



March 12 – March 15, 2026
TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS Stadium Course)

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Pressers and Interviews:

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World Feed Broadcast Coverage Details

World Feed Airtimes

Round 1: March 12, 2026: 13:00-19:00 ET

Round 2: March 13, 2026: 13:00-19:00 ET

Round 3: March 14, 2026: 14:00-19:00 ET

Round 4: March 15, 2026: 13:00-18:00 ET

Tournament Overview:

Date: March 12 – March 15, 2026

Course: TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS Stadium Course)

Location: Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, USA

Defending Champion: Rory McIlroy

Yardage: 7,353

Par Value: 72

FedExCup Points/1st: 700

Prize Money/1st: \$20,000,000/\$4,500,000

World Feed Talent

Host: Brian Katrek

Analyst: Billy Kratzert

Analyst: Brendon De Jonge

Walker: Mark Immelman, Gary Christian

World Feed Sponsored Elements

Rolex

- **Ball Tracer**
 - Frequency - 4x per hour per day
- Clock and Leaderboard Exposure throughout broadcast

Morgan Stanley

- Frequency – 1x per hour
- Mini leaderboard Exposure throughout broadcast

Comcast Business

- Frequency – 1x per hour
- Mini leaderboard Exposure throughout broadcast

Optum

- Frequency – 1x per hour
- Mini leaderboard Exposure throughout broadcast

International Players in the Field

(Field as of Tuesday, March 10 2026 11:00 ET)

Argentina: Emiliano Grillo, Alejandro Tosti

Australia: Cam Davis, Jason Day, Min Woo Lee, Adam Scott, Karl Vilips

Austria: Sepp Straka

Belgium: Adrien Dumont de Chassart

Canada: Corey Connors, A.J. Ewart, Mackenzie Hughes, Taylor Pendrith, Nick Taylor, Sudarshan Yellamaraju

China: Zecheng Dou, Haotong Li

Chinese Taipei: Kevin Yu

Colombia: Nico Echavarria, Marcelo Rozo, Camilo Villegas

Denmark: Nicolai Hojgaard, Rasmus Hojgaard, Thorbjorn Olesen

England: Matt Fitzpatrick, Tommy Fleetwood, Harry Hall, Marco Penge, Aaron Rai, Justin Rose, Jordan Smith

Finland: Sami Valimaki

France: Matthieu Pavon

Germany: Stephan Jaeger, Matti Schmid

Ireland: Shane Lowry, Seamus Power

Japan: Ryo Hisatsune, Takumi Kanaya, Hideki Matsuyama

New Zealand: Ryan Fox

Northern Ireland: Rory McIlroy

Norway: Viktor Hovland, Kristoffer Reitan

Philippines: Rico Hoey

Puerto Rico: Rafael Campos

Scotland: Robert MacIntyre

South Africa: Christiaan Bezuidenhout, Garrick Higgo, Aldrich Potgieter, Erik van Rooyen

South Korea: Sungjae Im, S.H. Kim, Si Woo Kim

Sweden: Ludvig Aberg, Alex Noren

Venezuela: Jhonattan Vegas



World Feed Broadcast Delivery Details

Booking Information

For bookings and airtimes information for satellite, fiber and SRT please visit [SES Score](#). Information is also available on the [International Broadcaster Website](#)

Audio Configuration

Channel 1	Full Mix
Channel 2	Full Mix
Channel 3	International Sound (Mix/Minus)
Channel 4	International Sound (Mix/Minus)
Channel 5	AD Listen Line
Channel 6	AD Listen Line

Audio configuration also available on the [International Broadcaster Website](#).

Break Formats

World Feed AD will count to 4x2 minute breaks per hour.

See three pages after this for Break Formats by round. Break formats are also available on the [International Broadcaster Website](#)

Broadcast Beauties

Broadcast beauties will be available on Wednesday on the [Content Hub powered by Imagen](#).

If weather changes on-site, updated beauties will be uploaded to Imagen and fed down the line as needed. Email communication will be shared if there are updated beauties.



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WF Break Formats Round 3

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WF Break Formats Round 4

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Player/Caddie list will be available on the [International Broadcaster Website](#)

Other Resources can be accessed on the [PGA TOUR Media Website](#)



THE PLAYERS Championship

Groupings & Starting Times

Thursday & Friday, March 12 & March 13, 2026

Rd. 1 1 Tee	Rd. 2 10 Tee			
7:40 AM	12:30 PM	Mark Hubbard Denver, CO	Thorbjørn Olesen Fureso, DEN	Mac Meissner Dallas, TX
7:52 AM	12:42 PM	Bud Cauley Palm Beach Gardens, FL	Vince Whaley Alpharetta, GA	Chandler Phillips College Station, TX
8:04 AM	12:54 PM	Emiliano Grillo Chaco, ARG	Christiaan Bezuidenhout Kempton Park, RSA	Max Greyserman Short Hills, NJ
8:16 AM	1:06 PM	Kevin Yu Taoyuan, TPE	Cam Davis Sydney, AUS	Gary Woodland Topeka, KS
8:28 AM	1:18 PM	Ricky Castillo Yorba Linda, CA	Ryan Gerard Raleigh, NC	Patrick Cantlay Jupiter, FL
8:40 AM	1:30 PM	Adam Schenk Vincennes, IN	Garrick Higgo Stellenbosch, RSA	Matt McCarty Scottsdale, AZ
8:52 AM	1:42 PM	Brian Harman Sea Island, GA	Maverick McNealy Las Vegas, NV	Davis Riley Hattiesburg, MS
9:04 AM	1:54 PM	Sami Valimaki Nokia, FIN	Lucas Glover Jupiter, FL	Matt Fitzpatrick Sheffield, ENG
9:16 AM	2:06 PM	Michael Brennan Leesburg, VA	Harris English Sea Island, GA	J.T. Poston Sea Island, GA
9:28 AM	2:18 PM	Haotong Li People's Rep of China	Zecheng Dou Zhengzhou, CHN	Jordan Smith Bath, Wiltshire, ENG
Rd. 1 10 Tee	Rd. 2 1 Tee			
7:40 AM	12:30 PM	Mackenzie Hughes Dundas, Ontario, CAN	Eric Cole Tequesta, FL	Rico Hoey Manila, PHI
7:52 AM	12:42 PM	Max Homa Scottsdale, AZ	Daniel Berger Jupiter, FL	Michael Thorbjornsen Wellesley, MA
8:04 AM	12:54 PM	Rasmus Højgaard Denmark	Danny Walker Bradenton, FL	Kristoffer Reitan Norway
8:16 AM	1:06 PM	Jhonattan Vegas Maturin, VEN	Taylor Pendrith Richmond Hill, Ontario, CAN	Alex Noren Stockholm, SWE
8:28 AM	1:18 PM	Akshay Bhatia Jupiter, FL	Brooks Koepka West Palm Beach, FL	Tony Finau Lehi, UT
8:40 AM	1:30 PM	Collin Morikawa La Canada, CA	Ludvig Åberg Eslov, SWE	Si Woo Kim Seoul, KOR
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12:54 PM	8:04 AM	Taylor Moore Edmond, OK	Joel Dahmen Clarkston, WA	Ryo Hisatsune Okayama, JPN
1:06 PM	8:16 AM	Jacob Bridgeman Greenville, SC	Ben Griffin Chapel Hill, NC	Adam Scott Australia
1:18 PM	8:28 AM	J.J. Spaun Los Angeles, CA	Sepp Straka Vienna, AUT	Shane Lowry County Offaly, IRL
1:30 PM	8:40 AM	Sahith Theegala Chino Hills, CA	Rickie Fowler Murrieta, CA	Jordan Spieth Dallas, TX
1:42 PM	8:52 AM	Xander Schauffele San Diego, CA	Rory McIlroy Holywood, NIR	Hideki Matsuyama Sendai, JPN
1:54 PM	9:04 AM	Chris Gotterup Little Silver, NJ	Justin Rose London, ENG	Min Woo Lee Perth, AUS
2:06 PM	9:16 AM	Brian Campbell Irvine, CA	Karl Vilips Perth, AUS	Aaron Rai Wolverhampton, ENG
2:18 PM	9:28 AM	Matti Schmid Germany	Max McGreevy Edmond, OK	Takumi Kanaya Hiroshima, JPN
2:30 PM	9:40 AM	Zach Bauchou Edmond, OK	Sudarshan Yellamaraju Mississauga, Ontario, CAN	A.J. Ewart Coquitlam, BC, CAN

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1:54 PM	9:04 AM	Cameron Young Palm Beach Gardens, FL	Davis Thompson Sea Island, GA	Sam Burns Shreveport, LA
2:06 PM	9:16 AM	Nico Echavarria Medellin, COL	Jason Day Brisbane, AUS	Corey Connors Listowel, Ontario, CAN
2:18 PM	9:28 AM	Matthieu Pavon Bordeaux, FRA	S.H. Kim Republic of Korea	Austin Smotherman Dallas, TX

Alternates

1 David Ford	6 Pontus Nyholm
2 John Parry	7 David Lipsky
3 Dan Brown	8 Billy Horschel
4 Tom Kim	9 Will Zalatoris
5 Adrien Dumont de Chassart	10 Kensei Hirata

Approx Starting Times for Sat: 8:10 am - 2:40 pm
 Approx Starting Times for Sun: 7:35 am - 1:40 pm
 Finish Times for Sat/Sun: 7:00 pm / 6:00 pm

Tee Times: pgatour.com or PGA TOUR CENTRAL



THE PLAYERS WEATHER FORECAST



prepared: 7am Wednesday Mar 11, 2026

Today	8am	10am	12pm	2pm	4pm	6pm
Sky						
Weather	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
Rain Probability	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Lightning Probability	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Temp (F)	66	73	81	82	78	76
Winds (mph)	SW 4-8	S 5-10	S 8-14	SE 10-16 G20	SE 10-16 G22	SE 10-16 G22

Today – Partly cloudy skies are forecast today with afternoon temperatures in the lower 80s. Southerly winds will shift to the southeast this afternoon and gust over 20mph at times.

Sunrise: 740am / Sunset: 731pm

Day	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Sky				
Weather	T-storms Likely from 1pm-5pm	Mostly Cloudy & Breezy	Mostly Cloudy	Scattered Showers & T-storms
Rain Probability	80%	10%	10%	60%
Rain Amount (in)	0.40"	0.00"	0.00"	0.30"
Temp (min/max)	65/80	60/71	60/73	63/75
Winds (mph)	SW → W 10-16 G22	NE 12-18 G24	E 10-16	SE 10-16

Extended forecast – A cold front is forecast to push across northern Florida on Thursday arriving in Ponte Vedra Beach around 1pm. A line of thunderstorms is forecast to push through Ponte Vedra Beach between 1pm-5pm with clearing skies late in the day. Total rainfall is forecast around 0.40" with westerly winds gusting over 20mph. Dry weather returns for Friday and Saturday with cooler temperatures and breezy conditions. Scattered thunderstorms return to the forecast on Sunday.

Forecast prepared by meteorologist Wade Stettner.



2026 PLAYERS Championship
(10th of 34 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida
TPC Sawgrass

March 12-15, 2026
Par/Yards: 36-36 – 72/7,352

FedExCup points: 750 (winner)
Purse: \$25 million/\$4.5 million

Pre-Tournament Information - 2026 PLAYERS Championship

Player Interviews (all times local)

Monday, March 9

3 p.m. - Justin Thomas
3:30 p.m. - Collin Morikawa
4 p.m. - Tommy Fleetwood

Tuesday, March 10

10 a.m. - Brooks Koepka
2 p.m. - Justin Rose
2:45 p.m. - Adam Scott
3:15 p.m. - J.J. Spaun
4 p.m. - Scottie Scheffler

Wednesday, March 11

7:45 a.m. - Rory McIlroy
8 a.m. - First-Timers Press Conference (Clubhouse Back Lawn)
10 a.m. - PGA TOUR CEO Brian Rolapp (PGA TOUR Global Home)

***Visit pgatourmedia.com for the latest interview schedule**

Justin Thomas

- 2021 PLAYERS Champion making his second start of the 2026 PGA TOUR Season after undergoing microdiscectomy surgery in November; carded rounds of 79-79 at last week's Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard to miss the cut
- Tied the 18-hole scoring record at THE PLAYERS Championship with a 62 in round two of 2025 (other: Tom Hoge/2023/R3); carded a tournament-record 11 birdies before finishing with bogey on 18
- Making his 11th career PLAYERS appearance; has one other top-10 in addition to his victory (T3/2016)
- Of his 20 scores in the first two rounds at TPC Sawgrass, has only broken 70 three times (68/R2/2016, 69/R2/2022, 62/R2/2025)
- 16-time PGA TOUR winner claimed his most recent title at the 2025 RBC Heritage in a playoff over Andrew Novak

Collin Morikawa

- Enters the week as the FedExCup leader following his solo-fifth finish at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard
- World No. 4 is making his sixth PLAYERS appearance, having collected his first top-10 finish in 2025 (T10)
- Seven-time PGA TOUR winner won the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am in January for his first victory on TOUR since the 2023 Baycurrent Classic
- Since his victory at Pebble Beach, finished T7 at The Genesis Invitational and 5th at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard
- First time with three consecutive top-10s on TOUR since 2024 (T4/PGA Championship, 4th/Charles Schwab Challenge, 2nd/the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday)
- Enters the week ranked fifth in Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (1.066); finished the 2025 season ranked third in the category

Tommy Fleetwood

- 2025 FedExCup Champion is making his ninth PLAYERS appearance and owns two top-10 finishes (T7/2018, T5/2019)
- Three career leads/co-leads at THE PLAYERS (R1/2019, 2022; R2/2019)
- Two top-10s in three starts this season (T4/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, T7/The Genesis Invitational); finished 49th at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard after making the cut with rounds of 76-69

Brooks Koepka

- Making his fourth start since making his return to the PGA TOUR via the Returning Member Program; collected his first top-10 of the season at the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches (T9)
- Nine-time PGA TOUR winner is making his seventh PLAYERS appearance; finished career-best T11 in 2018, highlighted by a final-round 63, which tied the low 18-hole score in tournament history at the time
- One of six players with a double eagle at THE PLAYERS (No. 16/2018/R4) and one of two at No. 16 (Rafa Cabrera-Bello/2017/R4)

Justin Rose

- World No. 5 is making his 21st PLAYERS appearance, the second most of any player in the field (Adam Scott, 24)
- Owns three career top-10s at THE PLAYERS, including a T4 in 2014
- 65 (R1/2016) marks his low score in 62 career rounds at TPC Sawgrass
- 13-time PGA TOUR winner claimed the 2026 Farmers Insurance Open by seven strokes, the largest margin of victory at that event since Tiger Woods in 2008 (8 strokes)
- 45-year-old reached No. 3 in the Official World Golf Ranking with his victory at Torrey Pines, making him the second-oldest player in the top-three of the OWGR (Vijay Singh/45 years, 8 months)

Adam Scott

- 2004 PLAYERS Champion is making his 24th PLAYERS appearance, the most of any player in the field
- Qualified by virtue of his position in the FedExCup through the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches (No. 20) after finishing solo fourth at The Genesis Invitational, his first top-10 on TOUR since the 2024 TOUR Championship
- Four career top-10s at TPC Sawgrass including his victory; seeks his first top-10 finish at THE PLAYERS since 2017 (T6)
- 45-year-old is exempt through the 2026 PGA TOUR Season by virtue of his top-30 finish in the 2024 FedExCup
- Oldest winner of THE PLAYERS Championship: Fred Funk (2005, 48 years/9 months/13 days)

J.J. Spaun

- 2025 runner-up fell to Rory McIlroy in a three-hole aggregate playoff (Nos. 16-18) on Monday; posted scores of par-triple bogey and was eliminated when McIlroy made bogey on No. 18
- One of three runner-up finishes during the 2025 season (Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches, FedEx St. Jude Championship)
- Prior to his runner-up in 2025, had one made cut (T64/2024) in five PLAYERS appearances
- Went on to win the 2025 U.S. Open for his second career PGA TOUR title (2022 Valero Texas Open) and first major championship title
- Enters the week having missed his last two cuts at The Genesis Invitational and Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard; best finish in five starts this season: T40/Sony Open in Hawaii

Scottie Scheffler

- World No. 1 seeks to join Jack Nicklaus (1974, 1976, 1978) as the only three-time winners of THE PLAYERS; would be the first with three victories at TPC Sawgrass (2/Fred Couples, Steve Elkington, Davis Love III, Rory McIlroy, Hal Sutton, Tiger Woods)
- Became the first PLAYERS champion to successfully defend his title in 2024
- Making his sixth career PLAYERS appearance; led the field in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green en route to victory in 2023 and 2024; since 2004, 17 PLAYERS Champions finished inside the top 10 in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green
- Owns the longest streak of consecutive made cuts on TOUR with 69
- In five starts this season, claimed his 20th career TOUR title (The American Express) and two other top-10 finishes (T3/WM Phoenix Open, T4/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)

Rory McIlroy

- Withdrew prior to the third round of last week's Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard with back spasms
- World No. 2 and defending champion became the eighth multiple winner of THE PLAYERS and first since Scottie Scheffler in 2024
- Joined Jack Nicklaus, Scottie Scheffler and Tiger Woods as players with two major championship titles and two PLAYERS titles
- Seeks to join Jack Nicklaus (1974, 1976, 1978) as the only three-time winners of THE PLAYERS; would be the first with three victories at TPC Sawgrass (2/Fred Couples, Steve Elkington, Davis Love III, Scottie Scheffler, Hal Sutton, Tiger Woods)
- Finished fifth in Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (+1.95) en route to victory in 2025; 10th PLAYERS Champion in the last 12 years to finish inside the top 10 in Strokes Gained: Approach the Green
- Making his 16th career appearance; owns five career top-10s including his two titles
- Opened with 67 en route to his two PLAYERS titles; 64 marks his career-low score at TPC Sawgrass (R2/2016)

THE PLAYERS Championship notes:

- The last six winners of THE PLAYERS Championship all entered the week inside the top 10 in the Official World Golf Ranking:

Year	Player	OWGR
2025	Rory McIlroy	2
2024	Scottie Scheffler	1
2023	Scottie Scheffler	2
2022	Cameron Smith	10
2021	Justin Thomas	3
2019	Rory McIlroy	6

- THE PLAYERS Championship is the first of five events this season that offer 750 FedExCup points to the winner
- THE PLAYERS is the third event in the Florida Swing, which began with the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches (won by Nico Echavarria) and continued with the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard in Orlando (won by Akshay Bhatia). The TOUR will make its way to Palm Harbor for the Valspar Championship next week, where Viktor Hovland will defend his 2025 title.
- **Akshay Bhatia** won the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard for his third career PGA TOUR title and first since the 2024 Valero Texas Open; will make his third PLAYERS appearance, finishing T3 in 2025
- Second-year TOUR member and University of Florida product **Ricky Castillo** won the Puerto Rico Open for his first career PGA TOUR title; was previously qualified for THE PLAYERS by virtue of his position in the FedExCup through the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches; missed the cut in his PLAYERS debut in 2025
- With victories by 24-year-old **Akshay Bhatia** (Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard) and 25-year-old **Ricky Castillo** (Puerto Rico Open), players in their 20s have now won seven of the first nine PGA TOUR events in 2026. **Chris Gotterup** (26) is the only two-time winner so far this season.
- **Jake Knapp** leads the TOUR in top-10s (4) entering THE PLAYERS Championship (T5/Farmers Insurance Open, 8th/WM Phoenix Open, T8/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, 6th/The Genesis Invitational); withdrew prior to his first round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard.
- Conditional TOUR members **Joel Dahmen**, **Taylor Moore**, **Seamus Power** and **Andrew Putnam** qualified for THE PLAYERS based on their FedExCup rank through the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches
- With a T6 at the Sony Open in Hawaii, **Lee Hodges** reached his top 100 points threshold to satisfy his Major Medical Extension, earning him a spot in the field at THE PLAYERS Championship.
- Since 2016, only three players have successfully converted the 54-hole lead/co-lead to victory at THE PLAYERS: **Jason Day**/2016, **Webb Simpson**/2018, **Scottie Scheffler**/2023
- Four of the last five PLAYERS Champions did not hold at least a share of the lead after each of the first three rounds (**Justin Thomas**/2021, **Cameron Smith**/2022, **Scottie Scheffler**/2024, **Rory McIlroy**/2025)
- Oldest player in the field: **Lucas Glover** (46); youngest player in the field: **Aldrich Potgieter** (21)
- Additional field features:
 - 46 of the top 50 players in the Official World Golf Ranking, including all of the top 10
 - Seven past champions (nine wins): **Rory McIlroy** (2019, 2025), **Scottie Scheffler** (2023, 2024), **Justin Thomas** (2021), **Si Woo Kim** (2017), **Jason Day** (2016), **Rickie Fowler** (2015), **Adam Scott** (2004)
 - Eight past FedExCup Champions (10 wins): **Tommy Fleetwood** (2025), **Scottie Scheffler** (2024), **Viktor Hovland** (2023), **Rory McIlroy** (2016/2019/2022), **Patrick Cantlay** (2021), **Justin Rose** (2018), **Justin Thomas** (2017), **Jordan Spieth** (2015)
 - As part of his return to the PGA TOUR via the Returning Member Program, **Brooks Koepka** was added to the field (121) so not to take a spot from a current TOUR member. To round out threesomes, the field was officially expanded to 123 as of Monday at noon ET, with the first two alternates at that time – **Patton Kizzire** and **Seamus Power** – being added to the field.
 - 14 players in the field are making their tournament debut, highlighted by three PGA TOUR winners (in **bold**): Zach Bauchou, **Michael Brennan**, Pierceson Coody, Zecheng Dou, A.J. Ewart, **Steven Fisk**, Takumi Kanaya, Johnny Keefer, **William Mouw**, Marco Penge, Kristoffer Reitan, Jordan Smith, Michael Thorbjornsen, Sudarshan Yellamaraju.
 - Of the 14 players in the field making their tournament debut, seven are PGA TOUR rookies: Zach Bauchou, A.J. Ewart, Johnny Keefer, Marco Penge, Kristoffer Reitan, Jordan Smith, Sudarshan Yellamaraju.



THE PLAYERS Championship 2026 Message Document

Tournament Focus

- **March is Going to be Major:** The PGA TOUR debuted its “March is going to be major” campaign in February, igniting conversation around THE PLAYERS Championship and its status in the game. The campaign embraces one of golf’s longest-running debates while reinforcing what players have believed for decades — this championship carries major weight.

For more than 50 years, THE PLAYERS has delivered one of the deepest fields in professional golf, iconic champions spanning the modern major era and a finishing stretch that consistently defines legacies.

- **Fan-centric innovations:** THE PLAYERS Championship continues to set the standard for fan engagement, introducing new ideas and experiences that connect with sports fans worldwide. In 2026, the championship will debut several features designed to enhance the event both on-site and for viewers at home. TOURCAST Range gives fans an interactive 3D look at players’ range sessions, showing ball flight, distance, speed and trajectory. Broadcast enhancements include four drones with Emmy-winning Drone AR technology and Weather Applied Metrics to show how wind and weather affect play, especially on the iconic 17th hole. The Smart Map Wayfinding feature in THE PLAYERS app provides real-time course directions, crowd insights, and alternative routes to help fans move smoothly throughout the venue. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **Salute to Service:** Northeast Florida is home to the third-largest military population in the country, and THE PLAYERS Championship will once again celebrate those who serve with a full slate of initiatives in 2026. Military Appreciation Day on Tuesday, March 10, will feature the annual flyover by the 125th Fighter Wing at 4:30 p.m., followed by a concert on the 17th hole at 5 p.m. with hip hop icon Ludacris. Leading into tournament week, the event hosted a Military Job Fair on Saturday, March 7, and Operation Shower on Sunday, March 8. As in years past, all active-duty, retired, reserve and National Guard members will have access to complimentary and discounted tickets.

On Saturday, March 14, a formation of P-8 Poseidon aircraft from Patrol Squadron 30 (VP-30), based out of Naval Air Station Jacksonville, will fly over TPC Sawgrass.

- **Knockaround Caddie Competition:** On Wednesday at THE PLAYERS, caddies take center stage in a closest-to-the-pin competition at the iconic 17th-hole Island Green. Each player contributes to the prize pool upon registration, and the winning caddie claims the entire pot plus an additional \$10,000 courtesy of Knockaround. The winning caddie will also direct charitable funds from THE PLAYERS to a local charity of choice. Beyond bragging rights, the champion enjoys exclusive perks: a VIP parking spot for every competition day, an engraved money clip, a custom sketch by

artist Casey Jones and a permanent place of honor on a plaque inside the TPC Sawgrass clubhouse.

- **Impact:** Thanks to the continued commitment of volunteers, media, and fans, along with Proud Partners Morgan Stanley, Comcast Business and Optum, THE PLAYERS provides year-round support to local nonprofit organizations, with charitable contributions that have well surpassed \$120 million since the tournament began in 1974.
- **Chasing Sunday:** PGA TOUR Studios and NFL Films are partnering on an original production, modeled after the successful *Hard Knocks* series, that will give fans an inside look at THE PLAYERS through unprecedented, week-long access to stars in the field who have agreed to be mic'd up before and during the competition. A teaser trailer for the all-access showcase of the TOUR's flagship event will air on Championship Sunday across PGA TOUR and NFL channels featuring the complete roster of participating stars.

Competition Storylines

- **The Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass:** The Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass remains one of the most recognizable and strategically demanding venues in the sport. Designed by Pete Dye to favor no single style of play, it rewards precision, creativity and mental discipline.

The 2026 championship will showcase the ongoing restoration of Pete Dye's iconic design, led by Davis Love III, who joined the team of golf architects and TOUR officials in 2025 as lead consultant. Love's work focuses on enhancing the course while respecting Dye's original vision, starting with the reintroduction of the signature tree on No. 6 tee. His expertise ensures that the Stadium Course remains one of the game's most challenging and influential venues, preserving the elements that make THE PLAYERS Championship a premier test for the world's best golfers.

- **Rory and Scottie go for Three at TPC Sawgrass:** With Rory McIlroy becoming the eighth multiple winner of THE PLAYERS with his victory in 2025, he and World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler have the opportunity to join Jack Nicklaus as the only three-time winner of THE PLAYERS (1974, 1976, 1978). With the championship moving to its permanent home of TPC Sawgrass in 1982, both players can be the first to claim three PLAYERS titles on Pete Dye's iconic Stadium Course.
- **First Timers:** THE PLAYERS spotlights newcomers each year with its First-Timers Press Conference, welcoming those making their debut and highlighting what it means to compete in THE PLAYERS Championship for the first time. Every first-timer has earned their spot through performance — the field is made up entirely of TOUR professionals, with more than 80 percent finishing inside the top 100 in last season's FedExCup standings.
- **Reduced Field Size:** For 2026, THE PLAYERS Championship will feature a smaller field as part of the TOUR's competitive eligibility changes, moving from 144 to 120 players. With Brooks Koepka's return to the TOUR via the Returning Member Program, he was added to the field (121)

so not to take a spot away from a TOUR member. To round out threesomes, the field will be expanded to 123 as of noon ET on Monday, March 9, with the first two alternates – Patton Kizzire and Seamus Power – being added to the field at that time.

Player Priorities

- **Scottie Scheffler:** World No. 1 and two-time PLAYERS Champion (2023, 2024) looks to join Jack Nicklaus (1974, 1976, 1978) as the only three-time winner of THE PLAYERS Championship; would become the first three-time winner at THE PLAYERS Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass (along with Rory McIlroy)
- **Rory McIlroy:** Defending champion defeated J.J. Spaun in a three-hole aggregate playoff on Monday morning in 2025, his second of three titles during the 2025 PGA TOUR Season (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, Masters Tournament); two-time champion also seeks to be the first to win three times on the Stadium Course.
- **Justin Thomas:** Five-year anniversary of his 2021 PLAYERS Championship title where he overcame a seven-stroke deficit after 36 holes. Made his first start of the 2026 season at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard after undergoing microdiscectomy surgery in November.
- **J.J. Spaun:** One of three runner-up finishes in 2025 (others: Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches, FedEx St. Jude Championship); went on to claim his second career TOUR victory and first major championship title at the 2025 U.S. Open and ascended to as high as No. 6 in the Official World Golf Ranking after beginning the 2025 season at No. 115
- **Tommy Fleetwood:** 2025 FedExCup Champion has two top-10s in eight career appearances at THE PLAYERS Championship (T5/2019, T7/2018); sat T9 through two rounds in 2025 before finishing T14
- **Justin Rose:** World No. 5 and Morgan Stanley ambassador makes his 21st career appearance at THE PLAYERS Championship where he owns three career top-10s (best: T4/2014)
- **Adam Scott:** 2004 PLAYERS Champion makes his 24th career championship appearance, the most of any player in the field; qualified by virtue of his position in the FedExCup through the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches (No. 20) after finishing solo fourth at The Genesis Invitational, his first top-10 on TOUR since the 2024 TOUR Championship

**International Analysis
2026 THE PLAYERS Championship**

2026 Season

Wins by Country PGA TOUR This Season		Most Top 5s International Countries This Season		Most Top 10s International Countries This Season	
	Total		Total		Total
United States	7	Australia	3	England	8
England	1	England	2	Japan	5
Colombia	1	Japan	2	Australia	4
		Germany	2	Germany	4
		Republic of Korea	2	Republic of Korea	3
				Denmark	3

**Most Top 10s Without a Win
International Countries This Season**

	Total
Japan	5
Australia	4
Germany	4
Republic of Korea	3
Denmark	3

**Most Top 5s Without a Win
International Countries This Season**

	Total
Australia	3
Japan	2
Germany	2
Republic of Korea	2

2026 FedExCup International Storylines

**Most International Player Inside Top 70
FedExCup Standings this Season**

	Total
England	5
Canada	4
Australia	3
5 countries w/	2

**Most International Player Inside Top 50
FedExCup Standings this Season**

	Total
England	4
Australia	3
Japan	2
12 countries w/	1

**Most International Player Inside Top 30
FedExCup Standings this Season**

	Total
England	3
Australia	2
Japan	2
7 countries w/	1

**Most International Player Inside Top 10
FedExCup Standings this Season**

	Total
Australia	1
Colombia	1
Republic of Korea	1

**Highest Ranked International Players
FedExCup This Season**

	Rank	Country
Min Woo Lee	6 th	Australia
Nico Echavarria	8 th	Colombia
Si Woo Kim	9 th	Republic of Korea
Hideki Matsuyama	11 th	Japan
Sepp Straka	14 th	Austria

Tournament Headlines

- 52 international players in the field representing 23 different countries as of 5:16 am on 03/10/2026
- THE PLAYERS has been played at TPC Sawgrass since 1982 and began on TOUR in 1974
- Only two players have earned their first win on the PGA TOUR at this event both are international (2002 Craig Perks/New Zealand & 2010 Tim Clark/ South Africa)
 - The only event on the current TOUR schedule where an American has not earned their first win on the PGA TOUR

International Analysis 2026 THE PLAYERS Championship

Event Recap (Since 1982)

Wins by Country THE PLAYERS Championship since 1982

	Total
United States	25
Australia	6
Northern Ireland	2
Republic of Korea	2
Spain	1
Sweden	1
South Africa	1
Scotland	1
Zimbabwe	1
Canada	1
Germany	1
New Zealand	1

Most Top 5s International Countries THE PLAYERS Championship since 1982

	Total
England	17
Australia	13
Spain	8
South Africa	6
Scotland	5
Sweden	4
Canada	4
Germany	4

Most Top 10s International Countries THE PLAYERS Championship since 1982

	Total
Australia	28
England	26
Spain	15
South Africa	12
Sweden	12
Scotland	9
Zimbabwe	9
Japan	9

Most Top 10s Without a Win

Intl. Countries THE PLAYERS Championship since 1982

	Total
England	26
Japan	9
Fiji	4
Italy	4
Ireland	3

Most Top 5s Without a Win

Intl. Countries THE PLAYERS Championship since 1982

	Total
England	17
Ireland	2
Japan	1
Fiji	1
Norway	1
Argentina	1
Venezuela	1
Colombia	1
India	1

International Winners

THE PLAYERS Championship since 1982

	Country	Win Number
1987 Sandy Lyle	Scotland	3 rd
1991 Steve Elkington	Australia	2 nd
1993 Nick Price	Zimbabwe	6 th
1994 Greg Norman	Australia	14 th
1997 Steve Elkington	Australia	8 th
2002 Craig Perks	New Zealand	1st
2004 Adam Scott	Australia	2 nd
2006 Stephen Ames	Canada	2 nd
2008 Sergio Garcia	Spain	7 th
2009 Henrik Stenson	Sweden	2 nd
2010 Tim Clark	South Africa	1st
2011 K.J. Choi	Republic of Korea	8 th
2014 Martin Kaymer	Germany	2 nd
2016 Jason Day	Australia	10 th
2017 Si Woo Kim	Republic of Korea	2 nd
2019 Rory McIlroy	Northern Ireland	15 th
2022 Cameron Smith	Australia	5 th
2025 Rory McIlroy	Northern Ireland	28 th

International Analysis 2026 THE PLAYERS Championship

Rory McIlroy (Northern Ireland)

- The 2019 & 2025 champion is set to make his 16th appearance at this event
- 51 stroke difference on the Front 9 (+5) versus the Back 9 (-46) at this course in his PGA TOUR Career
- 8.51% of McIlroy's starts in Florida have resulted in a win (2012 Cognizant Classic, 2018 Arnold Palmer Invitational and 2019 & 2025 PLAYERS Champion)

Front 9 vs Back 9 Comparison TPC Sawgrass (Stadium Course) PGA TOUR Career

	Front 9	Back 9
Score to Par	+5	-46
Total Holes Under Par	83	120
Total Holes Over Par	82	61
Driving Accuracy PCT	46.99	46.99
Greens in Regulation PCT	63.66	70.60

Finish Breakdown in Florida PGA TOUR Career

	Total	PCT
Total Events	47	--
Wins	4	8.51
Top 5s	10	21.28
Top 10s	19	40.43
Top 25s	29	61.70
Cuts made PCT	37	78.72

**2012 Cognizant Classic, 2018 API and
2019 & 2025 PLAYERS Champion*

Winning THE PLAYERS, a FedExCup & a Major

	PLAYERS	FedExCup	Majors
Tiger Woods	2001 & 2013	2007 & 2009	15
Rory McIlroy	2019 & 2025	2016 & 2019 & 2022	5
Scottie Scheffler	2023 & 2024	2024	4
Justin Thomas	2021	2017	2
Henrik Stenson	2009	2013	1

McIlroy won 2025 PLAYERS & Masters

Jason Day (Australia)

- The 2016 champion is set to make his 14th appearance at this event
- Has made the cut at this event 85.71 percent in his last seven starts in comparison to only 50 percent in his first six starts at THE PLAYERS
- Has earned 2,368 total points in the state of Florida in his PGA TOUR Career, his third most in any state during his career

First 6 v Last 7 Starts The PLAYERS Championship

	First 6	Last 7
Scoring Avg	70.89	70.85
PCT of RDs Under Par	55.56	65.38
Birdie or Better Avg	4.33	4.04
PCT of RDs Inside Top 10	27.78	30.77
Cuts Made PCT	50.00	85.71

Greens in Regulation Rank Improvement PGA TOUR Last 3 Seasons

	Rank
2026	T46*
2025	T121
2024	164

** on track for third best rank in PGA TOUR Career*

Most FedExCup Points Earned by State PGA TOUR Career

	Total
California	4,936
Texas	3,298
Florida	2,368
Arizona	1,268
North Carolina	1,156

7 Top-10 Finishes in FL (2 Wins)

Best Finishes in the State of Florida PGA TOUR Career

	Finish
2016 Arnold Palmer Invitational	WON
2016 THE PLAYERS Championship	WON
2018 THE PLAYERS Championship	T5
2011 THE PLAYERS Championship	T6
2025 Arnold Palmer Invitational	T8
2019 THE PLAYERS Championship	T8
2023 Arnold Palmer Invitational	T10

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Si Woo Kim (Republic of Korea)

- The 2017 Champion is set to make his 10th appearance at this event
- With his win in 2017 he became the youngest player to win THE PLAYERS All-Time (21 years, 10 Months, 16 Days)
- Has spent seven weeks inside of the FedExCup Top 10 this season, on track for his second most weeks inside the Top 10 in his PGA TOUR Career

Youngest Winners THE PLAYERS All-Time

Detailed Age

2017 Si Woo Kim	21 Years, 10 Months, 16 Days
2004 Adam Scott	23 Years, 8 Months, 12 Days
1984 Fred Couples	24 Years, 5 Months, 29 Days
1983 Hal Sutton	24 Years, 10 Months, 28 Days
2001 Tiger Woods	25 Years, 2 Months, 26 Days

**32, avg age THE PLAYERS winner*

Approach the Green Comparison PGA TOUR Last 2 Seasons

	2025	2026
Approaches from > 100 yards	T92	1st
Proximity to Hole	T78	1st
Strokes Gained: Approach the Green	29 th	2nd
Greens in Regulation Percentage	T104	T25

Most Top 10s in an Event PGA TOUR Career

	Total
Wyndham Championship	4
THE PLAYERS Championship	3
The American Express	3

won each of these events

Most Weeks Inside Top 10 of FedExCup Standings PGA TOUR Career

	Total
2022-23	12
2026*	7
2021-22	2
2020-21	1

**tied for second most of any player this season*

Adam Scott (Australia)

- The 2004 Champion is set to make his 24th appearance at this event
- His 23 appearances (entering the week) mark the longest active streak of most consecutive seasons making a start at THE PLAYERS Championship
- Has a scoring average of 2.93 in his 80 rounds played on the 17th Hole at TPC Sawgrass since 2003, with only 7 total balls in the water.

Most Consecutive Seasons with a Start THE PLAYERS (Active)

	Total
Adam Scott	23
Matt Kuchar	17
Chris Kirk	14
Keegan Bradley	14
Brian Harman	13
Rory McIlroy	13

**entering the week*

SG: Tee-to-Green Rank Improvement PGA TOUR Since 2021

	Rank
2026	13 th
2025	40 th
2024	41 st
2022-23	46 th
2021-22	66 th
2020-21	79 th

one of two players to improve rank each year in time frame (S.W. Kim)

Weekday v Weekend Comparison THE PLAYERS Championship

	Weekday	Weekend
Total RDs	46	36
Scoring Avg	70.91	72.06
PCT of RDs in 60s	34.78	19.44
Birdie or Better Avg	4.22	4.00
PCT of RDs inside Top 10	19.57	16.67

Career on 17th Hole TPC Sawgrass Since 2003

	Value
Rounds Played	80
Score to Par	-6
Scoring Avg	2.93
Greens in Regulation PCT	83.75
Birdie or Better PCT	27.50
Balls in the Water	7

International Analysis 2026 THE PLAYERS Championship

Min Woo Lee (Australia)

- Is set to make his 4th appearance at this event (Best Finish: T6 in 2023)
- Min Woo Lee finished T6 in his PLAYERS Championship, tied for the best finish by a player making his debut at this event since 2021
- Has improved his rank in Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green from 2025 (120th) to 2026 (9th), the second largest improvement of any player in this time span

Best Finish in a Debut at THE PLAYERS Championship Since 2021

Largest SG: Tee-to-Green Rank Improvement PGA TOUR Last 2 Seasons

	Finish		2025	2026	Improv
2023 Min Woo Lee	T6	Ben Silverman	156 th	33 rd	+123
2023 Justin Suh	T6	Min Woo Lee	120th	9th	+111
2025 Danny Walker	T6	Sahith Theegala	147 th	50 th	+97
2024 Ludvig Åberg	8	Jacob Bridgeman	126 th	37 th	+89
2021 Victor Perez	T9	Beau Hossler	143 rd	59 th	+84

First 5 Starts Last Season v This Season PGA TOUR

	2025	2026
Scoring Avg	70.11	68.35
Rounds in 60s	9	12
Birdie or Better Avg	4.39	5.10
Best Finish	T11	T2*

*2026 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am

Hideki Matsuyama (Japan)

- Is set to make his 11th appearance at this event (Best Finish: 5th in 2023)
- Has four Top 10 finishes at this event, tied for the most at an event without a win
- Has ranked inside the top 5 of Strokes Gained: Approach-the-Green in each of the last three seasons, marking the only player to do so in the time span
- Is seeking to become the first winner from Japan at THE PLAYERS Championship

SG: Around-the-Green Ranks PGA TOUR Last 3 Seasons

Highest Top 10 Finish PCT PGA TOUR Career

	Rank		Top 10/Starts	PCT
2026	5 th	The Sentry	4/8	50.00
2025	5 th	WM Phoenix Open	6/13	46.15
2024	1 st	THE PLAYERS Championship	4/10	40.00
<i>only player to rank inside Top 5 in last 3 seasons</i>		TOUR Championship	4/11	36.36
		The Genesis Invitational	4/12	33.33
		the Memorial Tournament	4/12	33.33

min 6 starts

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Sepp Straka (Austria)

- Is set to make his 6th appearance at this event (Best Finish: T9 in 2022). Has not missed a cut at this event since his debut at the players in 2021
- Has 11 rounds under par at THE PLAYERS Championship, the fifth most in an event in his PGA TOUR Career since 2021
- Has 47.83 percent of his rounds in the 60s in regular events on the PGA TOUR versus 39.81 in signature Events/Majors and the PLAYERS since 2024

Most Rounds Under Par in a Event PGA TOUR Since 2021

Total

Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches	14
The Sentry	12
Travelers Championship	12
RBC Heritage	12
THE PLAYERS Championship	11

Scoring Comparison Regular Events v Signature Events/Majors/PLAYERS PGA TOUR Career

Sig./Maj./PLAYERS Regular

Scoring Avg	70.35	69.42
Score to Par	-112	-96
PCT of RDs in 60s	39.81	47.83
PCT of RDs Under Par	57.28	59.42



COMPETITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY OVERVIEW

2026 PLAYERS Championship

WITH THIS VICTORY

PGA TOUR card

Through 2031

Exemptions to 2026 Majors

- Masters Tournament (three-year exemption)
- PGA Championship (three-year exemption)
- U.S. Open (three-year exemption)
- Open Championship (three-year exemption)

Exemptions to 2026 Signature Events

- RBC Heritage
- Cadillac Championship
- Truist Championship
- Memorial Tournament presented by Workday
- Travelers Championship

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

Field size

As part of the changes to field sizes and eligibility for 2026, the field size for THE PLAYERS was adjusted to 120. The field was expanded to 123 with Brooks Koepka competing.

Patton Kizzire (No. 76 in the current season FedExCup Points List) and Seamus Power (No. 78) got into the field as a result of the field expansion.

There was no impact on the field from the winners of the Arnold Palmer Invitational (Akshay Bhatia) and Puerto Rico Open (Ricky Castillo), as both were already eligible for THE PLAYERS. Castillo was the last man in the field in 2025.

Medical Extensions

With a T6 at the Sony Open in Hawaii, Lee Hodges reached the Top 100 threshold to satisfy his Major Medical Extension, earning him a spot in the field at THE PLAYERS Championship.

There are no other players on medical extensions in the field.

Top 50 OWGR

There are four players competing out of the Top 50 OWGR category this week: Pierceson Coody, Alex Noren, Marco Penge and Kristoffer Reitan. Reitan is the only one that would not have been eligible via another category.

The next significant OWGR cutoff date is Monday, March 30. The top 50 players through the Texas Children's Houston Open will qualify for the Masters Tournament.



Tournament Fact Sheet

THE PLAYERS Championship (PGA TOUR)

TPC Sawgrass (Stadium) • Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. • March 12-15, 2026

Dir. of Golf Course Maintenance Operations

Lucas Andrews, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 15

Years at TPC Sawgrass (1st as director)

Years as a Superintendent: 12

Previous Courses: None

Hometown: Portsmouth, England

Education: University of Guelph

Professional Tournaments Hosted: Andrews has been a part of THE PLAYERS since 2009.

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Patrick Reinhardt, Stadium Course superintendent; Paul Vermeulen, PGA TOUR Agronomy; Kevin Kouba, Dye's Valley superintendent; Stephen Tucker, equipment manager; Christian Ciccarello, landscape superintendent; Matt Borocz, general manager

Agronomy Employees: 100 / Tournament Volunteers: 90

Golf Course Dog: Dex, 9-year-old black lab/good boy mix

Course Architect

Pete Dye, ASGCA (1980)

Renovation: 2006 and 2016

Notable

- Area saw a very warm and dry December, followed by a historically cold stretch in January and February.
- In 2024 the following enhancements were made:
 - New tournament tee on No. 2 added 15 yards.
 - Re-established the iconic tree on No. 6, while adding 15 yards (original tree was lost in 2014).
 - New tee complex on No. 11 added 15 yards.
 - Stronger, deeper and dramatic moguls with additions of palms, oaks and native grasses in the right rough on No. 14.

Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,352

Turfgrass

Greens: Poa trivialis overseed

Collars: Champion Fine (rye/fescue) overseed

Approaches: Champion Fine (rye/fescue) overseed

Tees: Champion Fine (rye/fescue) overseed

Fairways: Champion Fine (rye/fescue) overseed

Rough: Champion Fine (rye/fescue) overseed 4"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,500 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 26

Acres of Rough: 120

Number of Sand Bunkers: 94 (12 acres)

Number of Water Hazards: 18

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 17

Soil Conditions: Sandy loam

Water Sources: Reclaimed

Drainage: Good

High Elevation: 22 ft.

Low Elevation: 16 ft.

Average Fairway Widths: 28 yards

Links

GCSAA Tournament Fact Sheet Home:

<https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

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Tournament Fact Sheet

2026 GCSAA Course and Superintendent Notes For Courses Played (PGA TOUR Only)

(This Week's Course in Red)

2026 Season Averages

Courses Played to Date (10 tournaments, includes this week)

Average Yardage – 7,320

Average Green Size – 6,367 sq. ft.

Average Sand Bunkers – 79

Average Holes with Water in Play – 7.7

Tournaments by State

4 – California

3 - Florida

1 – Hawaii / Arizona / Puerto Rico

Yardage (par)

7,765 (72) – Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)

7,506 (72) – Grand Reserve (Puerto Rico Open)

7,466 (72) – Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)

7,383 (71) – Riviera (The Genesis)

7,352 (72) – TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)

7,261 (71) – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)

7,223 (71) – PGA National (Cognizant Classic)

7,210 (72) – PGA West (The American Express)

7,044 (70) – Waialae CC (Sony Open)

6,989 (72) – Pebble Beach (AT&T Pro Am)

Average Green Size

7,500 – Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)

7,500 – Riviera (The Genesis)

7,100 – Waialae CC (Sony Open)

7,069 – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)

7,000 – PGA National (Cognizant Classic)

7,000 – PGA West (The American Express)

6,500 – Grand Reserve (Puerto Rico)

5,500 – TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)

5,000 – Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)

3,500 – Pebble Beach (AT&T Pro Am)

Number of Bunkers

116 – Pebble Beach (AT&T Pro Am)

94 – TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)

90+ – PGA West (The American Express)

84 – Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)

83 – Waialae CC (Sony Open)

82 – Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)

67 – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)

60 – PGA National (Cognizant Classic)

58 – Riviera (The Genesis)

56 – Grand Reserve (Puerto Rico Open)

Green Turf Type

6 – Poa annua

3 - Bermudagrass

1 – Paspalum

Rough Turf Type

6 – Ryegrass overseed

1 – Bermudagrass

1 – Fine Fescue

1 – Kikuyu

1 – Paspalum

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Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025)

- 25 – Dave Nakama, CGCS, Waialae CC (Sony Open)
- 16 – Chris Flynn, CGCS, Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)
- 15 – Brandon Reese, TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)
- 15 – Marshall Dick, Riviera (The Genesis)
- 14 – Keith Einwag, CGCS, PGA National (Cognizant Classic)
- 12 – Jason Matos, Grand Reserve (Puerto Rico)
- 7 – Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG, PGA West (American Express)
- 5 – Devin Cullen, Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)
- 5 – Pete Bachman, CGCS, Pebble Beach (AT&T Pro Am)
- 1 – Andrew Lucas, TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS) (but has been part of hosting the tournament since 2009)

Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years

- 40 – Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG, PGA West (American Express)
- 35 – Keith Einwag, CGCS, PGA National (Cognizant Classic)
- 28 – Chris Flynn, CGCS, Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)
- 21 – Dave Nakama, CGCS, Waialae CC (Sony Open)
- 18 – Pete Bachman, CGCS, Pebble Beach (AT&T Pro Am)
- 15 – Lucas Andrews, TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)
- 14 – Devin Cullen, Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)
- 6 – Marshall Dick, Riviera (The Genesis)

Superintendents Alma Maters

- 3 – Penn State
- 1 – Hawaii / Texas Tech / Lake City College / SUNY Cobleskill / Guelph

2025 Season Statistics for PGA TOUR

36 Courses (main courses only and does not include Puerto Rico Open, Scottish Open or Open Championship)

Average Yardage – 7,373

Average Green Size – 5,944 sq. ft.

Average Sand Bunkers – 76.8

Average Holes with Water in Play – 7.0

Greens Turf Type

Poa / Poa overseed – 12; Bentgrass – 9; Bermudagrass – 8

Bentgrass / Poa mix – 4; Paspalum – 2; Ryegrass overseed – 1

Rough Turf Type

Ryegrass mix / overseed – 14; Bluegrass mix – 10;

Bermudagrass – 8; Paspalum – 2; Fescue – 2

Par

Par 70 Courses – 12

Par 71 Courses – 11

Par 72 Courses – 12

Par 73 Courses – 1

TPC Sawgrass Rankings in 2025

- 23rd longest yardage (just 20 yards short of the average)
- T14th largest greens
- 8th most sand bunkers
- 2nd most holes with water in play (behind 18 holes at Harbour Town for the RBC Heritage)

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Featured Groups *(click players for active links)*

Scottie Scheffler seeking to become the only other player since Jack Nicklaus (1974, '76, & '78) to win THE PLAYERS Championship 3 times, he is one of eight players to win this event multiple times

Ludvig Åberg seeking to become the first Swedish winner of THE PLAYERS Championship since Henrik Stenson in 2009

Tommy Fleetwood is -51 under on the par 5's at TPC Sawgrass in 8 career appearances, his best par 5 performance at a course in his PGA TOUR career

Justin Rose recorded 3 Top 10 finishes in 20 career starts at THE PLAYERS, seeking to become the first English player to win this event

Chris Gotterup seeking to be the first player since Rory McIlroy in 2025 to earn 3 PGA TOUR win in his first seven starts of a season.

Min Woo Lee can join five Australian (6 times) to win THE PLAYERS, the most by an international country

Si Woo Kim the 2017 PLAYERS Champion is seeking his first event with multiple wins in his PGA TOUR career and to become the ninth player to win this event multiple times

Jordan Spieth is making his 12th career start at THE PLAYERS Championship, his best finish coming in his first career start at this event in 2014 (T4)

Adam Scott has 23 consecutive seasons with a start at THE PLAYERS Championship, the most consecutive of any player (active), Scott is making his 24th career start this week

Rory McIlroy is seeking to join Jack Nicklaus as the only other player to win THE PLAYERS three times and to become the second player to successfully defend the title (Scottie Scheffler, 2023–24)

Xander Schauffele is one of nine players with multiple runner-up finishes ('18 & '24) without a win at THE PLAYERS all-time

Hideki Matsuyama can become the first player from Japan to win THE PLAYERS all-time

Collin Morikawa has 13 consecutive rounds under par, the longest active streak on the PGA TOUR

Justin Thomas tied the course record (62) at last year's PLAYERS Championship in the 2nd round

Rickie Fowler has the lowest score to par (-8) on the 17th hole of any player in the ShotLink era

Shane Lowry has made 5 consecutive cuts at this event, tied for the fourth best active streak of any player (made start at the 2025 PLAYERS Championship)

Viktor Hovland has made 17 consecutive cuts entering this week, his third longest made cut streak in his PGA TOUR career

Robert MacIntyre is seeking to become the first Scottish player to win THE PLAYERS Championship since Sandy Lyle in 1987

Brooks Koepka recorded a Final Round 63 at the 2018 PLAYERS Championship, his lowest Final Round in his PGA TOUR career

Sahith Theegala has three Top 10 finishes this season, tied for the second-most on the PGA TOUR

Akshay Bhatia is coming off a win at the Arnold Palmer Invitational, can become the sixth player to win the API & PLAYERS in same season

Defending Champion ShotLink Keys to Victory

Rory McIlroy earned his 28th PGA TOUR career win, becoming the eighth multiple winner at THE PLAYERS.



15th win when trailing entering the final round, third most of any player on TOUR since 1995

100% greens in regulation percentage on the 18th green, one of five players to not miss the green in all four rounds

+4.08 Strokes better than the field on the 18th hole in regulation, the second most of any player at THE PLAYERS since 2004

Rory McIlroy THE PLAYERS Championship

When missing the fairway (in regulation), no player was better than Rory McIlroy. McIlroy was five under when missing the fairway en route to victory, over nine strokes better than the field.

Scoring When Missing Fairway 2025 THE PLAYERS

	Total
Rory McIlroy	-5
Field Average	+4.78

Performance When Missing the Fairway 2025 THE PLAYERS

	Total	PCT
Missed Fairways	29	
Birdies	9	31%
Pars	16	55%
Bogeys	4	14%

Winning Multiple PLAYERS & Multiple Major Championships

	PLAYERS	Majors
Jack Nicklaus	3	18
Rory McIlroy	2*	5
Scottie Scheffler	2	4
Tiger Woods	2	15

*2019 & 2025

Most Wins When Trailing Entering Final Round PGA TOUR Since 1995

	Total
Tiger Woods	23
Phil Mickelson	16
Rory McIlroy	15

(Stroke Play)

18th Hole Performance 2025 THE PLAYERS Championship

	Total	Rank
Score to Par	-3	1st
Birdies	3	1st
SG: Total	+4.08	1st
GIR %	100%	T-1

*One of Five players to not miss 18th green

Most SG: Total 18th Hole at THE PLAYERS Since 2004

	Total
2014 Rory McIlroy	+4.62
2025 Rory McIlroy	+4.08
2004 Frank Lickliter II	+4.07
2004 Rory Sabbatini	+4.07

Best 2nd Hole Performance by a Winner THE PLAYERS Championship since 1982

	Total
2001 Tiger Woods	-5
2013 Tiger Woods	-5
2025 Rory McIlroy	-5

Rory McIlroy tied Tiger Woods for the lowest score to par in a week by a winner on the 2nd hole at THE PLAYERS Championship since 1982.

FedExCup Storylines & Notes

Thru 2026 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard (23 weeks left)

FedExCup TOUR TOP 10 Movement Last Week

	Prev	Rank	Movement
Collin Morikawa	4 th	1 st	+3
Akshay Bhatia	16 th	2 nd	+14
Jacob Bridgeman	1 st	3 rd	-2
Chris Gotterup	2 nd	4 th	-2
Scottie Scheffler	3 rd	5 th	-2
Min Woo Lee	10 th	6 th	+4
Jake Knapp	5 th	7 th	-2
Nico Echavarria	6 th	8 th	-2
Si Woo Kim	9 th	9 th	-
Ryan Gerard	7 th	10 th	-3

Average Age Comcast Business TOUR TOP 10 this Season

	Avg
thru Sony Open in Hawaii	29.3
thru The American Express	30.2
thru Farmers Insurance Open	30.04
thru WM Phoenix Open	29.7
thru The Genesis Invitational	30.2
thru The Cognizant Classic	28.9
thru Arnold Palmer Invitational	27.9

Career Weeks Inside FedExCup Top 10

	Total
Collin Morikawa	65
Akshay Bhatia	1
Jacob Bridgeman	5
Chris Gotterup	9
Scottie Scheffler	125
Min Woo Lee	4
Jake Knapp	7
Nico Echavarria	5
Si Woo Kim	22
Ryan Gerard	8

Winner Analysis

	Average Value	Average Rank	Ranked Inside Top 10	Best Performance	Worst Performance
Off the Tee					
SG: Off-the-Tee ShotLink era	+0.61	21.6	8	+1.62 (1 st) 2024 Scottie Scheffler	-1.29 (68 th) 2022 Cameron Smith
Driving Distance (All-Drives) ShotLink era	282.6	26.4	7	297.6 (10th) 2025 Rory McIlroy	256.8 (80 th) 2005 Fred Frunk
Driving Accuracy	70.11%	28.5	13	87.50% (T1) 1994 Greg Norman	42.86% (70 th) 2022 Cameron Smith
SG: Tee-to-Green ShotLink era	+2.69	7.0	17	+4.29 (1 st) 2023 Scottie Scheffler	+0.72 (35 th) 2022 Cameron Smith
Approach the Green					
SG: Approach-the-Green ShotLink era	+1.52	10.1	16	+2.62 (1 st) 2006 Stephen Ames	-0.72 (62 nd) 2018 Webb Simpson
Greens in Regulation	72.35%	12.6	26	88.89% (1 st) 1991 Steve Elkington	55.56% (T49) 1995 Lee Janzen
Proximity to the Hole ShotLink era	35' 6"	24.5	5	27'4" (1 st) 2006 Stephen Ames	43'11" (69 th) 2018 Webb Simpson
Fairway Proximity ShotLink era	32' 1"	28.3	8	25'9" (2 nd) 2004 Adam Scott	44'0" (71 st) 2018 Webb Simpson
Rough Proximity					
ShotLink era					
Going for the Green PCT ShotLink era	66.97%	22.9	8	94.44% (T1) 2023 Scottie Scheffler	31.25% (65 th) 2005 Fred Funk
SG: Around-the-Green ShotLink era	+0.56	20.8	6	+1.25 (3 rd) 2018 Webb Simpson	-0.19 (51st) 2025 Rory McIlroy
Putting					
SG: Putting Since 2004	+1.10	20.2	8	+2.88 (1 st) 2022 Cameron Smith	+0.03 (48 th) 2023 Scottie Scheffler
Putting Average Since 2003	+1.66	17.4	9	1.56 (1 st) 2022 Cameron Smith	1.83 (60 th) 2005 Fred Funk
One-Putt Percentage Since 2003	44.00%	25.4	8	58.33% (1 st) 2022 Cameron Smith	31.94% (68 th) 2008 Sergio Garcia
3-Putts Since 2003	1.32	15.2	10	0 7 times	4 (T52) 2005 Fred Funk
Putting inside 10' Since 2003	89.55%	26.5	6	94.83% (1 st) 2018 Webb Simpson	82.28% (T65) 2017 Si Woo Kim
Scoring					
SG: Total (SL era)	+3.79	--	--	+5.38 / '06 Ames	+3.00 / '15 Fowler
Birdie Average	4.93	5.9	36	6.25 (2 nd) / '94 Norman	3.25 (T31) / '89 Kite
Front 9 Scoring Average	34.5	6.8	34	33.25 (3 times)	36 (3 times)
Back 9 Scoring Average	34.29	5.2	35	32.75 (1 st) / '94 Norman	36 (2 times)
Par 3 Scoring Average	2.95	18.6	20	2.69 (3 times)	3.44 (T61) / '08 Garcia
Par 4 Scoring Average	3.89	4.3	38	3.68 (1 st) / '94 Norman	4.05 (3 times)
Par 5 Scoring Average	4.52	12.7	25	4.13 (1 st) / '21 Thomas	4.88 (T49) / '87 Lyle
Bounce Back	35.22%	16.5	21	75% (1 st) / '24 Scheffler	0% (3 times)

Broadcast Window Notes (featured groups)

Scottie Scheffler two-time PLAYERS champion ('23 & '24) is set to make his sixth start at THE PLAYERS. Since 2022, 62.50% of Scheffler's Rounds at TPC Sawgrass were in the 60's, the highest percentage of rounds in the 60's at TPC Sawgrass since 2022.

**Highest Percentage of Rounds in the 60's
TPC Sawgrass Since 2022**

	Pct
Scottie Scheffler	62.50
Dylan Wu	62.50
Hideki Matsuyama	60.00
Wyndham Clark	45.45

**Holes 1-3 vs 16-18
TPC Sawgrass Career**

	1st-3rd	16th-18th
Score to Par	-13	-1
Birdie or Better %	31.48	25.93
Bogey or Worse %	9.26	20.37
Fairway %	55.56	58.33
GIR %	75.93	66.67

**First Five Starts
Last Season vs This Season**

	2025	2026
Scoring Avg	69.75	67.85
Birdie or Better %	22.78	32.22
Bogey or Worse %	11.11	10.83
Strokes Gained (Avg)	+1.71	+1.91

**Round One vs Rest of Week
PGA TOUR This Season**

	Rd 1	Rest of Week
Scoring Avg	70.40	67.00
Birdie or Better %	25.56	34.44
Bogey or Worse %	16.67	8.89
Strokes Gained (Avg)	-1.79	+2.97

Ludvig Åberg is making his third career start at THE PLAYERS Championship, with a missed cut in 2025 and T8 in 2024. This season, Åberg has managed to make birdie or better on from the fairway 32.76% of the time, the highest percentage of any player on the PGA TOUR this season.

**Highest Birdie or Better Percentage - Fairway
PGA TOUR This Season**

	Pct
Ludvig Åberg	32.76
Scottie Scheffler	31.72
Zecheng Dou	31.58
Beau Hossler	30.69
Sepp Straka	30.32

**Par 3 Improvements
Last Season vs This Season**

	2025		2026	
	Value	Rank	Value	Rank
Scoring Avg	3.08	T131	2.97	T22
Score to Par	+22	T127	-2	T26
Birdie or Better %	14.13	T82	23.44	1 st

Tommy Fleetwood is making his 9th career start at THE PLAYERS Championship. In his previous eight starts, Fleetwood plays the par 5's 61 strokes better than the rest of the course (-51), while making a birdie or better 46.67% of the time on par 5's compared to 19.76% on the rest of the course. Fleetwood's combined score to par on Par 5's at TPC Sawgrass (-51) is the lowest score to par on par 5's at any course in his PGA TOUR career.

**Par 5's vs Rest of Course
TPC Sawgrass Career**

	Par 5's	Rest of Course
Score to Par	-51	+10
Birdie or Better %	46.67	19.76
Bogey or Worse %	6.67	18.57

**Best Par 5 Performance
PGA TOUR Career**

	Total
TPC Sawgrass	-51
Bay Hill Club & Lodge	-50
Augusta National Golf Club	-43
The Riviera Country Club	-40
Harbour Town Golf Links	-32

**Career on 17th Hole
TPC Sawgrass**

	Value
Rounds Played	30
Score to Par	+7
Scoring Avg	3.23
GIR %	76.67%
Birdie or Better %	16.67%
Water Balls	6

*+0.23 over/under par avg, worst of any hole at TPC Sawgrass in career

Justin Rose has 7 top 5s in the state of Florida, ties the second most of any player since 2012. Rose has the fourth most birdies on the 17th Hole at TPC Sawgrass (Stadium) since 2003 (13). Rose has the largest greens in regulation percentage improvement on the PGA TOUR This Season (T6) compared to Last Season (161st). He is currently ranked 16th in the FedExCup, the highest of any English player on the PGA TOUR This Season.

**Most Top 5s in Florida
PGA TOUR Since 2012**

	Total
Rory McIlroy	10
Justin Rose	7
Henrik Stenson	7
Tiger Woods	7

**Largest Greens In Regulation PCT Improvement
PGA TOUR This Season vs Last Season**

	2025	2026	Improvement
Justin Rose	161st	T6	+155
Rickie Fowler	138 th	34 th	+104
Cameron Young	159 th	55 th	+104
Jacob Bridgeman	141 st	T40	+101
Ryan Gerard	T128	28 th	+100

**Best FedExCup Rank - English Players
PGA TOUR This Season**

	Rank
Justin Rose	16th
Tommy Fleetwood	18 th
Harry Hall	28 th
Matt Fitzpatrick	43 rd

Chris Gotterup has hit 63.60% of drives over 300 yards, the highest percentage on the PGA TOUR Since 2024 (*min 40 events played*). Gotterup is one of five players to rank inside the Top 10 in both SG: Off-The-Tee (10th) & Driving Distance (All-Drives) (7th).

**Highest PCT of Drives 300+
PGA TOUR Since 2024**

	Pct
Chris Gotterup	63.60
Keith Mitchell	62.65
Min Woo Lee	61.80
Byeong Hun An	61.33
Cameron Champ	61.17

**min 40 events played*

**Players to Rank Inside the Top 10 in Both SG: Off-The-Tee &
Driving Distance (All- Drives) PGA TOUR This Season**

	Off-the-Tee	Driving Distance
Chris Gotterup	T10	7th
Johnny Keefe	7 th	3 rd
Marco Penge	3 rd	5 th
Keith Mitchell	T10	9 th
Michael Brennan	1 st	1 st

Min Woo Lee is currently 3rd in Birdie or Better PCT on Par 5s This Season, he has made birdie or better 68.06% of the time. Lee has played the first two rounds at THE PLAYERS at -18 under par, 22 shots better than the weekend rounds. He is currently ranked 6th in the FedExCup This Season, his best finish in his PGA TOUR Career is 59th Last Season.

**Par 5 Performance
PGA TOUR This Season**

	Stat	Rank
Scoring AVG	4.32	4 th
Birdie or Better	68.06	3 rd
GFG %	76.00	T26

**First 2 Rounds Vs Weekend Performance
THE PLAYERS PGA TOUR Career**

	First 2	Weekend
Scoring AVG	69.00	72.67
Score to Par	-18	+4
PCT of Under Par RDs	83.33	33.33
Best RD Finish	T1	2 nd

**12 rounds played*

**Best FedExCup Rank
PGA TOUR Career**

	Rank
2025	59 th
2024	65 th

**currently 6th PGA TOUR This Season*

Si Woo Kim was just 21 years old when securing his 2nd career PGA TOUR win at THE PLAYERS Championship, the youngest winner of this event all-time and the 9th player to earn their second career PGA TOUR win at this event. Si Woo Kim has made 5 top-15 finishes on the PGA TOUR this season, tied for the most of any player (Jake Knapp) and has played 23 rounds under par, the most thru his opening 7 starts of a season in his PGA TOUR career.

**Performance First 7 Starts
PGA TOUR 2025 v 2026**

	2025	This Season
Made Cut PCT	71.43	100.00
Top 5	0	2*
Top 15	1	5
Scoring Avg	69.71	68.46

*Best Finish: T2 26' Farmers Insurance Open

**Most Rounds Under Par thru
First 7 Starts of Season PGA TOUR Career**

	Total
2026	23
2024	21
2018-19	21
2021-22	21

**Youngest Winners
THE PLAYERS All-Time**

Detailed Age	
2017 Si Woo Kim	21 Years, 10 Months, 16 Days
2004 Adam Scott	23 Years, 8 Months, 12 Days
1984 Fred Couples	24 Years, 5 Months, 29 Days
1983 Hal Sutton	24 Years, 10 Months, 28 Days
2001 Tiger Woods	25 Years, 2 Months, 26 Days

*32, avg age THE PLAYERS winners

Jordan Spieth in 32 career rounds played at TPC Sawgrass, Spieth has played the 17th hole even par, hitting the green 84.38% of the time, and a total of 2 balls in the water. Spieth ranks 17th in Strokes Gained: Putting and is on track for his fourth best Strokes Gained: Putting rank in his PGA TOUR career.

**Career on 17th Hole
TPC Sawgrass**

	Value
Rounds Played	32
Score to Par	E
Scoring Avg	3.00
GIR %	84.38%
Birdie or Better %	18.75%
Water Balls	2

**Strokes Gained: Putting Comparison
PGA TOUR Last 3 Seasons**

	Value	Rank
This Season	+0.79	17th
2025	+0.15	65 th
2024	-0.01	T101

*on track for fourth best rank in PGA TOUR career

Adam Scott is making his 24th consecutive start at this event, the most consecutive seasons with a start (active streak). Scott has made birdie or better on the 17th Hole 26.83% of the time, the third highest Birdie or Better PCT on a Par 3 in his PGA TOUR career (*min 25 attempts*).

**Most Consecutive Seasons with a Start
THE PLAYERS (Active)**

	Total
Adam Scott	23
Matt Kuchar	17
Chris Kirk	14
Keegan Bradley	14
Brian Harman	13
Rory McIlroy	13

*entering the week

**Highest Par 3 Birdie or Better PCT
PGA TOUR Career**

	Hole	PCT
Waiialae Country Club	7 th	31.58
The Riviera Country Club	6 th	31.25
TPC Sawgrass - THE PLAYERS Stadium Course	17th	26.83
East Lake Golf Club	6 th	22.22
Muirfield Village Golf Club	12 th	20.97

*min 25 attempts

**Career on 17th Hole
TPC Sawgrass Since 2003**

	Value
Rounds Played	80
Score to Par	-6
Scoring Avg	2.93
GIR %	83.75
Balls in the Water	7

Rory McIlroy has gained more strokes Off-the-Tee than any player since joining the PGA TOUR in 2009, totaling more than 678 strokes and holding a margin of over 44 on the next closest player. More than half of his career strokes gained (53.7%) comes from his Off-the-Tee performance. After winning THE PLAYERS in 2019, he missed the cut in his title defense but now with another chance he looks to join Scottie Scheffler (2023-24) as the only players to win THE PLAYERS back-to-back.

**Strokes Gained Breakdown
PGA TOUR Career**

	AVG	PCT
Off-the-Tee	+0.87	53.7
Approach-the-Green	+0.48	29.6
Around-the-Green	+0.17	10.5
Putting	+0.10	6.2
Total	+1.62	-

**Results in Title Defense
PGA TOUR Career**

	Result
Attempts	22
Cuts Made	17
Top 25s	15
Top 10s	12
Top 5s	7
Wins	2*

*2022 RBC Canadian Open &
2023 THE CJ CUP in South Carolina

**Most FedExCup Points Earned by Event
PGA TOUR Career**

	Total
Truist Championship	3,127
PGA Championship	2,025
Masters Tournament	1,886
THE PLAYERS	1,804
The Open Championship	1,767

**Lowest Score to Par Holes 16-18
THE PLAYERS Championship All-Time**

	Total
Fred Couples	-36
Tom Lehman	-32
Ian Poulter	-28
Rory McIlroy	-27
Luke Donald	-21

*McIlroy -27 is Best of Any Player Since 2009

Last Five Players to Reach 30 PGA TOUR Wins

	Event
Phil Mickelson	2007 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
Vijay Singh	2007 The Sentry
Tiger Woods	2002 Arnold Palmer Invitational
Tom Watson	1982 RBC Heritage
Jack Nicklaus	1969 Kaiser International Open Invitational

*16 Players Have Reached 30 Wins All-Time

Xander Schauffele has gained an average of 0.66 strokes Around-the-Green at THE PLAYERS since 2018, tied for second-best. Despite finishing T138 in Par 4 Scoring last season, he still owns the third-lowest Par 4 Scoring Average (3.97) since 2019 and has ranked in the Top 10 in five of the last seven seasons, tied for the most. However, TPC Sawgrass ranks as his third-highest Par 4 Scoring Average on the PGA TOUR.

**Strokes Gained Breakdown
Xander Schauffele at THE PLAYERS Since 2018**

	AVG	Rank
Off-the-Tee	-0.27	135 th
Approach	+0.42	49 th
Around-the-Green	+0.66	T2
Putting	-0.11	109 th
Total	+0.70	49 th

*Min 8 Rounds Played for Rankings

**Lowest Par 4 Scoring Average
PGA TOUR Since 2019**

	AVG
Scottie Scheffler	3.93
Patrick Cantlay	3.96
Xander Schauffele	3.97
Rory McIlroy	3.97
Russell Henley	3.97

*Min 110 Events Played

**Highest Par 4 Scoring Average by
Course PGA TOUR Career**

	AVG
Augusta National Golf Club	4.11
Bay Hill Club & Lodge	4.09
TPC Sawgrass	4.07
Muirfield Village Golf Club	4.07
Quail Hollow Club	4.07

*Min 3 Starts

Hideki Matsuyama has four Top 10 finishes at THE PLAYERS since 2016, the most in that span and tied for his most at any event without a win in his career (*U.S. Open & TOUR Championship*). Matsuyama ranks 5th in SG: Around-the-Green and 1st in both Scrambling and Sand Save Percentage, the only player in the Top 5 in all three categories and all career-best marks in a season.

**Most Top 10 Finishes
THE PLAYERS Since 2016**

	Total
Hideki Matsuyama	4
Brian Harman	3
Jason Day	3
Si Woo Kim	3

**Best SG: Around-the-Green
PGA TOUR Since 2020**

	AVG
Hideki Matsuyama	+0.39
Aaron Baddeley	+0.38
Justin Thomas	+0.36
Jonathan Byrd	+0.35
Harry Hall	+0.33

*Min 70 Events Played (212 Players)

**Around-the-Green
This Season (Matsuyama)**

	Value	Rank
Strokes Gained	+0.61	5 th
Sand Saves	79.07%	1 st
Scrambling	75.69%	1 st

Collin Morikawa is making his sixth career start at THE PLAYERS Championship with his best finish being T10 in 2025. Morikawa's last 13 rounds have been sub-par, the longest active streak of sub-par rounds on the PGA TOUR this season. Through five starts this season, Morikawa has earned 1,182 FedExCup points, the most through his first five starts of a season in his PGA TOUR career.

**Longest Active Sub-Par Rounds Streak
PGA TOUR This Season**

	Total
Collin Morikawa	13
Ricky Castillo	9
Matti Schmid	9
David Ford	7

**Signature Events & Majors & THE PLAYERS vs
Regular Events Since 2024**

	Sig/Maj./PLAYERS	Regular
Win %	3.45	0.00
Top 5 %	27.59	17.65
Top 10 %	37.93	23.53
Top 25 %	79.31	47.06
Cut Made %	93.10	82.35

**Stroke Play Only*

**Most FedExCup Points Earned Thru First 5 Starts of a Season
PGA TOUR Career**

	Total
2026	1,182
2025	1,081
2021-22	730
2022-23	591

Justin Thomas the past champion is making his 11th career start at THE PLAYERS Championship. Since 2003, Thomas is a combined 27-under par on the weekend, the second lowest score to par on the weekend at THE PLAYERS Championship since 2003.

**Lowest Score to Par on the Weekend
THE PLAYERS Championship Since 2003**

	Total
Hideki Matsuyama	-37
Justin Thomas	-27
Rory McIlroy	-26
Shane Lowry	-26
Si Woo Kim	-22

**Career on 17th Hole
TPC Sawgrass**

	Value
Rounds Played	37
Score to Par	+9
Scoring Avg	3.24
GIR %	78.38
Birdie or Better %	16.22

Rickie Fowler has the third most birdies on the 17th Hole at TPC Sawgrass (Stadium Course) since 2003. Fowler ties the sixth lowest score to par on hole 17 all time at 8 under par.

**Highest Birdie or Better % - 17th Hole
TPC Sawgrass Since 2003**

	Pct
Bernhard Langer	39.29
Rickie Fowler	32.56
Kevin Na	31.58
Martin Kaymer	30.95
Emiliano Grillo	28.57

**Lowest Score to Par - 17th Hole
TPC Sawgrass Since 2003**

	Total
Rickie Fowler	-8
Martin Kaymer	-7
Johnson Wagner	-7
Adam Scott	-6

**Min 25 attempts*

**Par 5's vs Rest of Course
TPC Sawgrass Career**

	Par 5's	Rest of Course
Score to Par	-53	+57
Birdie or Better %	39.53	18.60
Bogey or Worse %	8.72	21.76

Shane Lowry has made 5 consecutive cuts at THE PLAYERS, tied for fourth best active streak of any player (*made start at the 2025 PLAYERS*). Lowry in his last five starts at THE PLAYERS has four Top 20 finishes and a scoring average of 70.40, compared to his first five recording one Top 20 finish and a scoring average of 72.07. Ranks 9th on the PGA TOUR this season in Proximity to the Hole, one of five players to improve in this statistic each of the last three seasons.

First 5 v Last 5 Starts
THE PLAYERS Championship

	First 5	Last 5
Made CUT PCT	40.00%	100.00%
Top 10	0	1
Top 20	1	4
Scoring Avg	72.07	70.40
Best Finish	T16 (2016)	8th (2021)

Most Consecutive Cuts Made
THE PLAYERS (Active)

	Streak
Tom Hoge	7
Daniel Berger	7
Denny McCarthy	6
Shane Lowry	5
Sungjae Im	5

Proximity to Hole Rank Comparison
PGA TOUR Since 2023

	Rank
2026	9th
2025	T16
2024	T68
2022-23	75 th

**one of 5 players to improve each of the last 3 seasons*

**made start at 2025 THE PLAYERS*

Viktor Hovland has recorded 2 Top 10 finishes at THE PLAYERS Championship (2022 T9 & 2023 T3), tied for the most of any event without a win in his PGA TOUR career. Hovland has a Top 10 percentage of 38.89% in the state of Florida, the highest of any state in his PGA TOUR career. Hovland has made 17 consecutive cuts entering this week, his third Longest Made Cut Streak in his PGA TOUR career.

Highest Top 10 PCT by State
PGA TOUR Career

	PCT
Florida	38.89
Illinois	33.33
North Carolina	33.33
Ohio	28.57

**min 3 starts*

Most Seasons Ranked Inside Top-20
SG: Approach the Green Since 2020

	Total
Viktor Hovland*	7
Hideki Matsuyama	6
Collin Morikawa	6
Russell Henley	5
Xander Schauffele	5

**only player to do in each season since 2020*

Longest Made Cut Streaks
PGA TOUR Career

Started	Last Made Cut	Total
2022 The Open Championship	2024 THE PLAYERS Championship	32
2020 Arnold Palmer Invitational	2021 Arnold Palmer Invitational	22
2025 Valspar Championship	Current	17
2019 Arnold Palmer Invitational	2019 Baycurrent Classic	11
2022 The Genesis Invitational	2022 the Memorial Tournament	10

Robert MacIntyre ranks inside the Top 30 in SG: Putting (13th), One Putt PCT (1st), Putts Per Round (2nd), Putts Made Distance (T26), Putting from > 10' (5th), one of 9 players to rank inside the Top 30 in each statistic. MacIntyre improved 122 positions in One-Putt PCT from 2025 (123rd) to this season (1st), the fourth largest improvement of any player.

Largest One-Putt PCT Rank Improvement
PGA TOUR Last Season v This Season

	2025	This Season	Improvement
Kris Ventura	143 rd	6 th	+137
Justin Lower	130 th	3 rd	+127
Steven Fisk	173 rd	49 th	+124
Robert MacIntyre	123rd	1st	+122
Karl Vilips	145 th	T26	+119

Putting Rank Comparison
PGA TOUR 2025 v This Season

	2025	This Season
Strokes Gained	T39	13th
One Putt PCT	123 rd	1st
Putts Per Round	T109	2nd
Putts Made Distance	T58	T26
Putting from > 10'	110 th	5th

Brooks Koepka tied the lowest final round score (63) at TPC Sawgrass (Stadium) course in 2018 (2022 Dustin Johnson). He is making his 7th start at THE PLAYERS Championship this week, his best finish at this event is T11 (2018). Has played 20 total rounds on the 17th Hole with a scoring average of 4.00.

**Lowest Final Round Score
PGA TOUR Career**

	Score
2018 THE PLAYERS Championship	63
2018 Charles Swab Challenge	63
2017 BMW Championship	63
2018 THE CJ CUP in South Carolina	64
2014 Wyndham Championship	64

**Career on 17th Hole
TPC Sawgrass**

	Value
Rounds Played	20
Score to Par	+20
Scoring Avg	4.00
GIR %	55.00
Balls in the Water	10

Sahith Theegala is one of four players to have 7 cuts made without a missed cut on the PGA TOUR This Season. Theegala has earned 852 FedExCup Points in the state of Florida, his most in his PGA TOUR Career. He has 3 Top 10 finishes on the PGA TOUR This Season.

**Most Cuts Made
PGA TOUR This Season**

	Total
Si Woo Kim	7
Sahith Theegala	7
Patrick Rodgers	7
Keith Mitchell	7

**Events Before THE PLAYERS Comparison
This Season vs Last Season**

	Last Season	This Season
Events Played	7	7
Scoring AVG	70.73	68.82
Top 10	0	3
Cuts Made	100%	100%
Best Finish	T17	T6*

**2026 Arnold Palmer Invitational*

**Most FedExCup Points By State
PGA TOUR Career**

	Total
Florida	852*
California	838
South Carolina	517
Hawaii	494
Georgia	348

**233 points in FL This Season*

Akshay Bhatia won the Arnold Palmer Invitational last week, he would become the sixth player to win API & THE PLAYERS in the same season. Bhatia has played the front nine an average of 1.67 strokes better than the back nine at TPC Sawgrass (Stadium Course). He is the only player after the Arnold Palmer Invitational / Puerto Rico Open to move into the FedExCup Top 10.

**Players to Win Arnold Palmer Invitational &
THE PLAYERS In the Same Season**

2024 Scottie Scheffler
2016 Jason Day
2013 Tiger Woods
2001 Tiger Woods
1989 Tom Kite

**Bhatia won 2026 Arnold Palmer Invitational*

**Front 9 vs Back 9 TPC Sawgrass
(Stadium) PGA TOUR Career**

	Front 9	Back 9
Scoring AVG	34.33	36.00
Score to Par	-10	E
Birdies or Better	21	8

**6 rounds played*

**Best FedExCup Rank After a Win
PGA TOUR Career**

	Rank After
2026 Arnold Palmer Invitational	2*
2024 Valero Texas Open	12 th
2023 Barracuda Championship	91 st

**best after any week PGA TOUR Career*