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TOLEDO 2021



THE SOLHEIM CUP COMBINES THE TRADITION OF THE GAME OF GOLF WITH THE PASSION FOR ONE'S COUNTRY.

It is a biennial, trans-Atlantic team match-play competition featuring the best U.S.-born players from the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) and the best European members from the Ladies European Tour (LET). It's a passionate competition where spectators literally cheer on their team.

2021 SOLHEIM CUP: AN OVERVIEW & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Competition: The Solheim Cup is like no other women's golf tournament in the world. It's a chance for the women of the LPGA to compete with passion for their team and country and for spectators to loudly cheer them on!

The Solheim Cup has grown into the most prestigious international women's professional golf team event in the world. Team USA leads the competition 10-5. However, in the last tournament, 2019 in Gleneagles, Scotland, LET won on the last hole, with the last putt. Team USA will be out to reclaim The Cup!

Dates: August 31st-September 6th, 2021

Site: Inverness Club, Toledo, OH

Course: The Donald Ross-designed Inverness Club boasts a major championship pedigree having hosted many of the premier championships in golf including four U.S. Opens (1920, 1931, 1957, 1979), two PGA Championships (1986, 1993) and, most recently, the 2003 & 2011 U.S. Senior Open Championships.

History: The Solheim Cup is named in honor of Karsten Solheim, the founder of Karsten Manufacturing Corporation, which makes PING golf equipment. In 1990, the Solheim family, in conjunction with the LPGA and the LET, developed the concept and became the title sponsor for the Solheim Cup. Today, the Global Partners of the Solheim Cup are PING, Rolex and Marathon Petroleum.

Throughout the years, the Solheim Cup has increased in popularity on both sides of the ocean. Sellout crowds of more than 100,000 were hosted at Crooked Stick Golf Club in 2005, with an even larger gathering of over 120,000 hosted at Rich Harvest Farms in 2009. At Colorado Golf Club in 2013, crowds were again in excess of 100,000*, and they reached



over 125,000 at Des Moines Golf Club in 2017**. When the Solheim Cup comes to Inverness Club in 2021, the LPGA anticipates its largest attendance number in history.

Anticipated attendance for The 2021 Solheim Cup is expected to exceed over 125,000—42% in state, 52% outside the state and 4% international. And, the economic impact for our region is expected to exceed \$32 million!

Scoring: Scoring is based on a points system, with 28 total points available over the three days of competition. One point is awarded for each match won, and half a point is given to each team for matches that end in a tie. The defending European team needs 14 points to retain the Solheim Cup, while the U.S. would require 14 ½ points to win the Solheim Cup.

Television coverage: Golf Channel and the LPGA's television partners will broadcast the competition in more than 170 countries, bringing our city to fans literally around the globe.

Solheim Cup Trophy: 17 ⅝-⁸-inch Waterford Crystal Cup with a 2 ½-²-inch mahogany base

***2013 Solheim Cup, Colorado Golf Club, Parker, CO**

- Attendance 110,000
- Total direct spending of those outside the region amounted to an estimated \$14.87 million
- Created an estimated \$31.04 million in new economic activity in Colorado

****2017 Solheim Cup, Des Moines Golf & Country Club, Des Moines, IA**

- 125,000 fans from all 50 states (58% of ticket purchasers came from outside the state of Iowa); 1900 volunteers came from 6 different countries
- 7.3 million television viewers tuned into NBC/Golf Channel over the three days of competition with an all-time Solheim Cup record on Friday
- Golf Channel's live coverage of the final day drew 795,000 avg. viewers, becoming the most-watched women's golf telecast on cable in the last eight years
- LPGA.com up over 130% vs. 2015 with over one million video views
- Over one billion impressions were generated through social media/Twitter, Instagram and Google+
- According to the World Golf Foundation an estimated economic impact of \$32M

TEAM Selection & Captains

The 2021 U.S. Solheim Cup Team will be comprised of 12 American players from the LPGA Tour who are selected in the following order:

1. The top eight players on the U.S. Solheim Cup points list at the end of the Qualifying Period (date to be determined).
2. The top two American players on the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings at the end of the Qualifying Period who are not already qualified.
3. Two players as selected by the U.S. Solheim Cup Team Captain.

The USA Captain, Pat Hurst, is a six-time LPGA Tour champion. The Assistant Captain, Angela Stanford, is a six-time veteran of Team USA and the winner of the 2018 Evian Championship.



The 2021 European Solheim Cup Team will be comprised of 12 European players from the Ladies European Tour (LET) who are selected in the following order:

1. The top three players on the LET Solheim Cup points list at the end of the Qualifying Period (date to be determined).
2. The top five European players on the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings at the end of the Qualifying Period who are not already qualified.
3. Four players as selected by the European Solheim Cup Team Captain.

The European Captain, Catriona Matthew, is a four-time LPGA Tour champion.

****Schedule of Events**

Tuesday, Aug. 31st

- Opening Day of the 2021 Solheim Cup
- Solheim After Sundown Downtown Toledo - Hensville

Wednesday, Sept. 1st

- Team Practice Rounds
- On-Site Activities

Thursday, Sept. 2nd

- Team Practice Rounds
- Special Event
- On-Site Activities

Friday, Sept. 3rd

- Team Practice Rounds
- Special Event
- On-Site Activities
- Opening Ceremony Downtown Toledo - Promenade Park followed by a concert

Saturday, Sept. 4th

- AM foursome matches (4); PM four-ball matches (4)

Sunday, Sept. 5th

- AM foursome matches (4); PM four-ball matches (4)

Monday, Sept. 6th Labor Day

- Singles Matches (12); Closing Ceremony on the 1st & 10th Tee

***all events are subject to change*

All-Time Solheim Cup Results

Overall Records:

USA, 10-6 (1990, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2002, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2015, 2017)

Europe, 6-10 (1992, 2000, 2003, 2011, 2013, 2019)



When and Where was the last Solheim Cup competed?

The 2019 Solheim Cup was contested in Gleneagles, Scotland, at the PGA Centenary Course from September 13-15. The European women captured the Solheim Cup 14.5 to 13.5 during the final putt in what has now become the biggest cliffhanger in the history of the tournament. We're already looking forward to the USA women taking back victory in Toledo, where a great deal of friendly competition undoubtedly awaits.

PING Jr. Solheim Cup

Founded by Karsten and Louise Solheim, longtime supporters of the LPGA and American Junior Golf Association, the PING Junior Solheim Cup has biennially featured the 12 best female junior golfers (ages 12-18) from the United States against their European counterparts. The match play team event includes foursomes, four ball and singles formats played over two days and has celebrated girls' golf since 2002.

What Goes on Solheim Cup Week?

- Practice Days at Inverness Club: Tuesday, August 31 through Friday, September 3
 - Be on site Tuesday for the Opening Day of the 2021 Solheim Cup! Those who attend will be the first to see the course set-up and the official Solheim Cup merchandise.
 - Practice Days are great days for the family to attend, as juniors (17 and younger) are admitted free to the Grounds with a ticketed adult.
- Military Appreciation: To honor the men and women who serve our country in the United States Armed Forces, the LPGA/Solheim Cup is pleased to offer Active Duty, Military Retirees, Active Reserve, National Guard and their accompanying spouse/partner complimentary grounds tickets during the Practice Days, Tuesday thru Friday, regardless of sell-out. Complimentary military tickets do not gain access into private hospitality areas or the Solheim Cup Pavilion.
- Stay tuned for additional information and special events throughout the week.
- Competition Days at Inverness Club: Saturday, September 4 through Monday, September 6
 - **Saturday, Sept. 4th**
 - AM foursome matches (4); PM four-ball matches (4)
 - **Sunday, Sept. 5th**
 - AM foursome matches (4); PM four-ball matches (4)
 - **Monday, Sept. 6th (Labor Day Monday)**
 - Singles Matches (12); Closing Ceremony on the 1st & 10th Tee



Additional Information:

Expected attendance of Solheim Cup 2021: 150,000+

- 2017 tickets purchased - 42% in state, 52% outside the state, 4% International

Q: Will there be upgraded tickets available for Purchase?

A: Yes. Please visit SolheimCupUSA.com for information on ticket and hospitality options.

Q: How can I get involved with Solheim Cup?

A: There are a lot of opportunities to volunteer, show your support and help spread the word about The 2021 Solheim Cup! Find more information on how to volunteer at solheimcup.com/volunteers

Q: Can I purchase any Solheim Cup merchandise?

A: Visit SolheimCupUSA.com for merchandise options.

Q: What was the economic impact of the Solheim Cup in 2017?

A: Estimated over \$32 million.

Q: What makes one eligible to play on the U.S. Solheim Cup Team?

A: The following conditions must be met:

- A player born under U.S. citizenship. That means a player who is born outside the United States but is the child of a U.S. citizen now becomes eligible.
- A player who becomes a naturalized U.S. citizen before the age of 18.
- A player who becomes a U.S. citizen via adoption to U.S. parents by the age of 13.

Q: Do I have to know about golf or be a member of a country club to enjoy the tournament?

A: You don't have to be a golf fan, be a member of Inverness Club or to have ever even played golf to get involved. Anyone can enjoy the 2021 Solheim and the opportunity to cheer on Team USA.

Please visit SolheimCupUSA.com for information on ticket and hospitality options. And, if you're interested in volunteering visit solheimcup.com/volunteers. Also, engage with us on the following social media platforms: **Facebook**, **Twitter**, **Instagram** and **YouTube** for the latest updates on the 2021 Solheim Cup.