



2018 U.S. Open

(The 33rd of 44 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Southampton, New York
Shinnecock Hills GC

June 14-17, 2018
Par/Yardage: 35-35—70/7,440

FedExCup Points: 600
Purse: \$12,000,000 (\$2,160,000/winner)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, June 14, 2018

Weather: Sunny, with a high of 77. Wind WSW 18-24 mph, gusting to 32 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Scott Piercy	69 (-1)
Ian Poulter	69 (-1)
Russell Henley	69 (-1)
Dustin Johnson	69 (-1)
Jason Dufner	70 (E)

Six Things to Know

- Windy conditions, with gusts to 32 mph, led to just five players posting par-or-better scores on day one
- World No. 1 and recent FedEx St. Jude Classic winner Dustin Johnson posted a 1-under 69 as he seeks to become the first player to win a PGA TOUR event and then the U.S. Open the following week
- Tiger Woods opened with a triple-bogey 7 en route to an 8-over 78 in his 20th U.S. Open start
- Jordan Spieth posted an 8-over 78 for his highest score in 22 major championship starts
- Rory McIlroy's 10-over 80 marked his highest score in 29 rounds at the U.S. Open
- Four players tied for the first-round lead is the most on TOUR since six led at THE PLAYERS this year, including Dustin Johnson

First-Round Lead Notes

21	First-round leaders/co-leaders at the U.S. Open to win (most recently Martin Kaymer in 2014)
7	First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on the PGA TOUR in 2017-18 (most recently Webb Simpson at THE PLAYERS)
63	Low first round in tournament history (63/Jack Nicklaus/1980; 63/Tom Weiskopf/1980)
65	Rickie Fowler's opening-round score to lead in 2017 (eventual winner Brooks Koepka was T4 with a 67)
7	Most players tied for the lead after 18 holes at the U.S. Open (Southern Hills/1977)

Dustin Johnson (69/T1)

Age: 33 (June 22, 1984)

Joined TOUR: 2008

Entering this week

#2	FedExCup
#1	OWGR
232	PGA TOUR starts
10	Starts at the U.S. Open (Win/2016)
11	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
7	Top-10s in 2017-18 (Won – Sentry Tournament of Champions, FedEx St. Jude Classic)

Wins (18); has at least one win in each of his first 11 PGA TOUR seasons (2008-active)

- Seeking to become the first player to win a PGA TOUR event (FedEx St. Jude Classic) and the U.S. Open the following week.
- Has now held the first-round lead/co-lead 16 times on the PGA TOUR, going on to win three times (2009 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am/54 holes; 2010 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am; 2013 Sentry Tournament of Champions/54 holes).
- Has failed to carry the first-round lead/co-lead on to victory in his last 10 attempts, including three in major championships (2015 U.S. Open/T2; 2015 Open Championship/T49; 2015 PGA Championship/T7).

Ian Poulter (69/T1)

Age: 42 (January 10, 1976)

Joined TOUR: 2004

Entering this week

#27 FedExCup
#27 OWGR
245 PGA TOUR starts
12 Starts at the U.S. Open (T12/2006)
12 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
3 Top-10s in 2017-18 (Won – Houston Open)

Wins (3); 2010 World Golf Championships-Dell Match Play, 2012 WGC-HSBC Champions, 2018 Houston Open

- With a 1-under 69, posts a sub-70 opening round for the first time in 13 starts at the U.S. Open.
- Only prior first-round lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR came at THE PLAYERS in 2012 (T25).

Russell Henley (69/T1)

Age: 29 (April 12, 1989)

Joined TOUR: 2013

Entering this week

#95 FedExCup
#58 OWGR
146 PGA TOUR starts
6 Starts at the U.S. Open (T16/2010)
15 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
1 Top-10s in 2017-18 (T8/Houston Open)

Wins (3); 2013 Sony Open in Hawaii, 2014 The Honda Classic, 2017 Houston Open

- Seeking to top his best finish (T11 at the 2017 Masters) in his 22nd start in a major championship.
- Holds lead/co-lead for the third time on the PGA TOUR (best result was T3 at 2015 Sentry Tournament of Champions)

Scott Piercy (69/T1)

Age: 39 (November 6, 1978)

Joined TOUR: 2009

Entering this week

#34 FedExCup
#181 OWGR
255 PGA TOUR starts
6 Starts at the U.S. Open (T2-2016)
18 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
2 Top-10s in 2017-18 (Won/Zurich Classic of New Orleans)

Wins (4); 2011 Barracuda Championship, 2012 RBC Canadian Open, 2015 Barbasol Championship, 2018 Zurich Classic of New Orleans

- Opened with a 1-under 69 as he seeks his first made cut at a major championship since finishing T2 at the 2016 U.S. Open.
- First alternate out of the Memphis, Tennessee qualifier and added to the field on Monday.
- Holds the lead/co-lead for the seventh time on the PGA TOUR (won the 2012 RBC Canadian Open)

Additional Player Notes

Tiger Woods (T101)

- Making his 20th start at the U.S. Open and playing in his 70th round, posted an opening-round 8-over 78
- Opened with a triple-bogey 7 on the par-4 first hole
- Last time he opened U.S. Open with a double bogey or worse came in 2008 when he went on to win his last of 14 majors

Mickey DeMorat (T13)

- Including a 2-shot penalty for hitting the wrong ball on No. 14, posted an opening-round 2-over 72 on his 23rd birthday.

Patrick Reed (T19)

- Turned in a 3-over 73 as he seeks to win the Masters and the U.S. Open in the same year.
- Six players (seven times) have performed the feat in the past, with Jordan Spieth (2015) the latest to do so.

Steve Stricker (T19)

- Opened with a 3-over 73 as he seeks to make the cut for the 27th consecutive time in a major championship.
- Last missed cut in a major came at the 2009 PGA Championship.

Luis Gagne and Will Grimmer (T19)

- Of the 20 amateurs in the 156-player field (the most since 1962), led the way Thursday with matching 3-over 73s.

Justin Thomas (T37)

- FedExCup leader posted a 4-over 74 in his fourth U.S. Open start (MC/2014, 32/2016, 9/2017).
- Is in search of his ninth PGA TOUR victory (and third of the season).

Sergio Garcia (T46)

- Making his 76th consecutive start in a major championship, recorded a 5-over 75.

Brooks Koepka (T46)

- Carded a 5-over 75 as he seeks to become the first player to win back-to-back U.S. Opens since Curtis Strange in 1988 (The Country Club in Brookline) and 1989 (Oak Hill).

Phil Mickelson (T87)

- 7-over 77 marked his highest opening-round score in 99 rounds at the U.S. Open (27 starts)
- A six-time runner-up at the U.S. Open, with four of those coming in New York (including in 2004 at Shinnecock Hills).

Jordan Spieth (T101)

- Posted an 8-over 78 for his highest score in 22 major championship starts (79 rounds).

Jason Day (T114)

- 9-over 79 equaled his highest score in 27 rounds at the U.S. Open (79/R1/2017).

Rory McIlroy (T128)

- 10-over 80 marked his highest score in 29 rounds at the U.S. Open (78/R1/2017).
- Four of seven missed cuts in major championships have come at the U.S. Open, including the last two seasons (2016, 2017).

Scott Gregory (156)

- Posted a 22-over 92 to become the first player to shoot in the 90s at the U.S. Open since Felix Casas shot 92 in 2002.

Course Statistics**Toughest Hole**

R1: par-4 14th (4.814)

Easiest Hole

R1: par-5 5th (4.686)

Yardages

R1: 7,448 yards

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	37.699	38.776	76.474	

Bogey-free rounds

R1: None