



Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco

Hillcrest Country Club | Boise, Idaho | August 22-25, 2019

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Quick Facts

Golf Course: Hillcrest Country Club (Par 71, 6,880 yards)

Course Designer: A. Vernon Macan (1940), Redesign: Robert Muir Graves (1968)

Purse: \$1,000,000 (Winner: \$180,000 / 1,000 points)

2018 Champion: Sangmoon Bae

Field Overview (as of August 19)

- 67 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 97 victories
- Nineteen PGA TOUR winners with 44 victories
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Korn Ferry Tour Finals 101

The Korn Ferry Tour returns to Boise, Idaho, for the second event of the three-event Korn Ferry Tour Finals at the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco. The tournament follows the first event of the Finals, the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, and takes place a week before the season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance. The Finals events include the following players:

- The top-75 point leaders from the Korn Ferry Tour's Regular Season points standings
- Players who finished 126-200 in the PGA TOUR's FedExCup standings
- Non-members who have earned enough FedExCup points based on their performance on the PGA TOUR to place them 126-200 on that points list
- Players competing on PGA TOUR medical extensions

While 25 Korn Ferry Tour players have already earned their PGA TOUR cards through the Regular Season, a separate points list for the Korn Ferry Tour Finals will determine the remaining 25 PGA TOUR cards (The Finals 25). The player who earns the most points during the three Finals events (excluding The 25 from the Regular Season) will earn fully exempt status on the PGA TOUR for the 2019-20 season, as well as an invitation to THE PLAYERS Championship. At the conclusion of the Korn Ferry Tour Championship, the top-25 point earners will earn their PGA TOUR cards.

The ordering of all 50 players after the Korn Ferry Tour Finals will be done on an alternating basis, with the top position going to the leading points winner from The 25, and the second position going to the leading points winner from The Finals 25. The sequence then alternates between The 25 (Nos. 3, 5, 7, 9, etc.) and The Finals 25 (Nos. 4, 6, 8, 10, etc.) through the 25th player on both lists.

Tournament History

Entering its 30th year, the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco is one of the original four tournaments from 1990 that are still on the Korn Ferry Tour's schedule. Many famous Korn Ferry Tour alumni have played in Boise on their way to the PGA TOUR, including Jason Day (2007), Bubba Watson (2005), Xander Schauffele (2016) and the most recent member of the PGA TOUR's double-digit win club, Justin Thomas (2014). Thomas finished third in 2014, two strokes back of champion Steve Wheatcroft.

Ricky Smallridge won the inaugural 54-hole tournament in 1990 at 14-under, as the tournament was played as 54 holes through 1995. Matt Gogel topped the first 72-hole edition of the tournament in 1996, defeating future TOUR star Stewart Cink. Eight years later in 2004, Scott Gump topped two players by two strokes on his way to victory, including future major champion Jimmy Walker.

While Kevin Tway won the 2013 contest, and this season earned his first PGA TOUR win (Safeway Open), it was Russell Knox's second-round 59 that drew the headlines. The 59 was one of seven sub-60 rounds in the history of the Korn Ferry Tour and stands as the course record.

In 2015, Martin Piller lapped the tournament record with a new mark of 28-under 256, the third-lowest tournament total in the Tour's history. Last year, two-time PGA TOUR winner Sangmoon Bae sunk a six-foot birdie putt on the final hole to claim a one-stroke victory over three other players.

Past Champions

Year	Champion	Scores	To Par	Margin
2018	Sangmoon Bae	65-67-67-66 — 265	-19	4
2017	Chesson Hadley	67-68-68-65 — 268	-16	4
2016	Michael Thompson	67-66-64-64 — 261	-23	1
2015	Martin Piller	61-63-65-67 — 256	-28	3
2014	Steve Wheatcroft*	64-66-65-65 — 260	-24	1
2013	Kevin Tway*	65-69-63-64 — 261	-23	Playoff
2012	Luke Guthrie	64-71-62-65 — 262	-22	4
2011	Jason Kokrak	68-68-63-67 — 266	-18	2
2010	Hunter Haas	68-64-67-64 — 263	-21	1
2009	Fran Quinn	68-65-68-69 — 270	-14	1
2008	Chris Tidland	69-65-66-64 — 264	-20	4
2007	Jon Mills	65-68-66-64 — 263	-21	3
2006	Kevin Stadler	64-64-70-66 — 264	-20	1
2005	Greg Chalmers*	66-65-69-69 — 269	-15	Playoff
2004	Scott Gump	66-68-68-68 — 270	-14	2
2003	Roger Tambellini	68-65-66-68 — 267	-17	6
2002	Jason Gore	66-68-66-73 — 273	-11	2
2001	Michael Long	66-69-67-68 — 270	-14	1
2000	Tim Clark	66-67-69-67 — 269	-15	6
1999	Carl Paulson	69-66-65-66 — 266	-18	4
1998	Mike Sposa	63-71-66-65 — 265	-19	2
1997	Iain Steel	67-66-66-68 — 267	-17	3
1996	Matt Gogel	67-65-67-71 — 270	-14	1
1995	Frank Lickliter II	66-66-68 — 200	-13	1
1994	Keith Fergus*	65-69-64 — 198	-15	Playoff
1993	Tommy Moore	68-67-64 — 199	-14	3
1992	Jaime Gomez	67-68-67 — 202	-11	1
1991	Russell Beiersdorf*	67-66-69 — 202	-11	Playoff
1990	Ricky Smallridge	64-67-68 — 199	-14	3

* Won in a sudden-death playoff

Course History

The site of present-day Hillcrest Country Club was originally deemed Idaho Country Club in 1925 with nine holes of the golf course. The course was renamed Boise Country Club in 1935, and in 1940, renamed again to Hillcrest Country Club. The final nine holes were completed in 1958 at the south end of the property and though decades apart, all 18 were designed by A. Vernon Macan. The property sits at an average of 2,800 feet above sea level.

In 1963, Hillcrest Country Club hosted the LPGA Tour's Idaho Centennial Ladies' Open over Labor Day weekend. Five years later, in 1968, the course was renovated by Robert Muir Graves. The new clubhouse opened in 2011.

The inaugural Albertsons Boise Open began in 1990 and has been contested each year since at Hillcrest Country Club. The members' front and back nines are reversed for the tournament, with the newer nine holes played as the front nine and the original nine holes as the back nine.

In 2018, the par-71 course rated as the 22nd-toughest course on the Korn Ferry Tour (of 29) with a scoring average of 69.702. The 13th and fifth holes ranked as the two toughest on the golf course, coming in as the 53rd and 56th toughest on Tour, respectively. Two par-5s, the second and 16th holes, ranked as the 19th and 21st easiest on Tour, respectively.

By the Numbers: Hillcrest Country Club

Hardest hole (2018): No. 13 (par 3, 216 yards) – 3.192 average, 109 bogeys or worse

Easiest hole (2018): No. 16 (par 5, 535 yards) – 4.430 average, 227 birdies, 18 eagles

Tournament Record (18 holes): 59 (-12), Russell Knox (2013, Rd. 2)

Tournament Record (72 holes): 256 (-28), 2015 – Martin Piller

Top Five to Watch

- **Scottie Scheffler** – Scheffler enters the week coming off his second victory and an ascension to the top spot on the points list for the first time in his career. His nine top-10s this season are the most on Tour.
- **Steve Wheatcroft** – Wheatcroft is the most recent past champion of the event that will compete this week. Wheatcroft won in a playoff over Steven Alker (also in the field) in 2014 at 24-under.
- **Luke Guthrie** – Guthrie, another past champion in the field after a win in 2012 at 22-under, is looking for a top finish to earn a return to the PGA TOUR. Guthrie ranks first on Tour with a putting average of 1.7 putts per hole.
- **Jamie Arnold** – Arnold was in position to earn his first PGA TOUR card last week coming down the stretch before a late triple bogey at the 17th caused the Australian to fall out of the top five and finish T11.
- **Anders Albertson** – Albertson, who enjoys a cult following at the Albertsons Boise Open due to his surname, returns to a venue where he finished T2 last year. Albertson carded a final-round 62 to ascend the leaderboard in 2018.

Chase for The Finals 25

A new points system has been put in place to replace the Korn Ferry Tour Finals money list as the way to earn one of the 25 PGA TOUR cards awarded at the end of the Finals. At the conclusion of the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing, the top-25 point earners will earn their PGA TOUR cards. The top player in The Finals 25 will earn fully exempt status on the PGA TOUR in 2019-20 and an exemption into THE PLAYERS Championship.

Rank	Name	Points
1.	Brendon Todd	417
	Beau Hossler	417
	Ben Taylor	417
4.	Brandon Hagy	210
	Robert Streb	210

The 25: Combined Regular Season and Finals Race

While the top-25 players during the Regular Season have already earned their PGA TOUR cards at the conclusion of the WinCo Foods Portland Open, those players still have plenty to compete for during the Finals. The players will compete for priority within The 25 entering the 2019-20 PGA TOUR season, while the top players are competing to secure the top spot and fully exempt status on TOUR next year. The No. 1 player in The 25 following the conclusion of the Finals will also earn an exemption into the 2020 PLAYER Championship.

Rank	Name	Points
1.	Scottie Scheffler	2,667
2.	Xinjun Zhang	1,981
3.	Robby Shelton	1,788
4.	Harry Higgs	1,379
5.	Kristoffer Ventura	1,372

Season Recap

1. *The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay* – Zecheng “Marty” Dou hit a 50-foot birdie putt on the final hole to slam the door on a potential playoff and earn the first title of the 2019 season. It was the 21-year-old’s first win in nearly a year and a half, and second overall, by two strokes over Steve LeBrun and Ben Kohles. Dou was using a caddie he had met six days prior and a different driver after cracking his early in the week.
2. *The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club* – Rafael Campos earned his first career Korn Ferry Tour victory battling windy conditions all week. Campos used a final-round 70 to hold off rookies Vincent Whaley and Paul Imondi who finished in second and third. Players battled the weather all week as gusts of winds hit 38 miles per hour during the final round.
3. *Country Club de Bogotá Championship* – Mark Anderson captured the Country Club de Bogotá Championship for his second career Korn Ferry Tour victory and first title in nearly six years. Anderson held a two-stroke lead entering the final round and ran away from the field with a Sunday 67 to finish at 17-under. This year marked the first time that both the Fundadores and Pacos y Fabios courses were played in the event.
4. *Panamá Championship* – Canadian Michael Gligic carded a final-round 5-under 65 to come from behind for his first Korn Ferry Tour victory. Gligic began the final round T7 and three strokes off the lead, but three straight birdies on Nos. 9-11 vaulted him up the leaderboard before adding birdies at the 14th and 16th to clinch the one-stroke win at 8-under for the week in windy conditions.
5. *LECOM Suncoast Classic* – Mark Hubbard converted a 54-hole lead to win the LECOM Suncoast Classic by two strokes at 26-under 262. Hubbard carded four rounds in the 60s – including a final-round 67 – to outlast Maverick McNealy. The 29-year-old made five birdies on the front nine to make the turn at 5-under 31 during the final round and opened an insurmountable lead.
6. *Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS* – Vince Covello birdied the final hole in regulation and the third playoff hole to earn his first Korn Ferry Tour title at the Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS. Covello topped 54-hole leader Justin Lower in the playoff with a birdie after both players made pars on the first two holes.
7. *Savannah Golf Championship* – Dan McCarthy, a 33-year-old Le Moyne College graduate, held off a late charge from Scottie Scheffler to win the second-annual Savannah Golf Championship. McCarthy built a three-stroke lead at one point on the back nine but needed to sink a short par putt at the 18th to win by one.
8. *Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Championship* – Trailing by a stroke on the 72nd hole of the tournament, Lanto Griffin stuck his approach to five feet before converting a tying birdie and reach a playoff with Robby Shelton at 15-under 273. After both players made pars on the first three holes of the playoff (18-18-9), Griffin stuck it to two feet for a tap-in birdie and his second career Korn Ferry Tour title.
9. *Dormie Network Classic at Briggs Ranch* – Xinjun Zhang dominated the field to earn his first Korn Ferry Tour title at Briggs Ranch Golf by five strokes. The former PGA TOUR member used rounds of 63-64-65-70 to finish 26-under 262 for the week. Zhang led or co-led after every round of the tournament and became the first player of the year to mathematically guarantee a PGA TOUR card next season.
10. *Nashville Golf Open Benefitting the Snedeker Foundation* – Two weeks after falling in a playoff at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Championship, Robby Shelton won with a birdie in a one-hole playoff over Scottie Scheffler to win his first Korn Ferry Tour title. With the win, Shelton jumped to second in the Korn Ferry Tour points list and earned his first PGA TOUR card for next season.

11. *KC Golf Classic* – Michael Gellerman outlasted three final-round weather delays to earn his first Korn Ferry Tour title with an 11-under total at Blue Hills Country Club. Gellerman posted a bogey-free 69 during the final round to top Nelson Ledesma and Harry Higgs by one stroke.
12. *Knoxville Open* – For the second time in three weeks, Robby Shelton came out on top in the state of Tennessee, as the 23-year-old posted a final-round 71 to claim the Knoxville Open title with a 15-under total. Shelton edged out Mark Anderson who finished in solo-second at 14-under.
13. *Evans Scholars Invitational* – Scottie Scheffler rallied from a six-shot deficit to claim his first Korn Ferry Tour title at the Evans Scholars Invitational. Scheffler posted a final-round 9-under 63 to force a playoff and drained a 15-foot birdie putt on the second extra hole to capture his first professional win.
14. *REX Hospital Open* – Sebastian Cappelen entered the final round four strokes off the lead but posted a 7-under 64 on Sunday for his second career victory at the REX Hospital Open. Cappelen bogeyed his first two holes on Sunday, but the Dane tallied seven birdies and an eagle over his next 16 holes to earn the win.
15. *BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNEX Corporation* – Rhein Gibson carded a final-round 8-under 63 for a come-from-behind win at 21-under 193. He posted a bogey-free final round and only collected one bogey (against 20 birdies and an eagle) on the tournament. The tournament was shortened to 54 holes due to inclement weather.
16. *Lincoln Land Championship presented by LRS* – Xinjun Zhang birdied the third hole of a sudden-death playoff to top Dylan Wu for his second victory of the season at the Lincoln Land Championship presented by LRS. Zhang carded a final-round 6-under 65 on Sunday to reach 15-under for the tournament before eventually closing out the win.
17. *Wichita Open Supporting Wichita's Youth* – Henrik Norlander defeated Bryan Bigley on the third playoff hole to take home the Wichita Open Supporting Wichita's Youth. Norlander carded a final-round 4-under 66 before eventually closing out the win by surviving a five-man playoff.
18. *Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank* – In just his fifth career Korn Ferry Tour start, rookie Kristoffer Ventura topped Joshua Creel with a par on the third hole of a playoff to win the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank. The Oklahoma State University alum posted a final-round 65 to finish at 14-under.
19. *LECOM Health Challenge* – Ryan Brehm topped Tim Wilkinson in a one-hole playoff (after double-bogeying the final hole in regulation) to earn his second career Korn Ferry Tour title. The win earned him his PGA TOUR card for the 2019-20 season, which will mark Brehm's second full season on TOUR.
20. *TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes* – Nelson Ledesma won the inaugural TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes in dramatic fashion, sinking a 20-foot birdie putt at the 72nd hole to edge playing partner Brett Coletta by one stroke. With the win, Ledesma earned his first PGA TOUR card and will be a rookie on TOUR during the 2019-20 season.
21. *Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Chevrolet* – Kristoffer Ventura outlasted Chad Ramey and Andres Gonzales to win the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Chevrolet by two strokes. The win, Ventura's second in four weeks, secured the 24-year-old his PGA TOUR card for the 2019-20 season.
22. *Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper* – Rookie Harry Higgs captured his first Korn Ferry Tour title at 22-under to win the Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper. The two-stroke win secured his ascension to the PGA TOUR for the 2019-20 season.
23. *Ellie Mae Classic at TPC Stonebrae* – Zac Blair earned his first win on Tour at 17-under at the Ellie Mae Classic at TPC Stonebrae, topping Brandon Crick by one stroke. The win locked up Blair's return to the PGA TOUR for the 2019-20 season.
24. *WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz* – Bo Hoag secured his first Korn Ferry Tour title and PGA TOUR card with a win at the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz. Hoag held off Portland native Scott Harrington and Kristoffer Ventura down the stretch to win by two strokes.
25. *Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship* – Rookie Scottie Scheffler claimed his second Korn Ferry Tour title at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, outlasting Beau Hossler, Brendon Todd and Ben Taylor by two strokes. With the win, Scheffler ascended to the top spot in the points standings for the first time in his career.

About Korn Ferry Tour

Founded (1990), owned and operated by the PGA TOUR, the Korn Ferry Tour identifies and develops those players who are ready to compete and win on golf's biggest stage. In 2013, the Korn Ferry Tour became The Path to the PGA TOUR with all 50 available PGA TOUR cards coming through the Tour and the season culminating at the Korn Ferry Tour

Finals. This season marks the 30th year of competition on the Korn Ferry Tour. Three out of four PGA TOUR members are Korn Ferry Tour alumni. Tour alumni have won more than 500 PGA TOUR titles, including 24 major championships and eight PLAYERS Championships. To learn more about the PGA TOUR, the Korn Ferry Tour and to follow the season-long quest for a PGA TOUR card, visit PGATOUR.COM, or follow the Tour on social media via Instagram (@KornFerryTour), Twitter (@KornFerryTour) and Facebook (facebook.com/KornFerryTour).