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2015 BMW Championship

Dates: September 14-20, 2015
Where: Conway Farms Golf Club, Lake Forest, Ill.
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,198 yards
Field: 70
2014 champion: Billy Horschel
Purse: \$8,250,000/\$1,485,000 (winner)
Format: 72-hole stroke-play
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The BMW Championship and the FedExCup Playoffs

The BMW Championship is the third of four events of the FedExCup Playoffs – with the entire season building toward this four-tournament stretch. There is more on the line than just the BMW Championship trophy – as players jockey for the coveted top-30 position to advance to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

- Each playoff event offers 2,000 FedExCup points to the winner, decreased by 500 points in 2015.
- The top 125 in the final PGA TOUR Season FedExCup standings following the Wyndham Championship qualified for The Barclays.
- The top 100 players on the FedExCup points list following The Barclays qualified for the Deutsche Bank Championship, with 25 players having been eliminated following the first week of the Playoffs.
- The top 70 on the points list following the Deutsche Bank Championship qualified for the BMW Championship.
- The top 30 on the points list following the BMW Championship qualify for the year-end TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola, with 40 players being eliminated from the Playoffs.
- A points reset will take place following the BMW Championship giving all 30 players in the field at the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola a mathematical chance to win the FedExCup. The top five players control their own destiny and can win the FedExCup with a victory at the TOUR Championship.

A look at the 2014 BMW Championship

One day after a third-round, bogey-free 7-under 63, Billy Horschel carded a final-round 1-under 69 for a two-stroke victory over Bubba Watson at the 2014 BMW Championship. The victory was the second of his career at the time (2013 Zurich Classic of New Orleans) and came in his 101st TOUR start. He would later add a victory at the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola en route to winning the 2014 FedExCup.

More on defending champion Billy Horschel

- Horschel's finishes in the FedExCup: 2014 (1st), 2013 (16th), 2012 (143rd), 2011 (170th).
- Horschel owns two wins (2014 BMW Championship, 2014 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola) in the FedExCup Playoffs event in 10 total starts, with additional top-10 finishes at the 2014 Deutsche Bank Championship (T2) and the 2013 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola (T7).

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- Horschel won in his second start at the BMW Championship (T18-2013).
- Horschel has shown to be a momentum player. During the 2014 Playoffs, he finished T2 at the Deutsche Bank Championship before winning the final two events of the FedExCup Playoffs. Prior to winning his first TOUR event at the 2013 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, he had finished T2 at the Shell Houston Open, T3 at the Valero Texas Open and T9 at the RBC Heritage.
- Horschel enters the BMW Championship No. 67 in the FedExCup. In 27 starts this season, he owns two top-10 finishes: 3rd at the Valero Texas Open and T8 at the FedEx St. Jude Classic.

2015 FedExCup Playoff summaries

The Barclays

With a final-round 8-under 62 (equaling the lowest score of his career), Jason Day posted a 72-hole total of 19-under 261 at The Barclays, good for a six-stroke runaway victory over Henrik Stenson. His 62 marked the lowest finishing score by a PGA TOUR winner this season, and helped move him to No. 1 in the FedExCup standings. In addition, it guaranteed Day a top-five spot heading into the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola, meaning that he will control his own destiny at East Lake and will win the FedExCup with a victory there. The victory was the sixth of Day's career and came in his 168th PGA TOUR start at the age of 27 years, 9 months and 18 days.

Deutsche Bank Championship

Rickie Fowler shot a final round 3-under 68 to come from one shot back at the beginning of the day to defeat third-round leader and 2013 FedExCup champion Henrik Stenson by one stroke. A disastrous double bogey on the par-3 16th hole dropped Stenson one behind Fowler, with the latter posting pars on the final two holes for the victory. Fowler's third TOUR victory came in his 150th career start at the age of 26 years, 8 months and 25 days. The win was worth 2,000 points and moved Fowler to No. 3 in the FedExCup standings, and like Jason Day, guaranteed a top-5 spot at the season-ending TOUR Championship. Fowler became the sixth-consecutive come-from-behind winner at TPC Boston.

2015 FedExCup Playoff standings

The top five in the FedExCup Playoff standings is the goal for players after the BMW Championship is played and the 70-man field has been trimmed to 30. The top five in the standings entering the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola will control their own destiny and will win the FedExCup with a victory at East Lake GC. Here's a look at the top 10 headed into this week's BMW Championship.

Rank	Player	Points	Wins	Top 10s	Pts. Behind	Starts
1	Jason Day	4,680	4	9	---	18
2	Jordan Spieth	4,169	4	14	511	23
3	Rickie Fowler	3,498	2	6	1,182	19
4	Henrik Stenson	3,352	0	6	1,328	14
5	Bubba Watson	3,329	2	8	1,351	17
6	Charley Hoffman	2,302	1	7	2,378	26
7	Zach Johnson	2,241	1	9	2,439	23
8	Dustin Johnson	2,114	1	9	2,566	19
9	Jim Furyk	2,087	1	7	2,593	18
10	Patrick Reed	2,039	1	4	2,641	25

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**Current Top 5 at the BMW Championship (FedExCup era)**

No. 1 – Jason Day (5 starts; 2014/WD, 2013/T4, 2011/T49, 2010/T54, 2009/T59)

No. 2 – Jordan Spieth (2 starts; 2014/T8, 2013/T16)

No. 3 – Rickie Fowler (5 starts; 2014/T4, 2013/T39, 2012/T41, 2011/48, 2010/T45)

No. 4 – Henrik Stenson (3 starts; 2014/T23, 2013/T33, 2007/T52)

No. 5 – Bubba Watson (8 starts; 2014/2, 2013/T24, 2012/T12, 2011/T53, 2010/T50, 2009/T15, 2008/T28, 2007/T18)

Current Players on the Top-30 Bubble

25	Ben Martin	1,407
26	Daniel Summerhays	1,387
27	Bill Haas	1,381
28	Jason Bohn	1,347
29	Russell Knox	1,333
30	Louis Oosthuizen	1,309
31	David Lingmerth	1,305
32	Harris English	1,301
33	Matt Jones	1,301
34	Kevin Na	1,296
35	Justin Thomas	1,275

FedExCup Notes

Four players ranked between No. 71-100 at the Deutsche Bank Championship played their way into the top 70 to advance to the BMW Championship. Here's the list of players who moved inside the top 70:

Player	FEC before DBC	DBC	FEC after DBC
Hunter Mahan	91	T4	52
Keegan Bradley	71	T25	63
Jerry Kelly	94	T9	65
Will McGirt	88	T12	68

Of the eight players who entered The Barclays ranked No. 101 – 125 in the FedExCup standings, Zac Blair is the only one who has advanced to the BMW Championship:

Player	FEC before DBC	DBC	FEC after DBC
Zac Blair	No. 45	T60	51
Luke Donald	No. 87	T39	80 (eliminated)
Spencer Levin	No. 80	T56	82 (eliminated)
Camilo Villegas	No. 99	T33	84 (eliminated)
Johnson Wagner	No. 92	T44	87 (eliminated)
Jason Dufner	No. 82	T60	88 (eliminated)
Carlos Ortiz	No. 83	T65	93 (eliminated)
Mark Wilson	No. 85	T69	95 (eliminated)

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Past FedExCup Champions Remaining in 2015 FedExCup Playoffs:

Player	Year Won	Current Rank
Jim Furyk	2010	No. 9
Bill Haas	2011	No. 27
Brandt Snedeker	2012	No. 18
Henrik Stenson	2013	No. 4
Billy Horschel	2014	No. 67

Year-by-year look at FedExCup winners and their performance throughout the Playoffs in the years they won:

Year	FedExCup Champion	Barclays	Deutsche Bank	BMW	Coca-Cola
2014	Billy Horschel	MC	T2	Won	Won
2013	Henrik Stenson	T43	Won	T33	Won
2012	Brandt Snedeker	2 nd	6 th	T37	Won
2011	Bill Haas	T24	T61	T16	Won
2010	Jim Furyk	DNP	T37	T15	Won
2009	Tiger Woods	T2	T11	Won	2 nd
2008	Vijay Singh	Won	Won	T44	T22
2007	Tiger Woods	N/A	T2	Won	Won

Hunter Mahan is the only player in the FedExCup era to advance each season to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola and make all 34 starts in the Playoffs. With a T4 finish at TPC Boston, he moved from No. 91 entering the Deutsche Bank Championship to No. 52 to keep his streak alive. Here's a look at his year-by-year FedExCup finishes:

Name	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Hunter Mahan	15 th	18 th	27 th	18 th	7 th	19 th	20 th	6 th	52 nd

International wins in the FedExCup Playoffs events by year:

2007	0
2008	4 (Vijay Singh-2, Camilo Villegas-2)
2009	0
2010	0
2011	1 (Justin Rose)
2012	2 (Rory McIlroy-2)
2013	3 (Adam Scott, Henrik Stenson-2)
2014	1 (Rory McIlroy)
2015	1 (Jason Day)

Players on various FedExCup bubbles

30. Louis Oosthuizen (four points ahead of No. 31 Davis Lingmerth)
 70. George McNeill (Alex Cejka was eliminated at No. 71, four points behind McNeill)

Rookies in the FedExCup

Nine rookies finished the season ranked within the top 125 in FedExCup points, with four having advanced to this week's BMW Championship:

Player	Deutsche Bank	FedExCup rank
Justin Thomas	T56	No. 35
Tony Finau	MC	No. 41

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Daniel Berger	T12	No. 46
Zac Blair	T60	No. 51
Scott Pinckney	T60	Eliminated from the Playoffs after Deutsche Bank Championship
Carlos Ortiz	T65	Eliminated from the Playoffs after Deutsche Bank Championship
Adam Hadwin	MC (Barclays)	Eliminated from the Playoffs after The Barclays
Nick Taylor	T53 (Barclays)	Eliminated from the Playoffs after The Barclays
Jon Curran	MC (Barclays)	Eliminated from the Playoffs after The Barclays

All six rookies who qualified for the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola went on to win Rookie of the Year honors:

Year	Player	FedExCup Finish
2013	Jordan Spieth	7 th
2012	John Huh	29 th
2011	Keegan Bradley	20 th
2009	Marc Leishman	20 th
2008	Andres Romero	28 th
2007	Brandt Snedeker	20 th

TOUR's elite winning at record-setting clip

Through 45 events in 2014-15, 23 of the wins have come from players inside the top 25 in the Official World Golf Ranking. Below is a chart reflecting the number of wins by players in the top 25 of the OWGR by season since 2010.

Number of wins by players in the top 25 Official World Golf Ranking (2010-15)		
Season	Number of wins by players in top 25 Official World Golf Ranking	Rank
2014-15	23	1
2013-14	14	4
2013	19	3
2012	22	2
2011	11	6
2010	16	5

2014-15 PGA TOUR wins by players in top 25 Official World Golf Ranking		
OWGR	Frequency	Player(s)
1-5	8	Jordan Spieth (3), Jason Day (2), Rory McIlroy (2), Bubba Watson (1)
6-10	7	Jason Day (2), Bubba Watson, Jordan Spieth, Jim Furyk, Justin Rose, Rickie Fowler
11-15	2	Jimmy Walker, Rickie Fowler
16-20	3	Jimmy Walker, Dustin Johnson, J.B. Holmes
21-25	3	Patrick Reed, Chris Kirk, Zach Johnson
Total:	23	

Additional Player Notes

Charley Hoffman, Bubba Watson, Jim Furyk, Hunter Mahan and Ernie Els are the only five players to have competed in the first eight BMW Championships. While Els did not qualify for the Playoffs this season, the other four players are in this week's field.

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Defending FedExCup champion Billy Horschel finished 72nd at the Deutsche Bank Championship and dropped to No. 67 in the FedExCup standings. Since the inception of the FedExCup, only 2012 winner Brandt Snedeker made it back to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola the following year.

With four wins, Jason Day and Jordan Spieth have the most wins on TOUR this season. Since 2010, the only players to record four or more wins in a season are Tiger Woods (2013, 5), Spieth (2015, 4), Day (4) and Rory McIlroy (2012, 4).

Henrik Stenson enters the BMW Championship No. 4 in the FedExCup standings, with runner-up finishes at the first two events of the 2015 FedExCup Playoffs.

With two events remaining in the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, Jordan Spieth leads the PGA TOUR in Adjusted Scoring Average (68.946) with Jason Day (69.298) in second in the category. The leader in Adjusted Scoring Average at the end of the season earns the Byron Nelson Award from the PGA TOUR and the Vardon Trophy from the PGA of America.

Deutsche Bank Championship winner Rickie Fowler became the sixth multiple winner of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season, joining Jordan Spieth (4), Jason Day (4), Rory McIlroy (2), Bubba Watson (2) and Jimmy Walker (2). At the age of 26 years, 8 months and 25 days, Fowler accounted for the 22nd win (14 different players) by players under the age of 30 in 2014-15. By comparison, 18 victories were won by players in their 30s (16 different players).

Rickie Fowler's one-stroke victory at the Deutsche Bank Championship marked the 11th stroke-play tournament of the 2014-15 season decided by one stroke. With 17 playoffs, 28 out of 44 stroke-play events through the Deutsche Bank Championship have been won via playoff or one stroke.

Jordan Spieth's 14 top-10 finishes is tied for the most on TOUR in a single season over the last 10 years with Luke Donald (2011) and Tiger Woods (2009).

Will McGirt entered the Deutsche Bank Championship No. 88 in the FedExCup standings before moving up to No. 68. Outside the FedExCup cut line and with his back against the wall, McGirt used a 7-iron on the 17th hole of the final round at TPC Boston to record an eagle-2 from 169 yards to jump up the FedExCup standings and secure a spot in the BMW Championship.

Jerry Kelly had three bogeys during a five-hole stretch entering the 18th hole during the final round of the Deutsche Bank Championship, before he made birdie on the final hole to move inside the top 70 and advance to the BMW Championship. Kelly's birdie on the last hole knocked Alex Cejka out of the top 70.

Conway Farms Golf Club

Conway Farms Golf Club opened for play on August 3, 1991. The Tom Fazio award-winning course sits on 209 acres in Lake Forest, Illinois and is designed around the traditions of Scottish links golf.

Here's a list of tournaments hosted at Conway Farms:

- 1998 Women's Western Junior
- 1997 Men's NCAA Division I Championship
- 1998 USGA Junior Amateur Championship
- 2002 AJGA Canon Cup

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- 2006 Big Ten Championship
- 2006 AJGA Canon Cup
- 2007 Open Qualifier
- 2008 US Open Sectional Qualifying
- 2009 Western Amateur
- 2012 US Mid-Amateur Championship
- 2013 BMW Championship
- 2015 BMW Championship

Future venues for the BMW Championship

Sites for the BMW Championship, the penultimate event of the PGA TOUR's FedExCup Playoffs, have been selected through 2019 and include some of the nation's most historic and iconic golf clubs. Venues hosting the event will be Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel, Indiana, in 2016; Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, Illinois, in 2017; Aronimink Golf Club in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, in 2018; and Medinah Country Club in Medinah, Illinois, in 2019.