



Latin America
Amateur
Championship

SANTA MARÍA GOLF CLUB • PANAMÁ • 2024

FACT SHEET

Overview

- **Countries and Territories Represented:** 29
- **Course:** Santa María Golf Club; Par 70, 7,107 yards
- **Dates:** January 18-21, 2024
- **Field:** 108 players comprised of the top male amateurs in Latin America representing the 29 IOC-recognized countries and territories from the region that are current members of the International Golf Federation.
- **Format:** 72 holes, stroke play with a cut taking place after 36 holes for the leading 50 players plus ties. In the event of a tie after 72 holes, the winner is decided by a sudden-death playoff.
- **History:** Created in 2014 as a joint initiative to further develop amateur golf in Latin America by the USGA, the Masters Tournament and The R&A.
- **Invitations and Exemptions:** The champion will receive an invitation into the Masters Tournament and exemptions into The Open, the U.S. Open, The Amateur Championship and the U.S. Amateur Championship; the runner(s)-up will receive an exemption into The Open Qualifying Series and the U.S. Open Qualifying Series.

Santa María Golf Club

For the first time, Santa María Golf Club will host the Latin America Amateur Championship. Santa María Golf Club was designed in Panamá by Nicklaus Design, the golf firm founded by Jack Nicklaus, and offers views of the nearby Panamá City skyline. The course opened in 2012 and has since hosted elite junior events over the past decade. The parkland-style golf course northeast of downtown Panamá City features undulating greens and presents a number of bunkers and lakes.

Scorecard

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	
Par	4	5	3	4	3	4	4	4	4	35	
Yardage	405	594	212	445	177	365	525	468	433	3,624	
Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Par	5	4	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	35	70
Yardage	575	313	362	470	220	393	509	183	458	3,483	7,107



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Past Champions

Year	Champion	Venue
2015	Matias Dominguez (Chile)	Pilar Golf (Argentina)
2016	Paul Chaplet (Costa Rica)	Casa De Campo (Dominican Republic)
2017	Toto Gana (Chile)	Club de Golf de Panamá (Panamá)
2018	Joaquin Niemann (Chile)	Prince of Wales Country Club (Chile)
2019	Alvaro Ortiz (Mexico)	Casa De Campo (Dominican Republic)
2020	Abel Gallegos (Argentina)	El Camaleon Golf Club (Mexico)
2022	Aaron Jarvis (Cayman Islands)	Casa De Campo (Dominican Republic)
2023	Mateo Fernandez de Oliveira (Argentina)	Grand Reserve Golf Club (Puerto Rico)

Digital and Television Coverage

Coverage of the Latin America Amateur Championship can be followed online at www.LAACgolf.com or on social media @LAACgolf.

Championship coverage will include three hours of live coverage all four days. A 30-minute wrap-up highlight show will also be produced after the conclusion of the final round. In addition to broadcasters around the world, the entire broadcast will be simulcast on LAACGolf.com. The television commentary team will feature Rich Lerner, Andy North, Colt Knost, Iona Stephen and John Sutcliffe.

2024 Broadcasters

- Fox Sports (Australia)
- SPOTV Asia (Pan-Asia)
- SBS Sports (Korea)
- Sky Sports (United Kingdom)
- ESPN (Latin America and United States)
- SuperSport (Southern Africa)
- TSN (Canada)
- Warner Bros. Discovery (Europe)



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Qualifying Standards

Invitations for the championship are sent to the leading players from the 29 IOC-recognized countries and territories from this region that are current members of the International Golf Federation. Each country is automatically provided with two positions, which are to be filled by their best-ranked players from the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR). If there is only one player or there are no players from the country in WAGR, a federation is able to nominate one or two players, provided the player(s) have a handicap of 5.4 or less. The host country can nominate enough players, if needed, to fill up to six positions. The remainder of the field is filled by taking the next best-ranked players from WAGRTM.

Past champions are exempt for a five-year period from the year of their win, provided they maintain their Amateur Status. The first five and anyone tying for fifth place from the 2023 Latin America Amateur Championship also received an automatic exemption into the 2024 LAAC, provided they maintained their Amateur Status.