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## **Spieth wins second major in a row on the road to the 2016 Hyundai Tournament of Champions**

Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii – The youngest person to win two major championships since Gene Sarazen in 1922, Jordan Spieth, marked his name on a long list of historical records with his victory on Sunday at the U.S. Open at Chambers Bay. The win was the third of the season for Spieth on the road to Kapalua, who is eligible for his second Hyundai Tournament of Champions Jan. 6-10 at the Kapalua Resort in Hawaii.

Spieth, who is the youngest to win the U.S. Open since Bobby Jones in 1923, appeared to gain control of the event on the 16th green when he converted a long birdie putt at the short par-4, but followed with an untimely three-putt that led to a double-bogey on the very next hole. After a clutch birdie at the par-5 18th, Spieth watched as Dustin Johnson stepped on the 18<sup>th</sup> tee only one shot off the lead. Johnson ripped a drive into the fairway and needed just a five-iron to reach the par-5 in two, which he hit to 12 feet. Needing to make the putt to win, Johnson ran the first putt by the hole and missed the comeback putt, costing him a chance at his first major championship.

All four major championship titles are currently held by the two youngest leaders in Official World Golf Ranking history: Spieth, who also won the Masters this year; and Rory McIlroy, who won the Open Championship and the PGA Championship in 2014. McIlroy is fourth in the FedExCup standings on the back of his two wins at the World Golf Championships-Cadillac Match Play and the Wells Fargo Championship, and make him eligible for the winners-only Hyundai Tournament of Champions in January.

Spieth's historical superlatives are lengthy following his triumphant week at a difficult and dry Chambers Bay. He is just the sixth man in history to win the Masters and the U.S. Open in the same year, Tiger Woods being the last to do so in 2002. Notably, in 1960, Arnold Palmer also captured the year's first two majors before heading to St. Andrews in Scotland to attempt to win the third leg of the modern Grand Slam; he finished second. This year's Open Championship is also being played at the home of golf in St. Andrews.

2016 would mark Spieth's second start in Hyundai Tournament of Champions. In his first start in 2014, Spieth finished runner-up, just one shot behind Zach Johnson.

Other winners that have recently made themselves eligible for the winners-only event include Fabian Gomez (FedEx St. Jude Classic), David Lingmerth (the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide

Insurance), Steven Bowditch (AT&T Byron Nelson) and Chris Kirk (Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial).

The first PGA TOUR event of the calendar year, the Hyundai Tournament of Champions is the only event on the schedule that features all winners from the previous calendar year. This year, Patrick Reed defeated Jimmy Walker on the first playoff hole, after a brilliant final-round 67 that saw him hole out for eagle on the par-4 16th.

The Hyundai Tournament of Champions returns to The Plantation Course at the Kapalua Resort Jan. 6-10, 2016. If you are interested in the 2016 Hyundai Tournament of Champions Pro-Am, please contact Nancy Cross at (808) 665-9160 or [nancycross@pgatourhq.com](mailto:nancycross@pgatourhq.com).

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