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Golf has championship tournaments known as the majors. They are played all over the world.

### MEN'S MAJORS



#### THE MASTERS

Played at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia (USA).  
Each hole is named after a plant or shrub; for example, hole 4 is named "owering crab apple."



Green Jacket

April



#### THE PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Run by the Professional Golfers Association.  
The silver Wanamaker Trophy measures 28 inches high and 27 inches across at its widest point. It weighs 27 pounds and is one of the heaviest and largest trophies in golf.



Wanamaker Trophy

May



#### THE UNITED STATES OPEN

Open to all qualifying competitors and run by the U.S. Golf Association.  
The worst single hole score in a US Open was Ray Ainsley in 1938, who shot 19 as he kept swinging while his ball "oated down stream on hole 16.



US Open Trophy

June



#### THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (THE BRITISH OPEN)

Held in the United Kingdom (U.K.) and run by the Royal & Ancient Club (R&A).  
When Bob Charles won in 1963 he became the first left-hander to win one of golf's professional majors.



Claret Jug

July



There are three team events that are not majors but are very important.



**Ryder Cup**  
Played by men every two years between teams from Europe and the United States



**Presidents Cup**  
Played by men every two years between teams from the United States and the rest of the world (not including Europe).



**Solheim Cup**  
Played by women every two years between teams from Europe and the United States

### WOMEN'S MAJORS



#### ANA INSPIRATION

Played at Mission Hills Country Club Rancho Mirage, California (USA).  
Winners traditionally jump, cannonball, or dive into Poppies Pond, which surrounds the 18th green.



Dinah Shore Trophy

March



#### U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN

Open to all qualifying competitors and run by the U.S. Golf Association.  
Patty Berg defeated Betty Jameson 5-and-4 in the 36-hole championship match of the first U.S. Women's Open in 1946. This is the only time match play was the format.



US Open Trophy

May



#### KPMG WOMEN'S PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Run by the PGA of America and the Ladies Professional Golf Association.  
First played in 1955, making this the second oldest tournament on the LPGA Tour (behind the U.S. Women's Open).



KPMG Trophy

June



#### EVIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Played at the Evian Masters Golf Club Evian-les-Bains, France.  
The Evian Masters was first played in 1994, and it became an official LPGA Tour event in 2000 and became a major in 2013.



Evian Trophy

July



#### RICOH WOMEN'S BRITISH OPEN

Held in the United Kingdom (U.K.) and run by the Ladies Golf Union.  
The first 62 recorded in a major championship (men's or women's) happened in this tournament. In 2004, Minea Blomqvist shot 62 in the third round at Sunningdale.



Ricoch Trophy

August

## MAJOR FACTS

Jack Nicklaus has the most men's major wins.

Tiger Woods has the most wins of active golfers with 15.

Patty Berg has the most women's major wins.

Only five male golfers have won all four of golf's majors, also known as a Career Grand Slam

- Gene Sarazen
- Ben Hogan
- Gary Player
- Jack Nicklaus
- Tiger Woods

## QUESTIONS:

Can you name which country the Evian Championship is played in?

Can you list in order when the majors are played?

What are the three team events?