

# 79 COURSES REQUIRED TO DETERMINE OPEN FIELD

Oakmont is host  
to Open  
for the 4th time

The use of 79 golf courses will be required in determining the final field for the 62nd National Open Championship at the Oakmont Country Club, Oakmont, Pa., June 14-16.

The 150 players at Oakmont will be decided by qualifying competitions and by two exempt lists, one excusing certain players from all qualifying and the second exempting players from Local Qualifying only.

## Two Part Qualifying

Qualifying again will be divided into two parts—61 Local Qualifying Rounds and 13 Sectional Qualifying Championships. All trials will be over 36 holes stroke play. Entries for the title held by Gene Littler must arrive by 5 P.M. on May 2 at the USGA office, 40 East 38th St., New York 16, N. Y.

Last year there was an entry of 2,449 players, four less than the record entry of 2,453 set in 1960.

After Local Qualifying, the eligible field for the 13 Sectional Qualifying Championships will approximate 20 per cent of total entries, excluding those exempted from both qualifying series.

## Purse of \$70,000

The 72-hole Championship will carry a \$70,000 purse for professionals. The winner's share will be \$15,000. Every professional who returns a 72-hole score will receive at least \$300, and every amateur who returns a 72-hole score will receive a gold medal.

Prize money in each of the 13 Sectional Qualifying Championships will be \$600. The lowest scoring professional will receive \$300, the second-place professional \$200 and the third-place professional \$100. A total of \$7,800 will be awarded at the 13 Sectional Qualifying Championships. Thus, the total prize money for all phases of the Open Championship will be \$77,800.

This will be the fourth Open Cham-

the head professional of the Okamont Country Club (Lew Worsham). The championship played at Oakmont. Tommy Armour won there in 1927; Sam Parks, Jr., won in 1935; and Ben Hogan won his fourth Open at Oakmont in 1953.

Seven categories of players will be exempted from all qualifying. They are:

The last five individuals to win the Open—Gene Littler, Arnold Palmer, Bill Casper, Jr., Tommy Bolt and Dick Mayer; 1961 USGA Amateur Champion (Jack Nicklaus is now ineligible for this class of exemption as he is no longer an amateur); 1961 PGA Champion—Jerry Barber; 1961 British Open Champion—Arnold Palmer; 1961 British Amateur Champion—Michael F. Bonallack; the 10 lowest scorers and and tying for 10th place in the 1961 Open—Gene Littler, Bob Goalby, Doug Sanders, Jack Nicklaus, Mike Souchak, Dow Finsterwald, Doug Ford, Eric Monti, Jacky Cupit, Gardner Dickinson, Jr., and Gary Player; the 10 leading money-winners in the PGA official list for one year ending with the PGA tournament immediately before the closing date for Open entries (May 2).

## 10 Categories Exempt

Ten categories of players will be exempted from Local Qualifying. They are:

All former Open Champions; all former USGA Amateur Champions; all former PGA Champions; all former British Open Champions; members of the 1961 USGA Walker Cup and Americas Cup teams; members of the 1961 U. S. Ryder Cup team; the 20 lowest scorers and any tying for 20th place in the 1961 Open; the 20 lowest scorers and any tying for 20th place in the 1961 PGA Championship; the 20 leading money-winners and any tying for 20th place in the PGA official list for one year ending with the PGA tournament immediately before the closing date for Open entries (May 2);

# OPEN QUALIFYING SCHEDULE

<b>LOCAL QUALIFYING</b>							
Friday, May 18		KY.	LOUISVILLE	TEXAS	DALLAS		
		MD.	BALTIMORE		HOUSTON		
		MASS.	WORCESTER	UTAH	FARMINGTON		
CALIF.	OAKLAND	MICH.	DETROIT	VA.	RICHMOND		
			GRAND RAPIDS	WASH.	SEATTLE		
	Monday, May 21	MINN.	ST. PAUL		SPOKANE		
ALA.	BIRMINGHAM	MISS.	JACKSON	W. VA.	HUNTINGTON		
ARIZ.	PHOENIX	MO.	KANSAS CITY		MILWAUKEE		
ARK.	HOT SPRINGS		ST. LOUIS				
CALIF.	LOS ANGELES	NEB.	LINCOLN	<b>SECTIONAL QUALIFYING</b>			
	SAN DIEGO	N. M.	ALBUQUERQUE	Monday, June 4			
COLO.	DENVER	N. Y.	ALBANY	COLO.	DENVER		
CONN.	HAMDEN		ROCHESTER	MO.	KANSAS CITY		
D. C.	WASHINGTON	N. C.	BURLINGTON	OHIO	CINCINNATI		
FLA.	JACKSONVILLE	N. D.	FARGO	TENN.	MEMPHIS		
	MIAMI	OHIO	CINCINNATI	TEXAS	DALLAS		
	TAMPA		COLUMBUS	WASH.	TACOMA		
GA.	ATLANTA		TOLEDO	Tuesday, June 5			
HAWAII	HONOLULU	OKLA.	OKLAHOMA CITY	CALIF.	SAN FRANCISCO		
IDAHO	BOISE	ORE.	PORTLAND	D. C.	WASHINGTON		
ILL.	CHICAGO	PA.	HARRISBURG	GA.	ATLANTA		
	SPRINGFIELD		PHILADELPHIA	ILL.	CHICAGO		
IND.	INDIANAPOLIS		PITTSBURGH	MICH.	DETROIT		
	SOUTH BEND	S. C.	CAMDEN	N. J.	MONTCLAIR		
IOWA	DES MOINES	TENN.	MEMPHIS	PA.	PITTSBURGH		
KANSAS	WICHITA		NASHVILLE				

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