



January 15 – January 18, 2026
Waialae Country Club

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World Feed Broadcast Coverage Details

World Feed Airtimes

Round 1: January 15, 2026: 19:00-22:00 ET

Round 2: January 16, 2026: 19:00-22:00 ET

Round 3: January 17, 2026: 19:00-22:00 ET

Round 4: January 18, 2026: 19:00-22:00 ET

Tournament Overview:

Date: January 15 – January 18, 2026

Course: Waialae Country Club

Location: Honolulu, HI USA

Defending Champion: Nick Taylor

Yardage: 7044

Par Value: 70

FedExCup Points/1st: 500

Prize Money/1st: \$9,100,000/\$1,638,000

World Feed Talent

Host: Brian Katrek

Analyst: Craig Perks

Analyst: Rob Lee

On-Course Reporter: Rich Beem

International Players in the Field

(*Field as of Wednesday January 14 11:30ET)

Argentina: Emiliano Grillo, Alejandro Tosti

Australia: Cam Davis, Adam Scott

Belgium: Adrien Dumont de Chassart

Canada: Corey Connors, A.J. Ewart, Taylor Pendrith, Adam Svensson, Nick Taylor, Sudarshan Yellamaraju

China: Zecheng Dou, Haotong Li

Colombia: Nico Echavarria, Marcelo Roza

England: Dan Brown, Harry Hall, John Parry, Aaron Rai, Jordan Smith

Fiji: Vijay Singh

France: Matthieu Pavon, Adrien Saddier

Germany: Matti Schmid

Ireland: Seamus Power

Japan: Kazuki Higa, Kensei Hirata, Ryo Hisatsune, Takumi Kanaya, Kota Kaneko, Hideki Matsuyama, Taisei Nagasaki, Keita Nakajima, Yuta Sugiura, Ren Yonezawa

Mexico: Emilio Gonzalez

Norway: Kristoffer Reitan

Philippines: Rico Hoey

Puerto Rico: Rafael Campos

Scotland: Robert MacIntyre

South Africa: Christo Lamprecht, Erik van Rooyen

South Korea: S.H. Kim, Si Woo Kim, Tom Kim, S.T. Lee

Sweden: Pontus Nyholm



World Feed Broadcast Delivery Details

Booking Information

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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.



WF Break Formats Rounds 1 and 2

Break 1	02:00:00
Break 2	02:00:00
Break 3	02:00:00
Break 4	02:00:00
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Break 6	02:00:00
Break 7	02:00:00
Break 8	02:00:00
Break 9	02:00:00
Break 10	02:00:00
Break 11	02:00:00
Break 12	02:00:00



WF Break Formats Round 3

Break 1	2:00:00
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Break 3	2:00:00
Break 4	2:00:00
Break 5	2:00:00
Break 6	2:00:00
Break 7	2:00:00
Break 8	2:00:00
Break 9	2:00:00
Break 10	2:00:00
Break 11	2:00:00
Break 12	2:00:00



WF Break Formats Round 4

Break 1	2:00:00
Break 2	2:00:00
Break 3	2:00:00
Break 4	2:00:00
Break 5	2:00:00
Break 6	2:00:00
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2026 Sony Open in Hawaii
Waialae Country Club
First and Second Round Groupings
Thursday & Friday, January 15 & 16, 2026



Rd. 1	Rd. 2			
TEE 1	TEE 10			
7:10	11:40	Brice Garnett Gallatin, MO	Michael Kim Dallas, TX	Jacob Bridgeman Inman, SC
7:21	11:51	Erik van Rooyen Johannesburg, South Africa	Gary Woodland Topeka, KS	Alex Smalley Greensboro, NC
7:32	12:02	Tom Kim Seoul, Republic of Korea	Emiliano Grillo Chaco, Argentina	Denny McCarthy Rockville, MD
7:43	12:13	Kurt Kitayama Chico, CA	Cam Davis Sydney, Australia	Taylor Pendrith Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada
7:54	12:24	Brian Campbell Irvine, CA	Harry Hall Cornwall, England	Corey Connors Listowel, Ontario, Canada
8:05	12:35	Adam Schenk Vincennes, IN	Steven Fisk Sea Island, GA	William Mouw Chino Hills, CA
8:16	12:46	Patton Kizzire Sea Island, GA	Nick Dunlap Jupiter, FL	Rico Hoey Manila, Philippines
8:27	12:57	Pierceson Coody Plano, TX	Kevin Roy Lakewood Ranch, FL	Haotong Li People's Rep of China
8:38	1:08	Ricky Castillo Yorba Linda, CA	Kensei Hirata Suita, Japan	Corey Kozuma Aiea, HI
8:49	1:19	John VanDerLaan Southbury, CT	Gordon Sargent Birmingham, AL	Yuta Sugiura Aichi, Japan

Rd. 1	Rd. 2			
TEE 10	TEE 1			
7:10	11:40	Austin Eckroat Edmond, OK	Peter Malnati Knoxville, TN	Keith Mitchell Sea Island, GA
7:21	11:51	Matthieu Pavon Bordeaux, France	Sam Stevens Wichita, KS	Matti Schmid Germany
7:32	12:02	Sahith Theegala Chino Hills, CA	Seamus Power Waterford, Ireland	Kristoffer Reitan Norway
7:43	12:13	J.J. Spaun Los Angeles, CA	Collin Morikawa La Canada, CA	Adam Scott Australia
7:54	12:24	Ben Griffin Chapel Hill, NC	Chris Gotterup Little Silver, NJ	Russell Henley Columbus, GA
8:05	12:35	Nick Taylor Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada	Aaron Rai Wolverhampton, England	Robert MacIntyre Oban, Scotland
8:16	12:46	Ryo Hisatsune Okayama, Japan	Danny Walker Bradenton, FL	David Ford Peachtree Corners, GA
8:27	12:57	Chandler Phillips College Station, TX	John Parry Harrogate, England	S.T. Lee Republic of Korea
8:38	1:08	Alejandro Tosti Rosario, Argentina	Takumi Kanaya Hiroshima, Japan	Kota Kaneko Aichi, Japan
8:49	1:19	Zecheng Dou Zhengzhou, People's Rep of China	Pontus Nyholm Gavle, Sweden	A Anson Cabello Kahului, HI



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11:51	7:21	Patrick Rodgers Avon, IN	Bud Cauley Palm Beach Gardens, FL	Mark Hubbard Denver, CO
12:02	7:32	Daniel Berger Jupiter, FL	Webb Simpson Charlotte, NC	Doug Ghim Arlington Heights, IL
12:13	7:43	Keegan Bradley Woodstock, VT	Hideki Matsuyama Sendai, Japan	Jordan Spieth Dallas, TX
12:24	7:54	Michael Brennan Leesburg, VA	Tony Finau Lehi, UT	Johnny Keefe San Antonio, TX
12:35	8:05	Brian Harman Sea Island, GA	Maverick McNealy Las Vegas, NV	Si Woo Kim Seoul, Republic of Korea
12:46	8:16	S.H. Kim Republic of Korea	Mac Meissner Dallas, TX	Luke Clanton Hialeah, FL
12:57	8:27	Max McGreevy Edmond, OK	Jordan Smith Bath, Wiltshire, England	A.J. Ewart Coquitlam, BC, Canada
1:08	8:38	Neal Shipley Pittsburgh, PA	Jeffrey Kang Los Angeles, CA	A Taisei Nagasaki Japan
1:19	8:49	Zach Bauchou Edmond, OK	Marcelo Rozo Bogota, Colombia	Kazuki Higa Okinawa, Japan
Rd. 1	Rd. 2			
TEE 10	TEE 1			
11:40	7:10	Adam Svensson Vancouver- British Columbia, Canada	Chad Ramey Fulton, MS	Vince Whaley Alpharetta, GA
11:51	7:21	Eric Cole Tequesta, FL	Zac Blair Orem, UT	Dylan Wu Medford, OR
12:02	7:32	Rafael Campos Guaynabo, Puerto Rico	Zach Johnson Cedar Rapids, IA	Beau Hossler Mission Viejo, CA
12:13	7:43	Joe Highsmith Lakewood, WA	Nico Echavarria Medellin, Colombia	Davis Riley Hattiesburg, MS
12:24	7:54	Ryan Gerard Raleigh, NC	Chris Kirk Watkinsville, GA	Vijay Singh Fiji
12:35	8:05	Matt McCarty Scottsdale, AZ	Billy Horschel Ponte Vedra Beach, FL	Jake Knapp Scottsdale, AZ
12:46	8:16	Austin Smotherman Dallas, TX	Adrien Saddier Esery, France	Chandler Blanchet Atlantic Beach, FL
12:57	8:27	Adrien Dumont de Chassart Villers la Ville, Belgium	Davis Chatfield Attleboro, MA	Sudarshan Yellamaraju Mississauga, On, Canada
1:08	8:38	Isaiah Salinda South San Francisco, CA	Dan Brown Northallerton, England	Keita Nakajima Japan
1:19	8:49	Christo Lamprecht George, South Africa	Emilio Gonzalez San Miguel, Mexico	Ren Yonezawa Iwate, Japan



WEATHER FORECAST

Issued: 6am Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Time	8am	10am	12pm	2pm	4pm	6pm
Sky						
Weather	Scattered rain; heavy possible	Scattered rain; heavy possible	Intermittent showers; windy	Intermittent showers; windy	Few vicinity showers; windy	Few vicinity showers; windy
Rain Probability	60%	50%	40%	40%	30%	30%
Lightning Probability	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Temp (°F)	72	78	81	81	80	73
Winds (mph)	S/SW 8-13	S/SW 12-17 G20-25	S/SW 15-20 G25-30	S/SW 20-25 G30	S/SW 20-25 G30	SW 15-20 G25-30

Today – Scattered areas of rain will drift in from the south this morning and may produce a few heavy downpours. Rain showers are forecast to become more intermittent this afternoon before increasing in coverage after 10pm as a cold front reaches Oahu. Southwesterly winds will become windy by mid-morning, becoming sustained at 15-25 mph along with gusts of 25-30 mph.

Forecast rainfall through 6pm: 0.10" – 0.25" | Sunrise: 7:11am / Sunset: 6:10pm

Day	Tonight	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Sky					
Weather	Rain becoming widespread and heavy at times	Rain prior to 5am then few passing showers	Partly cloudy; breezy	Mix of sun and clouds; iso. shower; breezy	Partly cloudy; breezy
Rain Probability	30% → 80%	80% → 30%	10%	20%	10%
Rain Amount (in)	0.25" – 0.50"		0.00"	< 0.02"	0.00"
Temp (min/max)	Low: 68°F	High: 77°F	65/76	67/77	68/79
Winds (mph)	SW → N/NW 10-20 G22-27	N/NW → N 12-16 G18-22	NE 13-18 G20-25	E/NE 15-20 G22-27	E 12-16 G18-22

Extended forecast – Anticipate rain will become widespread and heavy at times between 10pm Wednesday and 5am Thursday as a cold front moves across Oahu. An isolated rumble of thunder is possible Wednesday night. A few lighter passing showers may then linger behind the front after daybreak Thursday with limited additional accumulation. Breezy, cooler, and drier conditions are then expected Thursday afternoon through Sunday.

Forecast prepared by meteorologist Joe Halvorson.



2026 Sony Open in Hawaii
(1st of 34 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Honolulu, Hawaii
Waialae Country Club

January 15-18, 2026
Par/Yards: 35-35-70/7,044

Purse: \$9.1 million (\$1.638 million/winner)
FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)

Pre-Tournament Information – 2026 Sony Open in Hawaii

Player Interviews

Wednesday, January 14 (all times local)

Following 8:49 a.m. (9-hole) Pro-Am – Nick Taylor

Following 9 a.m. (9-hole) Pro-Am – Collin Morikawa

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Collin Morikawa

- Father, Blaine, is a Japanese-American from Hawaii; grandparents once ran a restaurant in Lahaina
- Will make his third start at the Sony Open in Hawaii (T21/2020, T7/2021)
- Qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs for the seventh consecutive season in 2025 and advanced to the TOUR Championship for the sixth straight year, finishing in a tie for No. 19 in the FedExCup standings
- Recorded four top-10s last season in 21 starts, highlighted by a pair of runner-up finishes at The Sentry and Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard
- Selected as a captain's pick to represent the United States at the 2025 Ryder Cup

Nick Taylor

- Defending champion will make his 10th start at the Sony Open in Hawaii; last four starts at Waialae Country Club (T11/2021, T7/2023, T7/2024, 1st/2025)
- Seeking to become the first player to successfully defend at the Sony Open since Jimmy Walker in 2015
- Won the 2025 Sony Open in Hawaii in a playoff over Nico Echavarria, earning his fifth PGA TOUR title
- With the victory, moved to 3-0 in playoffs and recorded his third consecutive season with a TOUR victory; was the only Canadian to win on TOUR in 2025
- Became the 11th international player (12th win) to win the Sony Open in Hawaii
- Qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs and advanced to the TOUR Championship for the second time in 2025, finishing T19 in the FedExCup standings

Sony Open in Hawaii notes

- The Sony Open in Hawaii is the first event of the 2026 FedExCup Regular Season
- The field features:
 - 20 of the top 50 players in the Official World Golf Ranking, highlighted by World No. 5 **Russell Henley**, No. 6 **J.J. Spaun**, No. 7 **Robert MacIntyre**, No. 8 **Ben Griffin**, No. 14 **Keegan Bradley**, No. 16 **Hideki Matsuyama**, No. 17 **Collin Morikawa**
 - Players in field who qualified for the 2025 TOUR Championship: **Russell Henley**, **Corey Connors**, **Keegan Bradley**, **Chris Gotterup**, **Ben Griffin**, **Brian Harman**, **Harry Hall**, **Robert MacIntyre**, **Collin Morikawa**, **Nick Taylor**, **Maverick McNealy**, **J.J. Spaun**, **Jacob Bridgeman**, **Hideki Matsuyama**
 - Four FedExCup Fall winners: **Steven Fisk** (Sanderson Farms Championship), **Michael Brennan** (Bank of Utah Championship), **Ben Griffin** (World Wide Technology Championship), **Adam Schenk** (Butterfield Bermuda Championship)
 - 2022 Sony Open in Hawaii champion **Hideki Matsuyama**, the winningest Asian player in TOUR history (11 wins), is one of seven former Sony Open winners in the field; the others: **Vijay Singh** (2005), **Zach Johnson** (2009), **Russell Henley** (2013), **Patton Kizzire** (2018), **Si Woo Kim** (2023) and **Nick Taylor** (2025)
 - Past FedExCup champions: **Vijay Singh** (2008), **Billy Horschel** (2014), **Jordan Spieth** (2015)

New Member Notes

- The 2026 new member class includes 22 rookies and two first-year members; among those 24 players, 22 are in the Sony Open in Hawaii field (not in field: Marco Penge, Rasmus Neergaard-Peterson):

Player	Path to the PGA TOUR	Hometown/Country
Zach Bauchou	2025 Korn Ferry Tour	Forest, VA/USA
Chandler Blanchet	2025 Korn Ferry Tour	Gainesville, FL/USA
Dan Brown	2025 DP World Tour	Northallerton, England/ENG
Davis Chatfield	2025 Korn Ferry Tour	Attleboro, MA/USA
A.J. Ewart	2025 PGA TOUR Q-School	Coquitlam, Canada/CAN
Emilio Gonzalez	2025 Korn Ferry Tour	San Miguel de Allende, Mexico/MEX
Kensei Hirata	2025 Korn Ferry Tour	Osaka, Japan/JPN
Jeffrey Kang	2025 Korn Ferry Tour	Los Angeles, CA/USA
Johnny Keefer	2025 Korn Ferry Tour	Baltimore, MD/USA
Christo Lamprecht	2025 Korn Ferry Tour	George, South Africa/RSA
S.T. Lee	2025 Korn Ferry Tour	Seoul, South Korea/KOR
Haotong Li*	2025 DP World Tour	Hunan, China/CHN
Keita Nakajima	2025 DP World Tour	Kazo, Japan/JPN
Pontus Nyholm	2025 Korn Ferry Tour	Gavle, Sweden/SWE
John Parry	2025 DP World Tour	Harrogate, England/ENG
Kristoffer Reitan	2025 DP World Tour	Oslo, Norway/NOR
Marcelo Rozo	2025 PGA TOUR Q-School	Bogota, Colombia/COL
Adrien Saddier	2025 DP World Tour	Annemasse, France/FRA
Neal Shipley*	2025 Korn Ferry Tour	Pittsburgh, PA/USA
Jordan Smith	2025 DP World Tour	Bath, England/ENG
John VanDerLaan	2025 Korn Ferry Tour	Southbury, CT/USA
Sudarshan Yellamaraju	2025 Korn Ferry Tour	Visakhapatnam, India/CAN

**First-year member; not an official rookie because player has made seven or more starts in a previous season on TOUR*

PGA TOUR season notes

- The 34-event FedExCup Regular Season schedule features the 52nd playing of THE PLAYERS Championship in March, the four major championships and eight Signature Events
- Eight Signature Events are on the schedule: AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, The Genesis Invitational, Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, RBC Heritage, Cadillac Championship, Truist Championship, the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday and Travelers Championship
- The 20th edition of the FedExCup Playoffs will take place in August and will feature the top 70 players in the FedExCup standings qualifying for the first FedExCup Playoffs event, the FedEx St. Jude Championship (August 13-16) at TPC Southwind in Memphis, Tennessee; those players will be exempt for Full-Field events and THE PLAYERS in 2027
- Fifty players will then advance to the BMW Championship (August 20-23) at Bellerive Country Club in Saint Louis, Missouri; those players will be fully exempt for the following season and qualify for all Signature Events in 2027
- Thirty players will then advance to East Lake Golf Club (August 27-30) for the TOUR Championship in Atlanta, Georgia, with the FedExCup Champion being crowned
- After the TOUR Championship, the 2026 FedExCup Fall will feature an eight-event slate that plays a critical role in finalizing eligibility for the 2027 PGA TOUR Season
 - Biltmore Championship Asheville (September 17-20)
 - Bank of Utah Championship (October 1-4)
 - Baycurrent Classic (October 8-11)
 - Butterfield Bermuda Championship (October 22-25)
 - VidantaWorld Mexico Open (October 29-November 1)
 - World Wide Technology Championship (November 5-8)
 - Good Good Championship (November 12-15)
 - The RSM Classic (November 19-22)
- The 2026 FedExCup Fall calendar is highlighted by the 16th edition of the Presidents Cup, featuring the United States Team against the International Team, which will be contested September 24-27 at Medinah Country Club in Chicago

Aon Swing 5

- The Sony Open in Hawaii, the first event of the 2026 PGA TOUR Season, is the first opportunity for players to earn FedExCup points towards the Aon Swing 5 with entry into each of the next two Signature Events (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, The Genesis Invitational)
- The top five players, not otherwise exempt, who earn the most FedExCup points during the Sony Open in Hawaii, The American Express, Farmers Insurance Open and the WM Phoenix Open will qualify for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and The Genesis Invitational

- The Aon Next 10 represents the top 10 players not already exempt, from the FedExCup standings, while the Aon Swing 5 includes the top five FedExCup points earners, not already exempt, from a collection of Full-Field Events leading up to each Signature Event. The Aon Next 10 for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and The Genesis Invitational was determined through the 2025 FedExCup Fall standings

PGA TOUR Competitions – Changes for 2026

Exempt Status

- Exempt status for 2026 changes from top 125 to top 100 on the prior season's final FedExCup Fall Standings
- Players finishing between Nos. 101-150 will have conditional status and be broken into three different categories on the Priority Ranking: 101-110, 111- 125 and 126-150; these three categories will have varying levels of access to Full-Field Events

Field Sizes

- Beginning in 2026, the maximum number of players in a Full Field Event will be 144 players*, down from 156; due to circumstances such as limited daylight, some events will have field sizes of 120 or 132
 - *The American Express, played on three courses, and the Genesis Scottish Open, co-sanctioned with the DP World Tour, maintain a field size of 156
 - THE PLAYERS Championship field size will be 120 beginning in 2026
 - These reductions in field sizes will have a positive impact on Speed of Play through a better flow of play on the golf course

Sponsor Exemptions

- Sponsor exemptions restricted to players in the DP World Tour/Korn Ferry Tour/Q-School category as well as those restricted to PGA TOUR members have been removed and reallocated to the next eligible members on the Priority Ranking (NOTE: There are no changes to unrestricted sponsor exemptions, which are typically a standard of four)

Open Qualifying

- Open Qualifying spots have been eliminated for Full-Field Events with fields of 120 and reduced to two for fields of 132
- Fields of 144, which make up the majority of Full-Field Events, maintain four Open Qualifying spots
- There are no changes to Open Qualifying for Opposite Events and the FedExCup Fall, which maintain four spots
- In total, there are six events affected by the changes to Open Qualifying (reduction of 17 spots over the course of the season):
 - Sony Open in Hawaii (field size 120, 0 OQ spots)
 - WM Phoenix Open (field size 120, 0 OQ spots)
 - Cognizant Classic (field size 120, 0 OQ spots)
 - Valspar Championship (field size 132, 2 OQ spots)
 - Texas Children's Houston Open (field size 132, 2 OQ spots)
 - Valero Texas Open (field size 132, 2 OQ spots)

DP World Tour/Korn Ferry Tour, Q-School

- As a result of these changes, players who receive their cards via the Korn Ferry Tour/DP World Tour/Q-School have exempt access to Full-Field Events:
 - DP World Tour – 10 cards available (no change)
 - Korn Ferry Tour – 20 cards available (down from 30)
 - PGA TOUR Q-School – 5 cards available (rather than top five and ties)



Message Document: 2026 Sony Open in Hawaii

Tournament Focus

- **2026 PGA TOUR Season Begins:** Following the cancellation of The Sentry in October due to ongoing drought conditions on Maui, the Sony Open in Hawaii will serve as the opening event of the 2026 PGA TOUR Season and mark the first of 34 official events in the regular season. In the third year since the TOUR's return to a calendar year schedule, players look to get off to a quick start in the FedExCup. Defending champion Nick Taylor claimed his fifth TOUR title at Waialae in 2025 and went on to qualify for his second career TOUR Championship.
- **New Members:** The Sony Open in Hawaii provides the first opportunity for the TOUR's newest members to showcase their talent against the best players in the world. The 2026 new member class includes 22 rookies and two first-year members. Among those 24 players, 22 are in the field at the Sony Open in Hawaii, including 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year Johnny Keefer.
- **Waialae:** The Seth Raynor-designed Waialae Country Club in Honolulu is the third-longest running host venue (non-major) on the PGA TOUR behind Colonial Country Club (1946) and Pebble Beach Golf Links (1947). Waialae delivers consistent final-round drama, with a playoff deciding the tournament in four of the last six years, including the last two.
- **Sony:** Title sponsor of the Sony Open in Hawaii since 1999, Sony is the third-longest running PGA TOUR title sponsor (continuous), behind AT&T (1986) and John Deere (1998).

Competitions Storylines

- **PGA TOUR Eligibility:** Previously announced eligibility adjustments take effect this season, including top 100 in the final 2025 FedExCup Fall standings earning exempt status on TOUR. Players finishing between Nos. 101-150 will have conditional status and be broken into three different categories on the Priority Ranking: 101-110, 111-125 and 126-150. These three categories will have varying levels of access to Full-Field Events.
 - Field sizes for several Full-Field Events in 2026 will also be adjusted, with the maximum number of players in a Full-Field Event being 144 players, down from 156. Due to circumstances such as daylight, some events will have field sizes of 120 or 132. The Sony Open in Hawaii will feature 120 players, down from 144. Notably, THE PLAYERS Championship will feature a 120-player field.
 - The eligibility changes will also be reflected in the 2026 PGA TOUR Priority Ranking, which will deliver fair and equitable playing opportunities for all who earn exempt status on TOUR.

- **Strength of Field:** The field includes 20 of the top 50 players in the Official World Golf Ranking, highlighted by World No. 5 Russell Henley, No. 6 J.J. Spaun, No. 7 Robert MacIntyre, No. 8 Ben Griffin, No. 14 Keegan Bradley, No. 16 Hideki Matsuyama, No. 17 Collin Morikawa
- **Aon Swing 5:** The Sony Open in Hawaii marks the first opportunity for players to earn FedExCup points toward the Aon Swing 5. The top five players who earn the most FedExCup points at the Sony Open in Hawaii, The American Express, Farmers Insurance Open and WM Phoenix Open will qualify for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and The Genesis Invitational. The top five point earners in those four Full-Field events plus the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches will then qualify for the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard.

AON SWING 5	SIGNATURE EVENT
Sony Open in Hawaii The American Express Farmers Insurance Open WM Phoenix Open	AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am The Genesis Invitational
+ Cognizant Classic	Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard

- **Japanese Talent:** Sony will once again provide several sponsor exemptions to high-performing players associated with the Japan Golf Association (JGA) and the Japan Golf Tour Organization (JGTO), with this year's invitations including 16-year-old Taisei Nagasaki, who has excelled on the junior circuit in Japan and captured the golf world's attention after falling in a playoff at the Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship in October.

Player Priorities

- **Jordan Spieth:** Returns to the Sony Open in Hawaii for his sixth appearance and first since 2023 (best: 3rd/2017); making his first start on TOUR since the 2025 FedEx St. Jude Championship
- **Collin Morikawa:** Making his first start at the Sony Open in Hawaii since 2021 and third overall; posted a T7 in 2021 for his best finish
- **Keegan Bradley:** Eight-time PGA TOUR winner will make his 14th appearance at the Sony Open in Hawaii, highlighted by two consecutive top-10 finishes in his most recent starts (T2/2024, T6/2025).
- **Ben Griffin:** Three-time PGA TOUR winner and 2025 PGA TOUR Player of the Year nominee will make his fourth consecutive start at the Sony Open in Hawaii.
- **Johnny Keefer:** 2026 PGA TOUR Rookie will be making first career start at the Sony Open in Hawaii. Keefer earned TOUR membership after finishing No. 1 in the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List and was named 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year,

joining Sungjae Im and Scottie Scheffler as the only three players to win both awards in one season.

- **Adam Scott:** 14-time PGA TOUR winner will make his 11th tournament appearance and first since 2023; best finish is T2 in 2009.
- **J.J. Spaun:** Two-time PGA TOUR winner and defending U.S. Open champion is making his ninth appearance at the Sony Open in Hawaii, highlighted by his best finish in 2025 (T3).
- **Nick Taylor:** Defending champion collected his fifth career PGA TOUR title at the 2025 Sony Open in Hawaii after defeating Nico Echavarria in a playoff. With his victory, Taylor became the 11th International winner of the event and posted his third consecutive top-10 finish at the event (2023/T7, 2024/T7, 2025/Won).
- **Russell Henley:** Highest-ranked played in the field at No. 5 in the Official World Golf Ranking; finished runner-up in the 2025 FedExCup. Earned his maiden TOUR title at the 2013 Sony Open in Hawaii where he was making his first start as a TOUR member.

PGA TOUR establishes Returning Member Program

Program Overview:

In response to fan research that shows a clear desire to see the best golfers competing together more often as well as timely inquiries from players not currently competing on the PGA TOUR and expressing an interest in returning the PGA TOUR established the Returning Member Program.

The Returning Member Program provides players who have achieved elite performance-based criteria an alternative path to return to the highest level of men's professional golf, the PGA TOUR, while ensuring returning members must accept severe yet appropriate financial consequences.

Program Eligibility:

Eligible Players: Open to players who have participated in unauthorized tournaments, have not been a member for a minimum of two (2) years and have won THE PLAYERS, Masters, U.S. Open, PGA Championship, and or The Open in years 2022-2025.

Players must be able to comply with PGA TOUR regulations, including conflicting event release and media release requirements, as well as prohibitions concerning authorized tournaments.

Application Window: Players must apply between January 12, 2026 – February 2, 2026; applies to the 2026 season only (i.e., a player can not indicate now for 2027 season or beyond)

Program Requirements/Restrictions:

Exempt Status: Eligible to use the remaining portion of the multi-season exemption earned for no greater time period than if they had maintained continuous membership.

Field and Eligibility: Will be added to the field for events in which they participate and will not impact any other players' eligibility.

For THE PLAYERS, full field, additional events and signature events which have an alternate list, if a returning member is in the field, additional PGA TOUR members will be included from the alternate list to ensure the groupings and starting times are drawn in 2s or 3s as applicable. For the FedExCup Playoffs, a returning member may qualify, but will not impact any other player's ranking for the purposes of qualification.

THE PLAYERS, Full-Field and Additional Events: Eligible for THE PLAYERS Championship, full field and additional events utilizing remaining winner's exemption.

Signature Events: Must qualify through play-in categories (AON Next 10, AON Swing 5, OWGR top 30, full-field event win). Ineligible to receive sponsor exemption to signature events.

FedExCup Playoffs: Eligible to earn official FedExCup points and may qualify for the 2026 FedExCup Playoffs, but will not impact any other player's ranking for the purposes of the 2026 FedExCup Playoffs qualification and/or 2027 eligibility.

Prize Money and Other Member Benefit Programs: Eligible to earn official and unofficial prize money (including prize money at the TOUR Championship) and for other member benefit programs (pending eligibility), except for Earnings Assurance Program and Recurring Equity Grants under the Player Equity Program for five years (2026-2030). Will not receive any payment from the 2026 FedExCup Bonus Program (Regular season payout following the BMW Championship).

Event Minimum: Must participate in a minimum of 15 cosponsored and approved tournaments in the 2026 season.

Statement from PGA TOUR CEO Brian Rolapp:

"As the 2026 PGA TOUR Season begins this week at the Sony Open in Hawaii, I wanted to provide an update to our fans on recent player developments that have been in the news, as well as the PGA TOUR's response to this unique situation. Since becoming CEO last year, my primary focus has been a commitment to our fans to create the best version of the PGA TOUR. I promised that together we would respect the past while building the future, challenging ourselves to reach new fans and create a TOUR that both reflects the best of sports competition and retains the elite competitive environment our fans expect every week. I've been fortunate to hear and learn from so many of our fans on what makes the PGA TOUR special, along with the ways we can further enhance the drama and consequence of competing at the highest level of the game. And one thing has been clear across each of those conversations — you all want the best players in the world competing against each other more often. On Dec. 23, 2025, Brooks Koepka notified the PGA TOUR that his previous affiliation had concluded, and he subsequently applied for reinstatement of TOUR membership. This prompted our Boards to evaluate how we deliver the best version of the PGA TOUR for our fans, players and partners — with severe and justified consequences — which has resulted in our new Returning Member Program. Designed to provide an alternative path back to PGA TOUR competition for past members who have achieved the highest accomplishments in the game, the Returning Member Program mandates heavy and appropriate limitations to both tournament access and potential earnings that we believe properly holds returning members accountable for substantial compensation earned elsewhere. It also includes elite performance-based criteria that requires winning THE PLAYERS Championship, Masters Tournament, PGA Championship, U.S. Open or The Open Championship between 2022 and 2025. Its strict limitations, which Brooks has agreed to, include a five-year forfeiture of potential equity in the PGA TOUR's Player Equity Program, representing one of the largest financial repercussions in professional sports history, with estimations that he could miss out on approximately \$50-85

million in potential earnings, depending on his competitive performance and the growth of the TOUR. At the request of the PGA TOUR, Brooks has also agreed to make a \$5 million charitable contribution, the recipient(s) of which will be determined jointly. Importantly, the Returning Member Program will not take away playing opportunities from current members — fields will be expanded as needed. Other eligible players interested in seeking PGA TOUR reinstatement must do so by the time the Returning Member Program closes on Monday, Feb. 2. This is a one-time, defined window and does not set a precedent for future situations. Once the door closes, there is no promise that this path will be available again. We will continue to aggressively pursue anything that enhances the fan experience and makes the PGA TOUR stronger. This is part of our commitment to fans, who expect the world's best players to compete on the PGA TOUR week in and week out.”

International Analysis

2026 Sony Open in Hawaii

2025 Season Recap

Wins by Country		Most Top 5s		Most Top 10s	
PGA TOUR Last Season		International Countries Last Season		International Countries Last Season	
	Total		Total		Total
United States	28	England	19	England	34
Northern Ireland	3	South Africa	11	Canada	20
England	2	Canada	10	South Africa	17
South Africa	2	Denmark	8	Republic of Korea	11
Australia	2	Australia	6	Denmark	10
Austria	2	Japan	6	Australia	10
New Zealand	2	Northern Ireland	5	Japan	10
Canada	1	Republic of Korea	5	Sweden	10
Japan	1	Austria	4	Germany	9
Sweden	1	Sweden	4		
Norway	1	Argentina	4		
Finland	1				

Most Top 10s Without a Win International Countries Last Season

	Total
Republic of Korea	11
Denmark	10
Germany	9
Colombia	6
Ireland	6
Scotland	6
Philippines	6

Most Top 5s Without a Win International Countries Last Season

	Total
Denmark	8
Republic of Korea	5
Argentina	4
Germany	3
Colombia	2
Ireland	2
Scotland	2
Philippines	2
Chinese Taipei	2

International First Time Winners PGA TOUR Last Season

	Event
Thomas Detry	WM Phoenix Open
Karl Vilips	Puerto Rico Open
Min Woo Lee	Texas Children's Houston Open
Ryan Fox	ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic
Aldrich Potgieter	Rocket Classic
Tommy Fleetwood	TOUR Championship
Sami Valimaki	The RSM Classic

International Analysis

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Event Recap (since 1983)

Wins by Country Sony Open in Hawaii since 1983		Most Top 5s International Countries Sony Open in Hawaii since 1983		Most Top 10s International Countries Sony Open in Hawaii since 1983	
	Total		Total		Total
United States	32	Australia	13	Australia	24
Australia	2	South Africa	9	Japan	12
Japan	2	Republic of Korea	5	Canada	12
South Africa	2	Japan	4	South Africa	11
Republic of Korea	2	Sweden	4	Republic of Korea	7
Canada	1	England	4	Sweden	7
Fiji	1				
Argentina	1				

Most Top 10s Without a Win Intl. Countries Sony Open in Hawaii since 1983		Most Top 5s Without a Win Intl. Countries Sony Open in Hawaii since 1983	
	Total		Total
Sweden	7	Sweden	4
England	6	England	4
Germany	3	Germany	3
Slovakia	3	Slovakia	2
Colombia	2	6 countries w/	1
Scotland	2		
New Zealand	2		

International Winners Sony Open in Hawaii since 1983

	Country	Win Number
1983 Isao Aoki	Japan	1 st
1994 Brett Ogle	Australia	2 nd
2003 & 2004 Ernie Els	South Africa	12 th & 13 th
2005 Vijay Singh	Fiji	25 th
2008 K.J. Choi	Republic of Korea	7 th
2016 Fabián Gómez	Argentina	2 nd
2020 Cameron Smith	Australia	2 nd
2022 Hideki Matsuyama	Japan	8 th
2023 Si Woo Kim	Republic of Korea	4 th
2025 Nick Taylor	Canada	5 th

International Analysis
2026 Sony Open in Hawaii

World Feed Broadcast Notes

- Hideki Matsuyama (Japan)**
 - 2022 Champion is set to make his thirteenth career start at this event
 - Matsuyama has 104 Total Hole Outs on the PGA TOUR since 2020, tied for the fourth most of any player on the PGA TOUR in that span
 - Scrambling Percentage of 66.43% since 2024, the second highest of any player on the PGA TOUR in that span

Most Total Hole Outs PGA TOUR Since 2020		Highest Scrambling PCT PGA TOUR Since 2024	
	Total		PCT
Sungjae Im	121	Scottie Scheffler	67.55
Cam Davis	111	Hideki Matsuyama	66.43
Mackenzie Hughes	110	Takumi Kanaya	66.36
Hideki Matsuyama	104	Tommy Fleetwood	64.60
Si Woo Kim	104	Mac Meissner	64.51
<i>*min 75 rds played</i>			

- Nico Echavarria (Colombia)**
 - Is set to make his fourth career start at this event (Best Finish: 2nd in 2025)
 - Finishing second at this event last season was Echavarria’s best finish in the 2025 PGA TOUR season
 - Echavarria has improved his rank in Strokes Gained: Putting in each of the last three seasons
 - 11 rounds in the 60s over the last three seasons at the Sony Open in Hawaii tied for the third most of any player during that time span

Strokes Gained: Putting Rank Improv. PGA TOUR Last 3 Seasons		Most Rounds in 60s Sony Open in Hawaii Last 3 Seasons	
Last Season	Rank		Total
2024	5 th	Stephan Jaeger	12
2022-23	79 th	Russell Henley	12
	137 th	Nico Echavarria	11
		Nick Taylor	11
		Maverick McNealy	11

- Si Woo Kim (Republic of Korea)**
 - 2023 Champion is set to make his ninth career start at this event
 - Kim had an average of +2.06 Strokes Gained: Approach the Green when he won the Sony Open in Hawaii in 2023, the highest average of any winner of this event since 2004
 - Finished T5 in Par 5 Performance in the 2025 season, Kim has improved each of the last two seasons in this statistic, landing back inside the top 5 for the first time since the 2021-22 PGA TOUR season

Highest Average SG: Approach the Green by a Winner Sony Open in Hawaii Since 2004		Par 5 Performance Comparison PGA TOUR Last 3 Seasons		
	Avg		Total	Rank
2023 Si Woo Kim	+2.06	2025	-138	T5
2010 Ryan Palmer	+1.88	2024	-135	T20
2006 David Toms	+1.82	2022 - 23	-117	T70
2009 Zach Johnson	+1.78			
2018 Patton Kizzire	+1.72			

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- **Robert MacIntyre (Scotland)**

- Is set to make his third career start at this event (Best Finish: T52 in 2024)
- 6 Top 10 Finishes in 2025, tied for his highest in a season in his PGA TOUR career
- MacIntyre made 91.30% of cuts in 2025, the fourth Highest Made Cut Percentage of any International Player on the PGA TOUR last season

Highest Made Cut PCT International Players PGA TOUR Last Season

	PCT
Corey Conners	95.24
Tommy Fleetwood	94.74
Rory McIlroy	93.75
Robert MacIntyre	91.30
Harry Hall	88.00

- **Corey Conners (Canada)**

- Is set to make his eighth career start at this event (Best Finish: T3 in 2019)
- 7 Top 10 Finishes on the PGA TOUR last season tied for the most of any player
- Has hit 77.35% of greens at the Sony Open in Hawaii, his fifth highest Greens in Regulation at an event in his PGA TOUR career

Most Top 10 Finishes Without a Win PGA TOUR Last Season

	Total
Corey Conners	7
Maverick McNealy	7
Sam Burns	6
Rico Hoey	6
Robert MacIntyre	6

Highest Greens in Regulation PCT PGA TOUR Career (Conners)

	PCT
The Sentry	84.38
The RSM Classic	83.33
Wyndham Championship	81.75
Travelers Championship	77.78
Sony Open in Hawaii	77.35

**min 10 rds played*

- **Vijay Singh (Fiji)**

- 2005 Champion is set to make his 25th career start at this event and his first start at this event since 2021 (Finish: Missed Cut)
- Singh was 41 years, 10 months, and 25 days old when winning the Sony Open in Hawaii in 2005, making him the third oldest winner of this event since 1983
- 24 career starts at the Sony Open in Hawaii, tied for the fourth most of any player on the PGA TOUR since 1983, he is set to make his 25th start this week
- Par 5 Scoring Average of 4.33 at the Sony Open in Hawaii, tied for his Best Par 5 Scoring Average at an event in his PGA TOUR career since 1999

Most Starts Sony Open in Hawaii PGA TOUR Since 1983

	Total
Corey Pavin	26
Jerry Kelly	26
Rory Sabbatini	25
Vijay Singh*	24
Fred Funk	24

**making 25th career start this week*

Best Par 5 Scoring Average PGA TOUR Career Since 1999

	Avg
Sony Open in Hawaii	4.33
Wyndham Championship	4.33
John Deere Classic	4.39
Walt Disney World	4.39
THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson	4.40

**min 10 rds played*

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- **Adam Svensson (Canada)**
 - Is set to make his sixth career start at this event (Best Finish: T7 in 2022)
 - Svensson ranked 29th on the PGA TOUR in Strokes Gained: Around the Green in 2025, improving 29 positions from 2024 to 2025
 - Opening round of 61 at the 2019 Sony Open in Hawaii, the Lowest Round by a Canadian Player this event since 1999

Around the Green Rank Comparison PGA TOUR 2024 v 2025

	2024	2025
Strokes Gained	58 th	29th
Sand Save PCT	72 nd	T40
Proximity to Hole (ARG)	T60	T25

Lowest Round by a Canadian Player Sony Open in Hawaii Since 1999

	RD	Score
2019 Adam Svensson	1st	61
2023 Nick Taylor	3 rd	62
2021 Nick Taylor	2 nd	62
2016 Graham DeLaet	2 nd	62
2012 Graham DeLaet	1 st	63



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Sony Open in Hawaii

As of January 8, 2026

PGA TOUR Pathways

PGA TOUR University | PGA TOUR Americas | Korn Ferry Tour | PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry

Michael Brennan

Pathway to the PGA TOUR: PGA TOUR University (2024), PGA TOUR Americas (2024, 2025)

Need to Know: Just four weeks after completing a three-win season and finishing No. 1 on the 2025 PGA TOUR Americas Points List, won the Bank of Utah Championship in his third career start on TOUR (and first as a professional). Brennan and Johnny Keefer (2024) were No. 1 on PGA TOUR Americas the last two seasons, and both are TOUR members in 2026.

- With his win at the Bank of Utah Championship, became the seventh player since 1970 to win his first TOUR title within his first three career starts, following a group which includes Russell Henley (2013 Sony Open in Hawaii).
- Prior to his win in Utah, completed a dominant season on PGA TOUR Americas that included three victories (BioSteel Championship, CRMC Championship presented by Northern Pacific Center, ATB Classic) and eight top-five finishes in 16 starts.
- In his rookie season on PGA TOUR Americas in 2024, posted five top-10s in 10 starts and finished No. 18 on the PGA TOUR Americas Points List.
- As a senior at Wake Forest, finished No. 12 in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2024 to earn PGA TOUR Americas membership for the remainder of the season.

Johnny Keefer

Pathway to the PGA TOUR: PGA TOUR University (2024), PGA TOUR Americas (2024), Korn Ferry Tour (2025)

Need to Know: In his first two seasons as a pro, finished No. 1 on both the PGA TOUR Americas Points List (2024) and Korn Ferry Tour Points List (2025). Will make his first start as a PGA TOUR member; has two top-15 finishes in six prior TOUR starts, including a T7 in his last start at the 2025 RSM Classic.

- Earned PGA TOUR membership for the first time with a No. 1 finish on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List (top 20 earned TOUR membership for 2026), securing the top spot in the standings and 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year honors with victories at the Veritex Bank Championship and NV5 Invitational.
- By virtue of his No. 1 finish on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, earned exemptions for the 2026 PLAYERS Championship and 2026 U.S. Open.
- Broke the Korn Ferry Tour record for single-season scoring average (67.95), usurping Luke Guthrie (68.33/2012).
- In 10 starts on PGA TOUR Americas in 2024, posted one win, four runner-up finishes and eight top-five finishes en route to finishing No. 1 on the season-long points list; his 66.00 scoring average was 1.29 shots better than the second-best average (67.29/Michael Brennan).
- As a senior at Baylor in 2024, finished T2 at NCAA Regionals and T11 at the NCAA Championship to improve to No. 25 in the final PGA TOUR University Ranking, the final position to earn membership on PGA TOUR Americas via PGA TOUR University (Nos. 11-25 in the final ranking).

Christo Lamprecht [CRIS-toh LAMP-reckt]

Pathway to the PGA TOUR: PGA TOUR University (2024), Korn Ferry Tour (2024, 2025)

Need to Know: Will make his first start as a PGA TOUR member after earning his card via the Korn Ferry Tour. As an amateur, spent 22 weeks atop the World Amateur Golf Ranking, finished No. 2 in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2024 and won The Amateur Championship in 2023.

- Earned PGA TOUR membership for the first time with a No. 9 finish on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List (top 20 earned TOUR cards) in what was his first full season on Tour.
- First professional win came at the 2025 Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Woodhouse, where he holed a bunker shot on the 72nd hole of regulation for a walk-off birdie and a one-stroke victory.
- In four seasons at Georgia Tech, was named an All-American three times, won the 2024 Byron Nelson Award and was named 2024 ACC Player of the Year.
- Won The Amateur Championship in 2023 and earned an exemption into The Open Championship, where he would card a first-round 66 at Royal Liverpool and go on to finish as the low amateur.

Adrien Dumont de Chassart [A-dree-en DOO-mon deh shah-SART]

Pathway to the PGA TOUR: PGA TOUR University (2023), Korn Ferry Tour (2023, 2025)

Need to Know: A two-time winner on the Korn Ferry Tour who returns to the PGA TOUR after securing membership via the Korn Ferry Tour for the second time.

- Secured a return to the PGA TOUR with a No. 7 finish on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List (top 20 earned TOUR membership for 2026).
- Earned TOUR card off the strength of his record-setting victory at the 2025 Compliance Solutions Championship, where his winning total of 33-under 251 broke the Korn Ferry Tour record for lowest 72-hole score relative to par.
- Previously earned PGA TOUR membership for the 2024 season after finishing No. 11 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List; as a TOUR rookie, made the cut in just 12 of 27 starts and finished No. 139 in the 2024 FedExCup Fall.
- As a senior at Illinois, finished No. 3 in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2023 to earn Korn Ferry Tour membership for the remainder of the season; won his professional and Korn Ferry Tour debut at the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX and went on to become the first PGA TOUR U alum to earn a PGA TOUR card in the same season they joined the Korn Ferry Tour via PGA TOUR U performance benefits.

Jacob Bridgeman

Pathway to the PGA TOUR: PGA TOUR University (2022), Korn Ferry Tour (2022, 2023)

Need to Know: Last season, qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs for the first time in his second year on TOUR; advanced to the TOUR Championship and finished T27 in the FedExCup standings. By advancing to the TOUR Championship, secured a two-year exemption on TOUR (through 2027 season).

- As a PGA TOUR rookie in 2024, recorded 10 top-25s and 17 made cuts in 27 starts; finished No. 113 in the FedExCup Fall standings to retain membership for 2025.
- In his first full season on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2023, finished No. 14 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List to earn his first PGA TOUR card (top 30 from Points List); posted six top-10s, 14 top-25s and 20 made cuts in 24 starts.
- As a senior at Clemson, finished No. 2 in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2022 to earn Korn Ferry Tour membership for the remainder of the 2022 season.
- Won the 2022 ACC Championship for his fifth and final collegiate victory, tied for the most in Clemson history; since that win, he has made 95 tournament starts (1 collegiate, 33 Korn Ferry Tour, 61 PGA TOUR).

Ricky Castillo [cuh-STILL-ee-oh]

Pathway to the PGA TOUR: PGA TOUR University (2023), Korn Ferry Tour (2023, 2024)

Need to Know: Second-year PGA TOUR member who finished solo-third at the 2025 RSM Classic to earn a spot in the Sony Open in Hawaii (top-10 from previous event). As a TOUR rookie in 2025, finished No. 102 in the FedExCup Fall to retain conditional membership for the 2026 season (Nos. 101-110 in FedExCup Fall standings).

- Posted seven top-25 finishes in 28 starts during the 2025 PGA TOUR Season; closed with a season-best third-place finish at The RSM Classic to improve from No. 135 to 102 in the FedExCup Fall.
- Finished No. 26 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, earning PGA TOUR membership for 2025 (top 30 from Points List) in what was his first full season on the Korn Ferry Tour.
- In 2023, closed his collegiate career at the University of Florida and helped lead the Gators to the fifth National Title in program history; finished No. 9 in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2023 to earn conditional Korn Ferry Tour membership for the remainder of the season.
- Won his professional and Korn Ferry Tour debut at the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open presented by Syndeo, defeating Adrien Dumont de Chassart and Kyle Jones on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff. At 22 years, 3 months, 30 days of age the day of his victory, finished as the youngest winner of the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour season.

A.J. Ewart

Pathway to the PGA TOUR: PGA TOUR Canada (2023), PGA TOUR Americas (2024, 2025)

Need to Know: Fourth-year pro who earned his first PGA TOUR card by medaling at Final Stage of PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry in December.

- At Final Stage of Q-School, finished two shots clear of the field to medal and earn one of five TOUR cards.
- Finished No. 15 on the 2025 PGA TOUR Americas Points List to earn an exemption into Second Stage of PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry (Nos. 11-25 on the Points List); advanced to Final Stage after finishing T5 at Second Stage in Arizona.
- In his fifth start on PGA TOUR Americas in 2024, won the Elk Ridge Saskatchewan Open as a sponsor exemption to earn membership for the remainder of the season; finished No. 23 on the PGA TOUR Americas Points List to retain membership for 2025.
- Tallied 14 collegiate titles at Barry University (2020-23), surpassing PGA TOUR member Adam Svensson as the program's all-time wins leader.
- Received the 2022 D-II Jack Nicklaus Award; in all, the Sony Open in Hawaii field includes four D-II Jack Nicklaus Award recipients, as Ewart is joined by John VanDerLaan (Florida Southern/2018), Chandler Blanchet (West Florida/2017) and Adam Svensson (Barry University/2014).

Sudarshan Yellamaraju [suh-DAR-shin yell-uh-MUH-rah-ju]

Pathway to the PGA TOUR: PGA TOUR Canada (2022, 2023), Korn Ferry Tour (2024, 2025)

Need to Know: One year ago, won the second event of the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season, The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club (January 18-21); finished the season No. 19 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List to earn PGA TOUR membership for the first time (top 20 earned TOUR membership for 2026).

- Will make his second TOUR start; made his debut last summer at the RBC Canadian Open (MC/71-72).
- Finished T14 at Final Stage of 2023 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry to earn Korn Ferry Tour membership for 2024; retained Korn Ferry Tour membership for 2025 by finishing No. 99 on the 2024 Points List.
- Tallied two top-five finishes in 18 starts across two seasons on PGA TOUR Canada (2022-23).
- At age 4, his family emigrated from India to Winnipeg, Manitoba, where he got his start in golf playing with a plastic set of clubs and balls; around the time he was 11, moved to Mississauga, Ontario, where he resides today.
- Eschewed college golf and turned professional in 2021 at 19 years old; he was homeschooled and took a gap year prior to turning professional.



COMPETITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY OVERVIEW

2026 Sony Open in Hawaii

WITH THIS VICTORY

PGA TOUR card

Through 2028

If already exempt thru 2028, add one year to exemption (max thru 2031)

Exemptions to Majors and THE PLAYERS

- 2026 PLAYERS Championship
- 2026 Masters Tournament
- 2026 PGA Championship
- 2026 U.S. Open if second win in 500+ FedExCup point events since the 2025 U.S. Open

Exemptions to Signature Events

- 2026 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
- 2026 Genesis Invitational
- 2026 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard
- 2026 RBC Heritage
- 2026 Cadillac Championship
- 2026 Truist Championship
- 2026 Memorial Tournament presented by Workday
- 2026 Travelers Championship

While the winner does not receive direct exemptions to the following events, he will improve his chances of qualifying for the following events:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| • 2026 U.S. Open | Top 60 Official World Golf Ranking (date TBD) |
| • 2026 Open Championship | Top 50 Official World Golf Ranking (May 25, 2026) |
| • 2026 FedEx St. Jude Championship | Top 70 FedExCup Points List through Wyndham Championship |
| • 2026 BMW Championship | Top 50 FedExCup Points List through FedEx St. Jude Championship |
| • 2026 TOUR Championship | Top 30 FedExCup Points List through BMW Championship |

MEDICAL EXTENSIONS

There are no players in the field competing out of the Medical Extension categories. The last player in the field, Isaiah Salinda, is in the 101-110 category, which is above the Major Medical category.

Lee Hodges, who finished No. 101 in the FedExCup Fall standings and is in the 101-110 category, is on a Minor Medical Extension. Through his Minor Medical, Hodges can earn a spot in THE PLAYERS Championship and Charles Schwab Challenge by earning 2,045 FedExCup points in his first four starts of the season.

FIELD SIZE OF 120

Beginning this season, the maximum number of players in a Full-Field Event is 144 players*, down from 156. Due to circumstances such as limited daylight, some events will have field sizes of 120 or 132. These reductions in field sizes will have a positive impact on Speed of Play through a better flow of play on the golf course.

The Sony Open in Hawaii has a field size of 120.

**The American Express, played on three courses, and the Genesis Scottish Open, co-sanctioned with the DP World Tour, maintain a field size of 156.*



Tournament Fact Sheet

Sony Open (PGA TOUR)

Waialae Country Club • Honolulu, Hawaii • January 15-18, 2026

Golf Course Superintendent

Dave Nakama, CGCS, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 21

Years at Waialae Country Club: 25

Years as a Superintendent: 23

Previous Courses: Koolau (superintendent)

Education: University of Hawaii

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is the 25th professional event for Nakama

Contact: Mike Strauss: mstrauss@gcsaa.org / 785-865-8444

Course Architect

Seth Raynor (1927)

Renovation: Over the years changes have been made by Robert Trent Jones, Desmond Muirhead, Rick Smith, Tom Doak

Notable

- Superintendent Dave Nakama is hosting his 25th professional tournament.
- Nakama is a GCSAA Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS).
- The course features the iconic W formation of coconut trees behind the member's 7th hole (No. 16 for the tournament).
- There is only about 10 feet of elevation change on the golf course.
- Waialae, which opened in 1927, was the 8th oldest course played on tour last year (includes The Open).
- Waiale was one of 13 par-70 courses on tour last year.
- Waialae (7,044 yards) was the 3rd-shortest course on tour last year behind TPC River Highlands (6,844) and Pebble Beach (6,972) (average length last year was 7,373 yards)
- Waialae was one of just 5 courses on tour last year with both bermudagrass greens and rough.
- Waialae (7,100 sq. ft.) greens were the 6th largest on tour last year (average green size last year was 6,008 sq. ft.).

Tournament Setup

Par: 35-35--70

Yardage: 7,044

Turfgrass

Greens: Bermudagrass .120"

Collars: Bermudagrass .325"

Approaches: Bermudagrass .325"

Tees: Bermudagrass .350"

Fairways: Bermudagrass .400"

Rough: Bermudagrass 3.5"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,100 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 50

Acres of Rough: 100

Number of Sand Bunkers: 83

Number of Water Hazards: 4

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 5

Soil Conditions: Various

Water Sources: Well

Drainage: Fair/Good

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Defending Champion ShotLink Keys to Victory



Nick Taylor
Sony Open in Hawaii

Nick Taylor won for the fifth time on the PGA TOUR and third consecutive TOUR event won in a playoff (2023 RBC Canadian Open & 2024 WM Phoenix Open). Taylor was the 11th international player (12th win) and first Canadian to win the Sony Open in Hawaii.

3rd 3rd consecutive season with a win in a playoff, joining Tiger Woods, Ernie Els, Phil Mickelson and Bubba Watson to win a TOUR event in a playoff in three consecutive seasons in the last 42 years

1st Made one of two eagles on the 18th Hole in the Final Round in regulation (Hideki Matsuyama) and made his first eagle on the final hole in regulation in 167 career final rounds on the PGA TOUR. Taylor is the first player to eagle the final hole in regulation and win the Sony Open in Hawaii in the SL era.

+2.06 Led the field in SG: Tee-to-Green for the first time in his TOUR career, outperforming the field at Waialae CC by +2.06 strokes per round from tee-to-green.

Third player to eagle the final hole in regulation and win in a playoff in the ShotLink era, joining Charley Hoffman (2007 American Express) and Bubba Watson (2014 WGC-HSBC Champions)

Players to Win in a Playoff in 3 Consecutive Seasons PGA TOUR Last 42 Years

	Years
Nick Taylor	2023-2025
Bubba Watson	2010-2012
Ernie Els	2002-2004
Phil Mickelson	2000-2002
Tiger Woods	1999-2001

Scoring Breakdown Final Hole in Reg. - PGA TOUR Career

	# of Scores
Eagles*	1
Birdies	44
Pars	111
Bogeys	27
Dbl Bogeys	6

**2025 Sony Open in Hawaii*

Performance Breakdown 2025 Sony Open in Hawaii

	First 2 Rds	Last 2 Rds
SG: Tee-to-Green	+1.24	+7.00
Fairway Hit PCT	50%	75%
Birdies or better	9	11
Score	134	130

Nick Taylor hit 75% of the fairways on the weekend and outperformed the field by **7.00** strokes from tee to green in Rounds 3 & 4, nearly two strokes better than the next best (Jackson Suber) and 5.76 strokes better than the first two rounds this week.

Strokes Gained Statistics 2025 Sony Open in Hawaii

		Rank
Off-the-Tee	+0.22	30 th
Approach-the-Green	+1.46	4 th
Around-the-Green	+0.38	17 th
Putting	+0.62	23 rd

Has ranked inside the top seven in Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green in four of his five TOUR victories and the third consecutive winner of this event to lead this category en route to victory.

Best SG: Tee-to-Green Event Rank PGA TOUR Career

	Rank	Finish
2025 Sony Open in Hawaii	1st	WON
2022 Procore Championship	2 nd	T6
2023 RBC Canadian Open	3 rd	WON
2017 Truist Championship	5 th	T8
2017 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier	5 th	T9
2024 WM Phoenix Open	6 th	WON
2014 Sanderson Farms Championship	7 th	WON



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ShotLink Keys to Victory

- 9** First time winners at the Sony Open in Hawaii, with the last coming in 2013 from Russell Henley
- +323.38** Total Strokes Gained by winners at the Sony Open in Hawaii, this event ranks seventh in this category since 2003
- +20.48** David Toms had the most Strokes Gained: Total by a winner at the Sony Open in Hawaii in 2006
- +10.70** Nick Taylor had the fewest Strokes Gained: Total by a winner at the Sony Open in Hawaii in 2025
- 65.58** Scoring Average by winners at the Sony Open in Hawaii since 2003, this event ranks second in this category (Bank of Utah Championship, 65.38)

Winners Ranked Inside Top-10 SG Categories Sony Open in SL Era

	Total
Off the Tee	13
Approach the Green	14
Around the Green	2
Putting	15
Tee-to-Green	18

First Time Winners Sony Open in Hawaii

1966 Ted Makalena
1972 Grier Jones
1973 John Schlee
1975 Gary Groh
1983 Isao Aoki
1990 David Ishii
1995 John Morse
2002 Jerry Kelly
2013 Russell Henley

Most Strokes Gained: Total by Winners in an Event Since 2003

	Total
the Memorial Tournament	+351.23
Truist Championship	+330.02
Arnold Palmer Invitational	+329.98
Valero Texas Open	+328.89
WM Phoenix Open	+328.46
BMW Championship	+324.60
Sony Open in Hawaii	+323.38

Most Strokes Gained: Total by a Winner at The Sony Open Since 2003

	Total
2006 David Toms	+20.48
2017 Justin Thomas	+20.24
2015 Jimmy Walker	+19.23
2013 Russell Henley	+18.94
2019 Matt Kuchar	+17.05

Lowest Score to Par by a Winner Sony Open in Hawaii Since 2003

	Total
2017 Justin Thomas	-27
2013 Russell Henley	-24
2022 Hideki Matsuyama	-23
2015 Jimmy Walker	-23
2019 Matt Kuchar	-22

Lowest Scoring Average by Winners at an Event Since 2003

	Avg
Bank of Utah Championship	65.38
Sony Open in Hawaii	65.58
Wyndham Championship	65.62
The RSM Classic	65.67
Shriners Children's Open	65.88



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Aon Swing 5 & Aon Next 10 Breakdown:

The Sony Open in Hawaii, the first event of the 2026 PGA TOUR Season, is the first opportunity for players to earn FedExCup points towards the Aon Swing 5 with entry into each of the next two Signature Events (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, The Genesis Invitational)

The top five players, not otherwise exempt, who earn the most FedExCup points during the Sony Open in Hawaii, The American Express, Farmers Insurance Open and the WM Phoenix Open will qualify for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and The Genesis Invitational

The Aon Next 10 represents the top 10 players not already exempt, from the FedExCup standings, while the Aon Swing 5 includes the top five FedExCup points earners, not already exempt, from a collection of Full-Field Events leading up to each Signature Event. The Aon Next 10 for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and The Genesis Invitational was determined through the 2025 FedExCup Fall standings

Current Aon Next 10 Standings

Points	
Sami Valimaki	1,256.508
Max Greyserman	1,159.987
Garrick Higgo	1,020.000
Rico Hoey	998.781
Nico Echavarria	994.731
Aldrich Potgieter	983.167
Chris Kirk	974.632
Aaron Rai	957.189
Min Woo Lee	931.923
Max McGreevy	927.601

Course Stats – Waialae Country Club

Lowest Scoring Average PGA TOUR Last Season

	AVG
Sea Island Golf Club (Seaside Course)	67.78
East Lake Golf Club	67.82
Sea Island Golf Club (Plantation Course)	68.21
Nicklaus Tournament Course	68.25
La Quinta Country Club	68.60
Waialae Country Club	68.73

Lowest Par 5 Scoring Average PGA TOUR Last Season

	AVG
East Lake Golf Club	4.33
Waialae Country Club	4.36
La Quinta Country Club	4.38
Plantation Course at Kapalua	4.38
Yokohama Country Club	4.40

Highest Going for the Green Percentage PGA TOUR Last Season

	PCT
East Lake Golf Club	82.00
Waialae Country Club	80.62
Sedgefield Country Club	80.22
PGA National Resort (The Champion Course)	75.24
TPC Southwind	74.28

Shortest Avg Going for It Shot PGA TOUR Last Season

	Yards
Sedgefield Country Club	217.2
Waialae Country Club	220.1
Pebble Beach Golf Links	231.7
TPC Southwind	233.5
PGA National Resort (The Champion Course)	236.4

9th Hole – Par 5

Lowest Par 5 Scoring Average on a Hole in a Round PGA TOUR Since 1983

	RD	HOLE	AVG
2024 Waialae Country Club	Final	9th	3.94
2021 Waialae Country Club	Final	9th	3.95
1999 Las Vegas CC	2 nd	9 th	3.96
1985 Tamarisk	4 th	1 st	3.97
2005 Palm GC	2 nd	7 th	3.97

Highest Par 5 Birdie or Better % PGA TOUR Since 2003

	Hole #	Pct
Keene Trace Golf Club (Champion Trace)	15 th	69.84
Plantation Course at Kapalua	5 th	68.23
TPC Summerlin	3 rd	68.03
Waialae Country Club	9th	67.54
TPC Canyons	4 th	66.62

Most Par 5 Birdies PGA TOUR Since 2003

	Hole #	Total
Waialae Country Club	9th	6087
The Riviera Country Club	1 st	5411
Waialae Country Club	18th	5040
TPC Deere Run	2 nd	5017
Harbour Town Golf Links	2 nd	4656

**min 5 seasons played*

Most Eagles on a Par 5 PGA TOUR Since 2003

	Hole #	Total
Waialae Country Club	9th	687
The Riviera Country Club	1 st	569
Sedgefield Country Club	5 th	521
TPC Summerlin	16 th	452
TPC Deere Run	2 nd	417

Winners Analysis

Youngest Winners Sony Open in Hawaii Since 1983

Age	
2017 Justin Thomas	23 Years, 8 Months, 17 Days
2013 Russell Henley	23 Years, 9 Months, 1 Days
1996 Jim Furyk	25 Years, 9 Months, 6 Days
1986 Corey Pavin	26 Years, 3 Months, 0 Days
2020 Cameron Smith	26 Years, 4 Months, 25 Days

Lowest Score to Par by a Winner Sony Open in Hawaii Since 1983

Total	
1998 John Huston	-28
2017 Justin Thomas	-27
2013 Russell Henley	-24
2022 Hideki Matsuyama	-23
2015 Jimmy Walker	-23
1992 John Cook	-23

Largest Winning Margin Sony Open in Hawaii Since 1983

Won By	
2015 Jimmy Walker	9
1998 John Huston	7
2017 Justin Thomas	7
2000 Paul Azinger	7
2006 David Toms	5

Highest Greens in Regulation Percentage by Winner Sony Open in Hawaii Since 1983

Pct	
1998 John Huston	90.28
1987 Corey Pavin	86.11
1985 Mark O'Meara	84.72

Oldest Winners Sony Open in Hawaii Since 1983

Age	
1993 Howard Twitty	44 Years, 0 Months, 2 Days
2007 Paul Goydos	42 Years, 6 Months, 25 Days
2005 Vijay Singh	41 Years, 10 Months, 25 Days
1999 Jeff Sluman	41 Years, 4 Months, 6 Days
1991 Lanny Wadkins	41 Years, 1 Months, 15 Days

Most Birdies or Better by a Winner Sony Open in Hawaii Since 1983

Total	
1998 John Huston	31
2015 Jimmy Walker	29
2017 Justin Thomas	29
1994 Brett Ogle	27
2013 Russell Henley	26
2022 Hideki Matsuyama	26
2016 Fabian Gómez	26

Highest Driving Accuracy Percentage by Winner Sony Open in Hawaii Since 1983

Pct	
1998 John Huston	75.00
1991 Lanny Wadkins	75.00
2011 Mark Wilson	73.21
2022 Hideki Matsuyama	71.43
2019 Matt Kuchar	71.43

Most Strokes Gained by a Winner Sony Open in Hawaii PGA TOUR ShotLink Era

Total	
2006 David Toms	+20.48
2017 Justin Thomas	+20.24
2015 Jimmy Walker	+19.23
2013 Russell Henley	+18.94
2019 Matt Kuchar	+17.05

Fewest Holes Over Par by Winner Sony Open in Hawaii Since 1983

Total	
1985 Mark O'Meara	1
2013 Russell Henley	2
1989 Gene Sauers	2
1998 John Huston	3
2022 Hideki Matsuyama	3
1992 John Cook	3
2004 Ernie Els	3



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Broadcast Window Notes – 2026 Sony Open in Hawaii

Hideki Matsuyama, Jordan Spieth, Keegan Bradley

Hideki Matsuyama is one of only two players to rank inside the Top 20 in SG: Approach-the-Green in each of the last six seasons. He has also made the cut in nine consecutive starts at the Sony Open in Hawaii, tied for the third-longest cut streak at any single event on the PGA TOUR, and since 2023 leads the PGA TOUR in SG: Around-the-Green (+0.46).

**Most Seasons Ranked Inside the Top 20
SG: Approach-The-Green PGA TOUR Since 2020**

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

**Longest Active Cut Streak
PGA TOUR Career (Matsuyama)**

	Streak
Masters Tournament	12
PGA Championship	12
Sony Open in Hawaii	9
WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational	9
Farmers Insurance Open	9
U.S. Open	9

**Highest SG: Around-the-Green
PGA TOUR Since 2023**

	AVG
Hideki Matsuyama	+0.46
Aaron Baddeley	+0.42
Justin Thomas	+0.38
Mackenzie Hughes	+0.38
Alex Noren	+0.37

**events where cut is made*

Jordan Spieth has his lowest 72-hole score of his PGA TOUR career at the Sony Open in Hawaii (261 in 2017). The Sony Open also ranks as the third-best event of his career in SG: Approach-the-Green (+0.97). Since his last PGA TOUR win at the 2022 RBC Heritage, Spieth has recorded 18 Top 10s, nine Top 5s, and two runner-up finishes across 74 events.

**Lowest 72-Hole Score
PGA TOUR Career (Spieth)**

	Total
2017 Sony Open in Hawaii	261
2016 The Sentry	262
2022 THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson	263
2016 Charles Schwab Challenge	263
2015 John Deere Classic	264

**Highest SG: Approach-the-Green Average
by Event PGA TOUR Career (Spieth)**

	Avg
Quicken Loans National	+1.26
WM Phoenix Open	+1.10
Sony Open in Hawaii	+0.97
AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am	+0.80
Valero Texas Open	+0.64

**Career Since Last Win at
2022 RBC Heritage (Spieth)**

	Total
Events	74
Cuts Made	55
Top 10s	18
Top 5s	9
Runner Up	2*

**2022 THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson
& 2023 RBC Heritage*

Keegan Bradley improved to +0.44 SG: Around-the-Green in 2025 and missed just two cuts last season, the fewest of his career, finishing with a 91.30% made-cut rate, his best in a single season.

**Strokes Gained: Around-the-Green Improvement
Last 3 PGA TOUR Seasons (Bradley)**

	Avg	Rank
2025	+0.44	8 th
2024	+0.01	100 th
2023	+0.00	113 th

**Highest Made Cut Percentage in Season
PGA TOUR Career (Bradley)**

	PCT
2025	91.30%
2018	87.10%
2012	86.21%
2013	86.21%
2015	85.71%



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Michael Brennan, Tony Finau, Johnny Keefer

Michael Brennan was one of two players with multiple Top 3 Driving Distance finishes during the 2025 PGA TOUR Fall season and is the most recent first-time winner on the PGA TOUR to win in five or fewer starts, doing so in just his third start.

Last Five First Time Winners on PGA TOUR In 5 or Less Starts

Event		Start #
Michael Brennan	2025 Bank of Utah Championship	3 rd
Karl Vilips	2025 Puerto Rico Open	4 th
Matt McCarty	2024 Bank of Utah Championship	3 rd
Nick Dunlap	2024 The American Express	4 th
Garrick Higgo	2021 Palmetto Championship at Congaree	2 nd

Most Events Top 3 Driving Distance - All Drives 2025 PGA TOUR Fall Season

Total	
Michael Brennan	2
Jesper Svensson	2

**Eight players at 1*

Tony Finau is one of four players to rank inside the Top 50 in SG: Around-the-Green in each of the last six seasons. He also posted a career best 10.83% make rate on putts over 20 feet in 2025 and ranks fifth on the PGA TOUR since 2020 in average putts made over 20 feet per event (1.54).

Most Seasons Ranked Inside Top 50 SG: Around-the-Green PGA TOUR Since 2020

Total	
Tony Finau	6
Si Woo Kim	6
Hideki Matsuyama	6
Justin Thomas	6

Highest Pct Putting From > 20' in a Season PGA TOUR Career (Finau)

PCT		Rank
2025	10.83%	3 rd
2020	9.88%	12 th
2022	9.68%	16 th
2018	9.27%	14 th
2015	8.24%	T50

Average Putts Made Over 20' Per Event PGA TOUR Since 2020

AVG	
Denny McCarthy	1.70
Adam Scott	1.61
Ludvig Åberg	1.59
Patrick Cantlay	1.56
Tony Finau	1.54

Johnny Keefer is coming off the lowest season scoring average ever recorded across the Korn Ferry Tour and PGA TOUR at 67.95 last season. Making his seventh PGA TOUR start, Keefer is seeking to become the first player since Russell Henley in 2013 to earn his first PGA TOUR victory at the Sony Open in Hawaii.

Lowest Season Scoring Average (Actual) PGA TOUR & Korn Ferry Tour Since 1983

	Season	TOUR	AVG
Johnny Keefer	2025	KFT	67.95
Scottie Scheffler	2025	PGA TOUR	67.99
Scottie Scheffler	2024	PGA TOUR	68.01
Webb Simpson	2020	PGA TOUR	68.06
S.H. Kim	2025	KFT	68.16
Tiger Woods	2000	PGA TOUR	68.17

Last Five Players to Earn First PGA TOUR Win at Sony Open in Hawaii

Player	
2013	Russell Henley
2002	Jerry Kelly
1995	John Morse
1990	David Ishii
1983	Isao Aoki



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Brian Harman, Maverick McNealy, Si Woo Kim

Brian Harman is making his 15th career start at the Sony Open in Hawaii this week, tied for the second-most starts he has at any PGA TOUR event. Harman has recorded 484 sand saves since 2020, the third-most on the PGA TOUR over that span. He also ranks third in Sand Save Percentage during that period at 59.39%

Most Starts by Event PGA TOUR Career (Harman)

	Total
RBC Heritage	16
Sony Open in Hawaii	15
Travelers Championship	15
The RSM Classic	14
FedEx. St Jude Championship	14

Highest Sand Save Percentage PGA TOUR Since 2020

	PCT
Matt Kuchar	62.01%
Michael Kim	60.04%
Brian Harman	59.39%
Ben Griffin	59.30%
Xander Schauffele	59.26%

Best Finishes at Sony Open in Hawaii PGA TOUR Career (Harman)

	Finish
2018	T4
2016	T13
2015	T13
2024	T18
2017	T20

Maverick McNealy led the PGA TOUR last season with five Top 5 finishes without a win and owns an 81.40% Going-for-the-Green rate at the Sony Open in Hawaii, the second-highest at an event in his PGA TOUR career.

Most Top 5 Finishes Without a Win PGA TOUR Last Season

	Total
Maverick McNealy	5
Jacob Bridgeman	4
Patrick Cantlay	4
Michael Thorbjornsen	4
Max McGreevy	4

Highest Going for Green Rate by Event PGA TOUR Career (McNealy)

	PCT
Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches	100%
Sony Open in Hawaii	81.40%
TOUR Championship	80.00%
Travelers Championship	77.42%
Shriners Children's Open	75.90%

Si Woo Kim owns his lowest scoring average at the Sony Open in Hawaii (67.46). He also ranks tied for third in SG: Around-the-Green at the Sony Open since 2004 (+1.87), and the event is his second-best in SG: Tee-to-Green across his PGA TOUR career.

Best Scoring Average (Actual) PGA TOUR Career (Kim)

	Avg
Sony Open in Hawaii	67.46
THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson	67.61
Shriners Children's Open	67.91
Wyndham Championship	68.03
The American Express	68.38

**min 8 rds played*

Highest Average SG: Around the Green Sony Open in Hawaii Since 2004

	Avg
Paul Azinger	+2.64
Roger Tambellini	+2.36
Si Woo Kim	+1.87
Sahith Theegala	+1.87
Andrew Novak	+1.82

**min 10 rds played*

Highest SG: Tee-to-Green by Event PGA TOUR Career (Kim)

	AVG
Truist Championship	+1.57
Sony Open in Hawaii	+1.53
THE PLAYERS	+1.43
The American Express	+1.43
Wyndham Championship	+1.41

**Min 5 Starts*



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J.J. Spaun, Collin Morikawa, Adam Scott

J.J. Spaun and Scottie Scheffler are the only two players on the PGA TOUR to improve their Strokes Gained: Approach-the-Green average in each of the last five seasons. The Sony Open in Hawaii is Spaun's second-best Greens-in-Regulation event of his PGA TOUR career at 76.52%. Last season, Spaun became the first player since 2022 (Will Zalatoris and Patrick Cantlay) to lose multiple playoffs in the same season and the first player since Raymond Floyd in 1982 to lose multiple playoffs and win a major in the same year.

Best Greens in Regulation by Event PGA TOUR Career (Spaun)

	PCT
The RSM Classic	77.43%
Sony Open in Hawaii	76.52%
Shriners Children's Open	76.39%
Wyndham Championship	76.26%
Rocket Classic	76.16%

*Min 3 Starts

SG: Approach-The-Green Last Five Seasons (Spaun)

	AVG	Rank
2021	-0.11	T127
2022	+0.13	84 th
2023	+0.27	T51
2024	+0.47	17 th
2025	+0.74	5th

Most First Round Top 5 Finishes PGA TOUR Last Season

	Total
Scottie Scheffler	7
J.J. Spaun	6
Keith Mitchell	6
Andrew Putnam	6

Collin Morikawa ranks second on the PGA TOUR in Strokes Gained: Approach-the-Green since 2020 (+0.82), trailing only Scottie Scheffler. He leads all players with the most seasons ranked inside the Top 3 in SG: Approach during that span (5). Morikawa is also the only player on TOUR to rank inside the Top 10 in Driving Accuracy in each of the last four seasons, highlighted by a career-high 70.65% Driving Accuracy in 2025.

SG: Approach-the-Green Leaders PGA TOUR Since 2020

	AVG
Scottie Scheffler	+0.83
Collin Morikawa	+0.82
Russell Henley	+0.69
Viktor Hovland	+0.65
Xander Schauffele	+0.64

*Min 50 Events Played

Most Seasons Ranked Inside the Top 3 SG: Approach-The-Green PGA TOUR Since 2020

	Total
Collin Morikawa	5
Scottie Scheffler	3
Justin Thomas	2
Russell Henley	2

Highest Driving Accuracy % PGA TOUR Career (Morikawa)

	PCT
2025	70.65%
2024	70.15%
2021	69.60%
2023	68.03%
2020	65.54%

Adam Scott's 2.4-stroke improvement from Round 1 to Round 2 at the Sony Open in Hawaii is the second-largest average R1-to-R2 improvement at any event he has played at least five times during his 23-year PGA TOUR career (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, 3.00). Last season, Scott posted the second-best Birdie-or-Better rate on Par 5s of his career (55.34%). Despite that success, he did not record a Top-10 finish for the first time in his PGA TOUR career.

Scoring Average by Round at Sony Open PGA TOUR Career (Scott)

	AVG
RD 1	70.30
RD 2	67.90
RD 3	68.71
RD 4	67.14

Best Par 5 Birdie or Better Percentage by Season PGA TOUR Career (Scott)

	PCT
2014	55.88%
2025	55.34%
2019	55.05%
2007	51.44%
2024	51.40%



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Ben Griffin, Russell Henley, Chris Gotterup

Ben Griffin ranked second on the PGA TOUR last season with 10 leads or co-leads in a round, trailing only Scottie Scheffler. He has recorded 60s in over half of his rounds in each of the last three seasons, highlighted by a career-best 69.69 scoring average in 2025, which ranked 4th on the PGA TOUR.

Most Leads/Co-Leads in a Round PGA TOUR Last Season

	Total
Scottie Scheffler	16
Ben Griffin	10
J.J. Spaun	7
Tommy Fleetwood	7
Sepp Straka	7

Highest Pct of Rounds in 60's PGA TOUR Career (Griffin)

	Pct
2025	55.77
2024	52.59
2023	50.42

**Stroke Play Only*

Lowest Scoring Average in a Season PGA TOUR Career (Griffin)

	Avg	Rank
2025	69.69	4th
2024	70.19	16 th
2023	70.29	39 th

Russell Henley ranks tied for second with five Top 10 finishes in SG: Tee-to-Green at the Sony Open in Hawaii since 2004. He is coming off the best SG: Total season of his PGA TOUR career in 2025 (+1.32) and is making his 14th consecutive start at the Sony Open in Hawaii, the fourth longest active streak in the field.

Most Top 10's SG: Tee-to-Green Sony Open in Hawaii Since 2004

	Total
Chris Kirk	6
Russell Henley	5
Hideki Matsuyama	5
Vijay Singh	5

Best SG: Total in Season PGA TOUR Career (Henley)

	AVG
2025	+1.32
2022	+1.19
2021	+0.95
2024	+0.95
2017	+0.94

Longest Active Consecutive Years Playing in Sony Open in Hawaii

	Years
Zach Johnson	19
Chris Kirk	16
Brian Harman	15
Russell Henley	14
Keegan Bradley	11
Peter Malnati	11

**Includes This Year*

Chris Gotterup led the field in Driving Distance three times last season and recorded a 68.40% rate of drives over 300 yards, the second-highest single-season mark in the ShotLink era.

Scoring Average by Round PGA TOUR Last Season (Gotterup)

	AVG	Rank
RD 1	70.11	T89
RD 2	68.70	6 th
RD 3	69.95	T74
RD 4	68.22	2 nd

Most Times Leading Field in Driving Distance PGA TOUR Last Season

	Total
Rory McIlroy	5
Aldrich Potgieter	4
Chris Gotterup	3
Bryson DeChambeau	3

Highest Percentage of Drives Over 300+ Yards in Season PGA TOUR ShotLink Era

	PCT
2021 Bryson DeChambeau	70.29%
2025 Chris Gotterup	68.40%
2025 Niklas Norgaard	68.32%
2023 Rory McIlroy	68.07%
2025 Rory McIlroy	68.06%



2026 Sony Open in Hawaii ShotLink Broadcast Notes



Robert MacIntyre, Nick Taylor, Aaron Rai

Robert MacIntyre ranked 40th in Strokes Gained Approach the Green on the PGA TOUR last season, improving 73 positions from 2024 to 2025. MacIntyre ranked inside the Top 20 in Sand Save Percentage in the 2024 (12th) & 2025 (13th) PGA TOUR seasons, one of two players to do so (Matt Fitzpatrick).

SG: Approach-the-Green Rank Improv. PGA TOUR Last 2 Seasons

Rank	
Last Season	40 th
2024	113 th

**tied for 7th largest improvement*

Players Inside Top 20 Sand Save PCT PGA TOUR Last 2 Seasons

	2024	2025
Matt Fitzpatrick	14 th	7 th
Robert MacIntyre	12th	13th

Nick Taylor is one of just four players on the PGA TOUR with at least one win in each of the last three seasons, joining Scottie Scheffler, Rory McIlroy, and Keegan Bradley. This event marks Taylor's fifth career title defense, with his best result coming at the 2016 Sanderson Farms Championship (T20).

Players With At Least One PGA TOUR Win in Each of Last Three Seasons

	2023	2024	2025
Scottie Scheffler	2	7	6
Rory McIlroy	2	2	3
Keegan Bradley	2	1	1
Nick Taylor	1	1	1

Title Defense Results PGA TOUR Career (Taylor)

	Year Won	Defense Result
Sanderson Farms Championship	2015	T20
AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am	2020	T39
RBC Canadian Open	2023	CUT
WM Phoenix Open	2024	T25
Sony Open in Hawaii	2025	??

Aaron Rai ranked third on the PGA TOUR in Driving Accuracy over the last two seasons (72.86%) and owns the second-highest made-cut percentage among English players since 2024 (82.61%). He has also ranked inside the Top 25 in SG: Tee-to-Green in each of the last three seasons, one of only seven players on TOUR to do so.

Highest Driving Accuracy PCT PGA TOUR Last 2 Seasons

PCT	
Takumi Kanaya	74.07
Paul Peterson	73.15
Aaron Rai	72.86
Ben Kohles	71.84
Collin Morikawa	70.40

Highest Made Cut PCT Players from England PGA TOUR Since 2024

PCT	
Tommy Fleetwood	92.11
Aaron Rai	82.61
Matt Fitzpatrick	80.95
Harry Hall	80.00
Justin Rose	64.86

**min 10 starts*

Players Ranked in Top 25 SG: Tee-to-Green in Each of Last Three PGA TOUR Seasons

	2023	2024	2025
Scottie Scheffler	1 st	1 st	1 st
Rory McIlroy	2 nd	6 th	11 th
Collin Morikawa	4 th	11 th	4 th
Si Woo Kim	19 th	14 th	5 th
Aaron Rai	24th	9th	12th
Hideki Matsuyama	16 th	3 rd	22 nd
Shane Lowry	20 th	22 nd	16 th