



Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship

Ohio State University Golf Club – Scarlet Course | Columbus, Ohio | August 15 – 18, 2019

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Quick Facts

Golf Course: Ohio State University Golf Club – Scarlet Course (Par 71, 7,444 yards)

Course Designer: Alister MacKenzie (1938), Redesign: Jack Nicklaus (2005)

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

Field Overview (as of August 13)

- 70 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 101 victories
- 18 PGA TOUR winners with 38 victories
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Korn Ferry Tour Finals 101

The Korn Ferry Tour returns to the Buckeye State to kick off the 2019 Korn Ferry Tour Finals at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship. The tournament will be the first of three Finals events and followed by the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco and the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance. This week's field will include the following players:

- The top-75 point leaders on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List.
- Players who finished 126-200 on 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.

A separate points list for the Korn Ferry Tour Finals will determine the final 25 PGA TOUR cards (The Finals 25). The player who earns the most points during the three Finals events (excluding the first 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

This week will mark the 13th edition of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship. The event has seen plenty of drama and an abundance of PGA TOUR stars take on the Ohio State University Golf Club's Scarlet Course. Last season, Robert Streb held off his good friend Peter Malnati in a playoff to take the title. PGA TOUR winners Nate Lashley, Matt

Every, Cameron Champ, Max Homa and Lucas Glover all joined Streb and Malnati in the field in 2018. Many of golf's biggest stars have competed in Ohio throughout the years including Jimmy Walker, Jason Day, Rickie Fowler, Jordan Spieth, Tony Finau, Patrick Reed and Xander Schauffele. In 2014, Justin Thomas captured his first Korn Ferry Tour title at the Scarlet Course, kick-starting a career that already includes nine PGA TOUR wins.

The event has been won by amateur participants twice in tournament history. Daniel Summerhays, who took home the inaugural title in 2007, became the first amateur to win a Korn Ferry Tour tournament defeating Chris Nallen and Chad Collins by two strokes. Four years later, Harris English became the second amateur to win in Columbus. The University of Georgia product's 2011 victory is still the most recent amateur win on the Korn Ferry Tour today.

Past Champions

Year	Champion	Scores	To Par	Margin
2018	Robert Streb*	65-68-68-71 – 272	-12	Playoff
2017	Peter Uihlein	69-69-67-65 – 270	-14	1
2016	Grayson Murray	69-67-68-68 – 272	-12	1
2015	Andrew Loupe	71-70-68-70 – 279	-5	2
2014	Justin Thomas*	67-69-72-70 – 278	-6	Playoff
2013	Seung-Yul Noh	68-65-70-69 – 272	-12	5
2012	Ben Kohles*	66-69-67-70 – 272	-12	Playoff
2011	Harris English	66-66-68-70 – 270	-14	1
2010	D.J. Brigman	66-72-72-64 – 274	-10	1
2009	Derek Lamely*	71-69-68-65 – 273	-11	Playoff
2008	Bill Lunde	67-72-67-73 – 279	-5	1
2007	Daniel Summerhays	68-69-72-69 – 278	-6	2

*Playoff Victory

Local Players in the Field

Bo Hoag leads the contingent of local players in the field this week. Hoag was born in Columbus, Ohio, and attended Ohio State University where he was a four-year letterwinner on the men's golf team. Last week, Hoag earned his first PGA TOUR card after winning the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz.

Joining the group of Ohio representatives is Justin Lower who grew up in Akron. Lower attended Malone University in Canton, Ohio, and lists the Cleveland Indians, Cavaliers and Browns as his favorite sports teams. Lower's earliest golf memory is watching Tiger Woods play at the World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational at Firestone Country Club.

Course History

The Scarlet Course at Ohio State University Golf Club provides players a stern test to begin the Korn Ferry Tour Finals. The par-71 layout has ranked in the top-10 most difficult courses on Tour each of the past six seasons. Winning scores have fluctuated from 5-under to 14-under throughout the tournament's history. During the 2014 season, the Scarlet Course ranked as the most difficult track on the Korn Ferry Tour and last year ranked as the sixth toughest. In 2018, the par-4 11th hole ranked as the 31st most difficult hole on Tour and played to a scoring average of 4.254. In addition to the Korn Ferry Tour, the course plays home to the Ohio State University golf program, and in 2018, was ranked the sixth best campus course in the country by Golfweek.

By the Numbers: Ohio State University Golf Club – Scarlet Course

Hardest hole (2018): No. 11 (par 4, 473 yards) – 4.254 average, 118 bogeys, 10 double bogeys

Easiest hole (2018): No. 12 (par 5, 562 yards) – 4.559 average, 12 eagles, 194 birdies

Tournament Record (18 holes): 63 (-8), 2010 – Jonathan Kaye – First Round, 2011 – James Scheck – Third Round, 2012 – Trevor Murphy – First Round, 2014 – Derek Fathauer – First Round

Tournament Record (72 holes): 270 (-14), 2011 – Harris English, 2017 – Peter Uihlein

Top Five to Watch

- **Bo Hoag** – The 31-year-old heads home to Columbus, Ohio, after earning his first Korn Ferry Tour title and PGA TOUR card in Portland. Hoag is no stranger to the Scarlet Course at Ohio State, as he was a standout for the Buckeyes before turning professional.
- **Kristoffer Ventura** – Ventura has been one of the hottest players on the Korn Ferry Tour with two wins in his last five starts and a solo-third last week in Portland. Ventura has secured his 2019-20 PGA TOUR card and will be joined by his former college teammate Viktor Hovland throughout the Korn Ferry Tour Finals.
- **Scott Harrington** – Harrington earned his best finish of the season with a solo-second in his hometown of Portland, Oregon. With the result, the veteran secured his first PGA TOUR card for the 2019-20 season.
- **Lanto Griffin**– Griffin secured his return to the PGA TOUR after finishing sixth in The 25. The 31-year-old returns to a comfortable track in Columbus, where he finished T5 in 2018.
- **Viktor Hovland** – After falling 67 FedExCup points short of earning his PGA TOUR card, Viktor Hovland heads to Columbus for the Korn Ferry Tour Finals. The 21-year-old is fresh off a solo-fourth at the Wyndham Championship as he looks to secure his spot on TOUR.

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 & Finance, the top-25 point earners will earn their PGA TOUR cards.

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.

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).