

Master of golf



Illustration: Bob Hoare

PHIL MICKELSON

- ▶ **Born:** June 16, 1970, in **San Diego, California**
- ▶ Aged 18 months, mirrors father's right-handed swing while facing him, thus acquiring left-handed swing
- ▶ **1991:** Wins first **PGA Tour** title while still an amateur
- ▶ **1992:** Turns pro after graduating from **Arizona State University** on golf scholarship
- ▶ **2004:** Wins **U.S. Masters**, finally shaking off unwanted title of "best golfer never to win a major"
- ▶ **2005:** **U.S. PGA Champion**
- ▶ **2006:** Second **U.S. Masters** title

Career statistics

Height: 1.88m **Weight:** 88.5kg
World Ranking: 2
Wins: PGA Tour – 29, Other pro – 4
Team appearances:
Ryder Cup 1995, 97, 99, 02, 04
Presidents Cup 94, 96, 98, 00, 03, 05
Dunhill Cup 1996
Career earnings: \$38,381,360