

# Tiger Woods to play in the Masters after his horrific crash over a year ago.



**T**iger Woods is officially playing at the 86th annual Masters tournament after suffering a horrific leg injury in a car crash roughly a year ago. On Wednesday, he decided that he was healthy enough to play one year and one month after doctors said he could possibly lose his leg due to the crash.

“There was a point in time when, I wouldn’t say it was 50/50, but it was damn near there if I was going to walk out of that hospital with one leg,” Woods said.

On February 23rd 2021, Woods was driving down Hawthorne Boulevard and ended up accidentally hitting the median and spun out of control. During the crash, he ended up hitting the median, the opposite curb, a tree, and had multiple rollovers. In order to extract Woods from the vehicle, the “Jaws of Life” had to be used. His injuries included a shattered ankle, and two leg fractures with one of them being a compound fracture.

“He has undergone a long surgical procedure on his lower right leg and ankle after being brought to the hospital,” Woods’s team said.

Since the crash, Woods has had remarkable progress with his rehab. He played with his son Charlie at the PNC tournament back in late December, his first tournament since the crash. They both played well and ended up winning runner up. After that, Woods set his sights on playing at the Masters.

“I will be headed up to Augusta to continue my preparation and practice. It will be a game-time decision on whether I compete,” Woods said.

On April 5th, Woods told the media that he plans to play in the Masters, just a little over a year since his crash. He started off the weekend strong shooting 71 in the first round. His legs couldn’t keep

up throughout the whole tournament and he ended up shooting 78 for the final two rounds.

“I just could not get a feel for getting comfortable with the ball. Posture, feel, my right hand, my release. I just couldn’t find it,” Woods said.

Given more time to heal and the way that he played in the first round, experts believe that Woods will be very competitive in one of at least three more major tournaments this season. Woods agrees that he needs to heal a little more but he is excited about the future.

“We’re excited about the prospects of the future, about training, about getting into that gym and doing some other stuff to get my leg stronger, which we haven’t been able to do because it needed more time to heal,” Woods said.

