



2024 Myrtle Beach Classic

(22nd of 36 events in the FedExCup Regular Season)

The Dunes Golf and Beach Club
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

May 9-12, 2024
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,347

FedExCup Points: 300 (winner)
Purse: \$4 million (\$720,000/winner)

Pre-Tournament Notes – 2024 Myrtle Beach Classic

TOUR season notes

- The Myrtle Beach Classic is a first-year PGA TOUR event and represents the first permanent addition to the PGA TOUR schedule since 2022 when the Mexico Open at Vidanta and Genesis Scottish Open were added.
- The Myrtle Beach Classic winner will receive 300 FedExCup points, a two-year exemption on the PGA TOUR and an invitation to next week's PGA Championship (if not previously eligible). The winner will also be exempt for The Sentry and THE PLAYERS Championship in 2025.
- The winner will not be automatically exempt into the final two Signature Events of the season, but the 300 FedExCup points from the victory will place him in strong position to qualify for the next Signature Event at the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday via the Aon Swing 5.
- Winners of the first two Additional Events in 2024 (Brice Garnett/Puerto Rico Open, Billy Horschel/Corales Puntacana Championship) qualified for the next Signature Event via the Aon Swing 5.
- Of the players who competed in last week's CJ CUP Byron Nelson, 106 are in the field at the Myrtle Beach Classic, including five who finished inside the top 10 (Matt Wallace/T4, S.H. Kim/T4, Taiga Semikawa/T9, Troy Merritt/T9, Rafael Campos/T9).

Myrtle Beach Classic notes

- The field includes:
 - 43 PGA TOUR winners, led by Brandt Snedeker (9 wins)
 - Two past FedExCup Champions (Bill Haas, Brandt Snedeker)
- 25 of the 29 players in the 2024 rookie class are scheduled to compete at the Myrtle Beach Classic, with Nick Dunlap, Jake Knapp and Matthieu Pavon in the field at the Wells Fargo Championship (not playing this week: Norman Xiong).
- North Augusta, South Carolina resident Matt Atkins won "The Q at Myrtle Beach," an 18-hole qualifier at TPC Myrtle Beach that featured eight professionals with ties to South Carolina and eight popular golf YouTubers vying for one spot in the Myrtle Beach Classic. Atkins won in a playoff over George Bryan IV, who also received a sponsor exemption to compete this week. Atkins will compete in his first TOUR event since the 2023 RSM Classic, where he finished T38 after surviving an 8-for-3 playoff in the Monday Qualifier.
- The Dunes Golf and Beach Club, opened in 1948, is the second-oldest golf course in Myrtle Beach. Notable past events hosted include the 1962 U.S. Women's Open, 1973 PGA TOUR Q-School, and the 1994-1999 Charles Schwab Cup Championship on the PGA TOUR Champions.

Player notes

- At No. 61 in the Official World Golf Ranking, New Zealand's **Ryan Fox** is the highest-ranked player in the field. Fox, a first-year member, earned his TOUR card through the DP World Tour Top 10 and has one top-10 in 11 starts this season (T4/Zurich Classic of New Orleans, with Garrick Higgo).
- **Erik van Rooyen**, the highest-ranked player in the field at No. 41 in the FedExCup, is making his first start on TOUR since the RBC Heritage (T33). The South African has two top-10s in his 12 starts this season, including a runner-up at the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches and T8 at the Mexico Open at Vidanta. Van Rooyen, who earned his second career PGA TOUR victory at the 2023 World Wide Technology Championship, is the most recent TOUR winner of any player in the field.
- 2011 FedExCup champion and Greenville, South Carolina native **Bill Haas** is playing this season on a non-exempt medical extension and will have father and nine-time PGA TOUR winner Jay Haas caddying for him this week.
- PGA TOUR rookie and Tampa, Florida native **Jimmy Stanger** won the 2016 Southern Amateur Championship at The Dunes Golf and Beach Club by one stroke over Zach Bauchou and finished ahead of PGA TOUR players Cam Davis (T8) and Sam Burns (T10). Stanger received an exemption into the Southern Amateur by virtue of sharing medalist honors with Matthew NeSmith at the college event General Hackler Championship, also held at The Dunes Club four months prior to the Southern Amateur.

- 16-year-old Blades Brown will make his PGA TOUR debut after winning the 2023 Elite Invitational to earn a sponsor exemption. In 2023, Brown became the youngest medalist in U.S. Amateur history, breaking the record set by Bobby Jones 103 years ago.

Aon Next 10 and Aon Swing 5

- The Myrtle Beach Classic is the first of three events where players can earn points to qualify for the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday, the next Signature Event, via the Aon Swing 5. The five players (not exempt via the Aon Next 10 or a higher category) who earn the most FedExCup points in the Myrtle Beach Classic, Charles Schwab Challenge and RBC Canadian Open will qualify for the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday.