

# Shane Lowry



Shane Lowry is an Irish professional golfer. He plays on the European Golf Tour and the PGA Tour. Lowry was born on 2nd April 1987. He grew up in Clara, County Offaly. Shane Lowry began playing golf at an early age. He spent much of his childhood summers playing pitch and putt on the local course with his friends.

The European Tour is a collection of golf tournaments held mainly in Europe. Tournaments on the PGA Tour are played mainly in North America.

## Amateur

Shane Lowry shocked spectators in May 2009 when he won the Irish Open at County Louth Golf Club while still an amateur. Lowry became only the third amateur to ever win on the European Tour. Lowry also became only the second golfer from the Republic of Ireland to win the Irish Open in the last 30 years.

The Irish Open is a professional golf tournament on the European Tour. The Irish Open was first held in 1927. The tournament has occurred each year since 1975.

## Turning Professional

Lowry turned professional the week after his Irish Open victory. He made his professional debut on 28th May 2009 at the European Open. In November 2009, Lowry finished third place at the Dunlop Phoenix Tournament in Japan. In January 2010 he finished fourth in the Abu Dhabi Golf Championship. This fourth-place finish moved Lowry into the top-100 of the Official World Golf Ranking. Lowry won for the first time as a professional when he claimed the 2012 Portugal Masters. He finished the tournament fourteen under par.

Par is the number of shots that a golfer should need to complete a hole. In golf, players try to finish each hole in the least number of shots. Whoever has the lowest score at the end of a tournament is declared the winner.

In August 2015, Lowry won the 2015 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational. He finished two shots ahead of runner-up, Bubba Watson. In 2016, Shane Lowry competed in the United States Open. Lowry looked set to win the tournament after the third day of golf. However, he did not play well during the final day. Lowry finished joint-second place. In January 2019, Lowry won Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship, which is one of the eight tournaments in the Rolex Series.

The Rolex Series is a collection of eight tournaments which have a minimum prize fund of \$7 million.

### Open Championship

The biggest achievement of Lowry's career came in 2019 when he won the Open Championship, the oldest golf tournament in the world. The tournament was held at Royal Portrush Golf Club in County Antrim, Northern Ireland. Lowry's victory was special for many reasons. This was Lowry's first major title of his career. He also became only the second player from the Republic of Ireland to win a major. Lowry also set a new course record on the third day of the competition.



The Claret Jug is the trophy presented to the winner of The Open Championship.

A major championship is one of the most important tournaments in world golf. There are four majors which are held each year; the Masters Tournament, the PGA Championship, the U.S. Open and the Open Championship.

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