11 through 13, and entries on official forms, accompanied by the \$10 entry fee, must be received at USGA headquarters no later than 5 P.M. on Monday, May 18.

First, a new form of Championship is being tested this year in an effort to reduce the premium on qualifiers' places. Sectional rounds will be conducted on the same basis as last year, except that 300 will be qualified instead of 162. Exemptions from sectional qualifying will remain as they have been.


A Championship Qualifying Round will be instituted for those who are successful in sectional rounds or exempt from sectional qualifying. This will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 9 and 10, at the Oakmont Country Club and the Pittsburgh Field Club, with half the field playing each course each day. Only the Champion, Julius Boros, will be exempt from this round. The 149 low scorers and those tied for 149th place will join Boros in the Championship Proper at the Oakmont Country Club, starting the next day. The Championship Proper will be conducted in the familiar pattern for a purse which has been increased from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Second, an attempt will be made to tighten the procedure invoked when a qualifier or exempt player withdraws after sectional qualifying and an alternate is notified of his eligibility to compete.

Every qualifier and exempt player will receive a Player's Certificate which certifies his eligibility to compete. If a holder withdraws, he must notify the cognizant official and return the certificate no later than 10 A.M. on Thursday, June 4, which is three days after the sectional qualifying. Failure to comply will render the player liable to possible disqualification from future USGA competitions. Eligible

players must also register at the Oakmont Country Club no later than 10 A. M., on Monday, June 8, or advise the USGA of a later time of arrival.

Thirty-four qualifying sections have been established. These sectional rounds will be at 36 holes, stroke play on Monday, June 1, except that the play in Honolulu will take place on May 25. Sites of sectional qualifying rounds follow:

<b>ALA.</b>	Birmingham	C. C. of Birmingham
<b>ARIZ.</b>	Phoenix	Arizona C. C.
<b>CAL.</b>	Los Angeles	Virginia C. C.
	San Francisco	Olympic C. C.
<b>COLO.</b>	Denver	Lakewood C. C.
<b>D. C.</b>	Washington	Congressional C. C.
<b>FLA.</b>	St. Petersburg	Lakewood C. C.
<b>HAWAII</b>	Honolulu	Waialae C. C.
<b>ILL.</b>	Chicago	Green Acres C. C. and Onwentsia C.
<b>IOWA</b>	Des Moines	Des Moines G. & C. C.
<b>LA.</b>	New Orleans	New Orleans C. C.
<b>MASS.</b>	Boston	Charles River C. C.
<b>MICH.</b>	Detroit	Knollwood C. C. and Orchard Lake C. C.
	Grand Rapids	Kent C. C.
<b>MINN.</b>	Minneapolis	Inter'achen
<b>MO.</b>	Kansas City	Indian Hills C. C.
	St. Louis	Bellerive C. C.
<b>N. J.</b>	Boonton	Knoll G. C.
<b>N. M.</b>	Albuquerque	Albuquerque C. C.
<b>N. Y.</b>	Buffalo	Brookfield C. C.
	New York	Winged Foot G. C.
	Troy	C. C. of Troy
<b>N. C.</b>	Charlotte	Myers Park C.
<b>OHIO</b>	Cincinnati	Maketewah C. C.
	Cleveland	Mayfield C. C. and Oakwood C.
<b>OKLA.</b>	Tulsa	Oaks C. C.
<b>PA.</b>	Philadelphia	Manufacturers' G. & C. C. and North Hills C. C.
	Pittsburgh	Allegheny C. C. and Shannopin C. C.
<b>TENN.</b>	Memphis	Colonial C. C.
<b>TEXAS</b>	Fort Worth	Colonial C. C.
	Houston	Lakeside C. C.
	Lubbock	Lubbock C. C.
<b>WASH.</b>	Seattle	Seattle G. C.
<b>W. VA.</b>	Huntington	Guyan G. & C. C.