HOST SHEET — ANSWERS INSIDE Do not hand this sheet to the players.

Golf and Masters Trivia Questions

3 rounds · 31 question · about 45 min

How to run it

1. Print one host sheet for yourself and one team answer sheet per team. The host sheet has the key on it — keep it face down.
2. Three to five people per team, mixed if you can: a casual fan and a superfan remember different things.
3. Read each question twice, then give about thirty seconds.
4. Teams swap sheets at the end of each round and mark each other while you read the answers. One point for each correct answer.
5. The line under each answer on the host sheet is there to be read out once the answer is in.

ROUND 1 — The Basics — Scoring, Rules & Equipment

1. What is the term for a score of one stroke under par on a single hole?

- **A** **Birdie**
- B Eagle
- C Albatross
- D Bogey

Answer: A — Birdie

Worth adding: "Bird" was American slang for anything excellent around 1900, and a "bird of a shot" at Atlantic City Country Club gave the one-under score its name.

2. A score of two strokes under par on a single hole is called what?

- A Double birdie
- B Buzzard
- **C** **Eagle**
- D Condor

Answer: C — Eagle

Worth adding: Once "birdie" caught on, golfers simply reached for a bigger bird, and the eagle became the natural step up from one-under to two-under.

3. What is a score of one stroke OVER par on a hole called?

- A Snowman
- B Birdie
- C Par-plus
- **D** **Bogey**

Answer: D — Bogey

Worth adding: "Bogey" originally meant the score a good player should make, but as equipment improved the standard score became "par" and bogey slid to one shot worse.

4. Under the Rules of Golf, what is the maximum number of clubs a player may carry during a stipulated round?

A 16

B 14

C 12

D There is no limit

Answer: B — 14

Worth adding: The 14-club limit was introduced in 1938 to stop players from carrying 20+ clubs and forcing caddies to haul enormous bags.

5. In which U.S. state is Augusta National Golf Club, home of the Masters, located?

A Florida

B Georgia

C South Carolina

D North Carolina

Answer: B — Georgia

Worth adding: Augusta sits on the Georgia side of the Savannah River, across from South Carolina, and the Masters has been played there every April since 1934, apart from the war years.

6. What garment is presented to the winner of the Masters Tournament?

A A green jacket

B A red cardigan

C A gold waistcoat

D A tartan blazer

Answer: A — A green jacket

Worth adding: Green jackets were first worn by Augusta National members in 1937 so patrons could spot a club official, and from 1949 the champion received one too.

7. Which of the four men's majors is played on the same course every single year?

A The Open Championship

B The U.S. Open

C The Masters

D The PGA Championship

Answer: C — The Masters

Worth adding: The Masters is the only major run by a single private club, Augusta National, while the other three rotate among many venues.

8. What is the famous trophy awarded to the winner of The Open Championship?

A The Walker Cup

B The Wanamaker Trophy

C The Ryder Cup

D The Claret Jug

Answer: D — The Claret Jug

Worth adding: Officially called the Golf Champion Trophy, the silver claret jug was made in 1872 to replace the original Challenge Belt that Young Tom Morris won outright.

9. The Ryder Cup is a team competition contested between the United States and which other side?

A The Rest of the World

B Europe

C Great Britain only

D Asia

Answer: B — Europe

Worth adding: The match was USA vs. Great Britain (later Great Britain & Ireland) until 1979, when continental European players were added to make the contest more competitive.

10. Which legendary golfer was nicknamed "The Golden Bear"?

A Gary Player

B Arnold Palmer

C Jack Nicklaus

D Sam Snead

Answer: C — Jack Nicklaus

Worth adding: The nickname came from Nicklaus's blond hair and powerful build, and a golden bear logo still appears on his clothing and course-design brand.

11. In 1997, which 21-year-old won the Masters by a record 12 strokes?

A Tiger Woods

B Phil Mickelson

C Ernie Els

D Justin Leonard

Answer: A — Tiger Woods

Worth adding: Woods's 18-under-par 270 made him the youngest Masters champion ever and his 12-shot margin remains the tournament's largest.

12. Which three holes at Augusta National make up the stretch known as "Amen Corner"?

A Holes 13, 14 and 15

B Holes 16, 17 and 18

C Holes 9, 10 and 11

D Holes 11, 12 and 13

Answer: D — Holes 11, 12 and 13

Worth adding: Writer Herbert Warren Wind coined the name in 1958, borrowing it from the jazz tune "Shoutin' in That Amen Corner" to describe the 11th, 12th and 13th.

ROUND 2 — Majors, Traditions & The Old Course

13. What is the usual name for a score of three strokes under par on one hole?

A Falcon

B Albatross

C Condor

D Ostrich

Answer: B — Albatross

Worth adding: Continuing the bird theme, the rare three-under score is called an albatross in Britain and a "double eagle" in the United States.

14. What is the standard diameter of a golf hole?

A 6 inches (152 mm)

B 3.25 inches (83 mm)

C 4.25 inches (108 mm)

D 5.25 inches (133 mm)

Answer: C — 4.25 inches (108 mm)

Worth adding: The size traces back to a hole-cutting tool made at Musselburgh in 1829, and the R&A wrote the 4.25-inch measurement into the rules in 1891.

15. Which trophy is presented to the champion of the PGA Championship?

A The Claret Jug

B The Vardon Trophy

C The FedEx Cup

D The Wanamaker Trophy

Answer: D — The Wanamaker Trophy

Worth adding: Department-store magnate Rodman Wanamaker helped found the PGA of America in 1916 and donated the huge silver trophy that still bears his name.

16. Augusta National Golf Club was co-founded by Clifford Roberts and which famous amateur golfer?

A Bobby Jones

B Harry Vardon

C Francis Ouimet

D Walter Hagen

Answer: A — Bobby Jones

Worth adding: Jones retired in 1930 after winning that year's Grand Slam and channelled his energy into building his dream course in Augusta, which opened in 1932.

17. At the Masters Champions Dinner, who chooses the menu?

A The club chairman

B The Augusta National head chef

C A vote of all past champions

D The defending champion

Answer: D — The defending champion

Worth adding: The reigning champion hosts and picks the food, which is why menus have ranged from haggis to cheeseburgers depending on the winner's nationality and taste.

18. On the Old Course at St Andrews, which hole is famously known as the "Road Hole"?

- **A** **The 17th**
- B The 11th
- C The 18th
- D The 1st

Answer: A — The 17th

Worth adding: The 17th is named for the road and stone wall running hard against the back of the green, punishing anyone who flies the putting surface.

19. In the Ryder Cup format known as "foursomes", how do the two partners play?

- A Each plays their own ball and the better score counts
- **B** **They alternate shots using a single ball**
- C They add both scores together on every hole
- D All four players play one ball in rotation

Answer: B — They alternate shots using a single ball

Worth adding: Foursomes is alternate shot — one ball per team with players taking turns, which is why partners must agree on who tees off on odd and even holes.

20. The first Masters Tournament was played in 1934. Who won it?

- A Gene Sarazen
- B Bobby Jones
- **C** **Horton Smith**
- D Byron Nelson

Answer: C — Horton Smith

Worth adding: Smith won the inaugural event, which was then called the Augusta National Invitation Tournament and did not officially become "the Masters" until 1939.

21. Which golfer is credited with developing the modern sand wedge in the early 1930s?

- A Tommy Armour
- B Ben Hogan
- C Walter Hagen
- **D** **Gene Sarazen**

Answer: D — Gene Sarazen

Worth adding: Inspired by how an aeroplane's wing flaps created lift, Sarazen soldered a flange onto a niblick so the club would bounce through sand instead of digging.

22. In 1986, who won the Masters at the age of 46 to become the tournament's oldest champion?

- A Greg Norman
- B Tom Watson
- **C** **Jack Nicklaus**
- D Seve Ballesteros

Answer: C — Jack Nicklaus

Worth adding: Nicklaus closed with a back-nine 30, including a famous birdie putt at 17, to claim his sixth green jacket at 46 years old.

23. Every hole at Augusta National is named after a plant. What is the name of the par-3 12th hole?

A Flowering Peach

B Golden Bell

C White Dogwood

D Azalea

Answer: B — Golden Bell

Worth adding: The 12th is called Golden Bell after the forsythia shrub, while the 11th is White Dogwood and the 13th is Azalea.

24. Which creek runs directly in front of the green at Augusta National's 12th hole?

A Rae's Creek

B Magnolia Creek

C Hogan's Burn

D Berckmans Brook

Answer: A — Rae's Creek

Worth adding: Rae's Creek guards the 12th green and curls along the 13th, making it the most famous — and most watery — hazard at Amen Corner.

25. Which organisation conducts the U.S. Open championship?

A The PGA of America

B The R&A

C The PGA Tour

D The USGA

Answer: D — The USGA

Worth adding: The United States Golf Association, founded in 1894, runs the U.S. Open and also writes the Rules of Golf jointly with the R&A.

ROUND 3 — For the Experts

26. Who, in 2003, became the first left-handed golfer to win the Masters?

A Bubba Watson

B Phil Mickelson

C Mike Weir

D Bob Charles

Answer: C — Mike Weir

Worth adding: Canada's Mike Weir beat Len Mattiace in a playoff in 2003, a year before Phil Mickelson became the second lefty champion.

27. In 1975, who became the first African American golfer to play in the Masters?

A Lee Elder

B Ted Rhodes

C Calvin Peete

D Charlie Sifford

Answer: A — Lee Elder

Worth adding: Elder earned his invitation by winning the 1974 Monsanto Open, and in 2021 he was honoured as an Honorary Starter at Augusta.

28. In golf slang, what is a "Texas wedge"?

- A A wedge with no bounce for hardpan lies
- **B A putter used from off the green**
- C A low, wind-cheating punch shot
- D A 64-degree lob wedge

Answer: B — A putter used from off the green

Worth adding: On the firm, windy courses of Texas, players found that putting from off the green was safer than lofting the ball, so the putter earned the nickname.

29. The stone bridge crossing Rae's Creek at Augusta National's 12th hole is named after which golfer?

- A Gene Sarazen
- **B Ben Hogan**
- C Bobby Jones
- D Byron Nelson

Answer: B — Ben Hogan

Worth adding: The Hogan Bridge was dedicated in 1958 to honour Ben Hogan's then-record 274 total in 1953; Sarazen's bridge is at 15 and Nelson's at 13.

30. Where was the first official Ryder Cup match played in 1927?

- A Pinehurst No. 2, North Carolina
- B Royal Birkdale, England
- C Moortown Golf Club, England
- **D Worcester Country Club, Massachusetts**

Answer: D — Worcester Country Club, Massachusetts

Worth adding: The United States won the inaugural match 9½–2½ at Worcester Country Club, with the trophy donated by English seed merchant Samuel Ryder.

31. Before Augusta National was built, what business occupied the land?

- A A tobacco farm
- B A cotton mill
- **C A plant nursery**
- D A horse-racing stable

Answer: C — A plant nursery

Worth adding: The site was Fruitland (later Fruitlands) Nurseries, run by the Berckmans family, which is why the course is lined with azaleas, magnolias and dogwoods and each hole bears a plant's name.