



# BMW Championship

## 2018 BMW Championship

(The 3<sup>rd</sup> of 4 events in the FedExCup Playoffs)

Newtown Square, Penn.  
Aronimink Golf Club

Sept. 6-9, 2018

FedExCup Points: 2,000  
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,267

Purse: \$9,000,000

### First-Round Notes – Thursday, September 6, 2018

Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 90. Wind SW 5-10 mph.

### First-Round Leaderboard

Rory McIlroy	62 (-8)
Tiger Woods	62 (-8)
Xander Schauffele	63 (-7)

### FedExCup and the BMW Championship

The BMW Championship is the third of four events of the FedExCup Playoffs – with the entire season building toward the 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 in Atlanta.

A points reset will take place following the BMW Championship giving all 30 players in the field at the TOUR Championship a mathematical chance to win the FedExCup. The top-five players control their own destiny and are guaranteed to win the FedExCup with a victory at the TOUR Championship.

### Five Things To Know

- Tiger Woods opens with 62 to claim his first 18-hole lead/co-lead in five years
- 2012 BMW Championship winner Rory McIlroy makes nine birdies, including six in a row, to take a share of the lead
- Tiger Woods (2007, 2009) and Billy Horschel (2014) won the BMW Championship before emerging those respective years as the FedExCup champion
- Bryson DeChambeau, winner of the first two FedExCup Playoffs events, opened with a 67
- Phil Mickelson, the only player to qualify for the BMW Championship every year, opened with a 3-over 73

### First-Round Lead Notes

- 7 Since 2000, the first-round leader/co-leader has won seven of 18 times at the BMW Championship (most recently Marc Leishman/2017)
- 9 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2017-18 (Most recent: Brandt Snedeker/Wyndham Championship)

### Tiger Woods (-8/T1)

Age: 42 (December 30, 1975)

Joined TOUR: 1996

### Entering the week

#25	FedExCup (projected No. 5)
#26	OWGR
16	Starts at BMW Championship
5	Wins at the BMW Championship: 1997, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2009
344	PGA TOUR starts
79	PGA TOUR victories (Most recent: 2013 World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational)
16	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
5	Top-10s in 2017-18

- Beginning on No. 10, made four birdies and an eagle-three (No. 16) to make the turn in 6-under 29

- Marks his third occasion of posting a 29 on his first nine holes in round one of a PGA TOUR event (1999 AT&T Byron Nelson, 2006 WGC-Mexico Championship)
- His last 29-or-lower on any nine before this week was the 2007 TOUR Championship (28/front/R2/Won)
- Following his 28 at the 2007 TOUR Championship, went on to win at East Lake en route to claiming his first of two FedExCup titles
- Made six birdies, one eagle (par-5 16<sup>th</sup>) and one bogey (par-3 eighth). From the 2013-14 season through the end of the 2016-17 season, played 11 rounds with six or more birdies. In 17 starts this season, he now has played 14 such rounds
- Today's 62 marks his lowest score on the PGA TOUR since shooting 61 in round two of the 2013 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational (won)
- Last co-lead after 18 holes was at the 2013 World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship (won). Last outright lead after 18 holes on the PGA TOUR was the 2009 PGA Championship (finished 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Of 28 previous 18-hole leads/co-leads on the PGA TOUR, has converted 14 times for the win
- Hit 9/14 fairways, 16/18 greens in regulation, 1/2 scrambling, needed 27 putts and made a total of 94' 3" of putts
- Is making his 17<sup>th</sup> start in the BMW Championship, sixth in the FedExCup era (2007) and first since 2013 (T11)
- When the Quicken Loans National was first contested at Aronimink Golf Club, in 2010, Woods posted scores of 73-70-70-71—284 (+4) to finish T46
- Of five top-10 finishes this season on the PGA TOUR, best were 2<sup>nd</sup>/PGA Championship and T2/Valspar Championship

### **Rory McIlroy (-8/T1)**

**Age:** 29 (May 4, 1989)

**Joined TOUR:** 2010

#### **Entering the week**

#24	FedExCup (projected No. 4)
#8	OWGR
7	Starts at BMW Championship
1	Win at the BMW Championship: 2012
147	PGA TOUR starts
14	PGA TOUR victories (Most recent: 2018 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard)
16	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
5	Top-10s in 2017-18

- Beginning on No. 10, followed three-straight birdies on Nos. 11-13 with six straight on Nos. 18-5 en route to an 8-under 62
- Six straight birdies marks his career-best streak (previous was five on two occasions, most recently in round three of the 2015 Wells Fargo Championship)
- 62 marks his lowest score on TOUR since a 61 in round three of the 2015 Wells Fargo Championship (won)
- Takes an 18-hole lead/co-lead for the 12<sup>th</sup> time on the PGA TOUR. Of the previous 11, converted for the win three times, most recently at the 2014 Open Championship
- Most recent 18-hole lead/co-lead before this week was at the 2014 BMW Championship (T8). Also co-led after round 1 of the 2012 BMW Championship before winning
- Hit 11/14 fairways, 16/18 greens in regulation, and needed 27 putts to sink a total of 108' 2" of putts
- In addition to his win at the Arnold Palmer Invitational, has collected four top-10 finishes, including a T5 at the Masters and T2 at The Open Championship
- After not competing in the first FedExCup Playoffs event, THE NORTHERN TRUST, finished T12 at last week's Dell Technologies Championship
- Following wins at the 2016 Dell Technologies Championship and TOUR Championship, went on to win the FedExCup title

### **Xander Schauffele (64/3<sup>rd</sup>)**

- 2016-17 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year overcame a bogey at his first hole of the day, No. 10, with eight birdies to open with 7-under 63
- In his only other start at the BMW Championship, finished T20 last year at Conway Farms
- In 25 starts this season leading up to this week, has collected five top-10 finishes, highlighted by T2s at THE PLAYERS Championship and The Open Championship
- After missing the cut at THE NORTHERN TRUST, finished T49 at last week's Dell Technologies Championship

### Peter Uihlein (64/T4)

- Thanks to his T12 finish at last week's Dell Technologies Championship, moved from 83<sup>rd</sup> in FedExCup points to No. 64 and into this week's BMW Championship field
- Led the field in birdies last week at TPC Boston with 24
- Best of four top-10 finishes this season is solo-fifth at the Memorial Tournament
- Made his way to the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of his third-place finish on the 2017 Web.com Tour priority list.
- On 2017 Web.com Tour, won the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship in his third-ever start on that Tour

### FedExCup Notes

The top five in the FedExCup Playoff standings is the goal for players after the BMW Championship. The top five in the standings entering the TOUR Championship 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 entering the week:

Rank	Player	Points	Points behind	BMW R1/ projected FEC
1	Bryson DeChambeau	5,617	--	67/1 <sup>st</sup>
2	Dustin Johnson	3,289	2,328	70/6 <sup>th</sup>
3	Justin Rose	3,191	2,426	66/3 <sup>rd</sup>
4	Tony Finau	3,169	2,448	68/7 <sup>th</sup>
5	Justin Thomas	3,084	2,533	64/2 <sup>nd</sup>
6	Brooks Koepka	2,551	3,066	69/8 <sup>th</sup>
7	Bubba Watson	2,277	3,340	71/9 <sup>th</sup>
8	Cameron Smith	2,231	3,386	71/10 <sup>th</sup>
9	Phil Mickelson	1,969	3,648	73/14 <sup>th</sup>
10	Jason Day	1,935	3,682	67/11 <sup>th</sup>

Advancing to the TOUR Championship and finishing in the top 30 has his perks as well. By finishing in the top 30 of the FedExCup standings, players earn one-year exemptions to: Masters Tournament, U.S. Open and The Open Championship; THE PLAYERS Championship, World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship and World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions, as well as invitationals including CIMB Classic, Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, RBC Heritage, DEAN & DELUCA Invitational, the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide and Quicken Loans National.

### Players on the Top-30 Bubble Entering the Week

FEC	Player	Points	BMW R1	FEC Projected
25	Tiger Woods	1,342	62/T1	5 <sup>th</sup>
26	Rickie Fowler	1,302	65/T8	22 <sup>nd</sup>
27	Jordan Spieth	1,299	67/T20	27 <sup>th</sup>
28	Hideki Matsuyama	1,271	66/T12	25 <sup>th</sup>
29	Emiliano Grillo	1,252	67/T20	32 <sup>nd</sup>
30	Gary Woodland	1,205	66/T12	29 <sup>th</sup>
31	Chez Reavie	1,184	68/T30	37 <sup>th</sup>
32	Brandt Snedeker	1,174	71/T57	43 <sup>rd</sup>
33	C.T. Pan	1,170	67/T20	35 <sup>th</sup>
34	Pat Perez	1,167	69/T38	39 <sup>th</sup>
35	Andrew Landry	1,145	68/T30	38 <sup>th</sup>

### Rookies in the FedExCup Playoffs

Four rookies in the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season advanced to the BMW Championship:

Player	FEC	BMW R1	FEC Projected
Aaron Wise	18	65/T8	18 <sup>th</sup>
Austin Cook	42	71/T57	51 <sup>st</sup>
Peter Uihlein	64	64/T4	36 <sup>th</sup>
Keith Mitchell	66	67/T20	59 <sup>th</sup>

Rookies to qualify for the TOUR Championship since the inception of the FedExCup in 2007:

Year	Player	FEC Finish
2017	Xander Schauffele	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2017	Patrick Cantlay	29 <sup>th</sup>
2016	Emiliano Grillo	11 <sup>th</sup>
2016	Si Woo Kim	17 <sup>th</sup>
2015	Daniel Berger	11 <sup>th</sup>
2013	Jordan Spieth	7 <sup>th</sup>
2012	John Huh	29 <sup>th</sup>
2011	Keegan Bradley	20 <sup>th</sup>
2009	Marc Leishman	20 <sup>th</sup>
2008	Andres Romero	28 <sup>th</sup>
2007	Brandt Snedeker	20 <sup>th</sup>

#### Miscellaneous Notes

- The first player to record a hole-in-one **on the 17th hole** will win the all-new BMW M850xi.
- BMW of North America will provide an additional, full 4-year Platt Evans Scholarship in the name of the first PGA TOUR professional to record a hole-in-one **on any hole**.
- *\*\* Please note if first hole-in-one of the week occurs on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole the player wins the BMW 8 Series AND a scholarship will be rewarded*
- Jason Day's ace at last year's BMW Championship earned a full college scholarship for Philadelphia native, Brooklyn Gabriel, who is now a student at Penn State.
- The BMW Championship is being played at Aronimink Golf Club for the first time. The 2010 and 2011 Quicken Loans National was contested at Aronimink Golf Club (Justin Rose/2010, Nick Watney/2011).

#### Course Statistics

##### Toughest Hole

R1: Par-3 8<sup>th</sup> (3.420)

##### Easiest Hole

R1: Par-5 16<sup>th</sup> (4.304)

#### Scoring Averages at the par-70 Aronimink Golf Club

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	33.826	34.304	68.130	

#### Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Rickie Fowler (65), Brian Gay (66), Henrik Stenson (66), Paul Casey (69)