



TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes

TPC Colorado | Berthoud, Colorado | July 11-14, 2019

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Quick Facts

Golf Course: TPC Colorado (Par 72, 7,991 yards)

Course Designer: Arthur Schaupeter Golf Course Architects (2019)

Purse: \$600,000 (Winner: \$108,000 / 500 points)

Field Overview (as of July 9)

- 49 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 70 victories
- 8 PGA TOUR winners with 24 victories
- [Power Rankings](#)
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Course Background

TPC Colorado, a links-style course nestled between several reservoirs and Rocky Mountain views, will play at 7,991 yards for the 156-player field. The course is the first new course to open in the state since 2009 and marks the first Tournament Players Club (TPC) course in the state. Dozens of side-wall pot bunkers dot the course that has several distinguishing holes. The par-3 second hole has an island-like green on a peninsula next to McNeil Reservoir. The par-5 13th hole will play at 773 yards for the week – one of the longest holes in the country. At 7,991 yards, the course will be the longest course the Korn Ferry Tour has ever played (previous long was El Bosque GC at 7,808 yards in 2009). The tournament will mark the first PGA TOUR-sanctioned tournament in the state of Colorado since the 2014 BMW Championship at Cherry Hills Country Club. With 2019 the first year of a five-year deal, the tournament will represent the first continuous tournament in the state since The International at Castle Pines Golf Club ran for 20 years through 2006. The Korn Ferry Tour hosted the Colorado Classic in Brighton, Colorado, in 1996 and 1997.

Local Players in the Field

Several players with Colorado ties will compete in this week's tournament. Cherry Hills Village resident David Duval will headline the field. Duval is a 13-time PGA TOUR champion, winner of the 2001 Open Championship and a former top-ranked player in the world. Mark Hubbard grew up in Denver, Colorado, where he was all-state at Colorado Academy in both golf and basketball. Hubbard has already locked up his PGA TOUR card for the 2019-20 season and currently sits seventh in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings. Three Coloradoans earned their way into the field via the Monday qualifier. University of Colorado alum Tom Gempel joined Colorado State alum Zahkai Brown and University of Denver alum James Love in the field. Other players in the field with Colorado ties include Michael Schoolcraft, Tom Whitney, Nathan Young and Shane Bertsch. Joshua Creel of Cheyenne, Wyoming, will also be in the field and is coming off a runner-up finish two weeks ago in Utah.

By the Numbers: TPC Colorado

Longest hole: No. 13 (par 5, 773 yards)

Shortest hole: No. 16 (par 3, 140 yards)

Top Five to Watch

- **Ryan Brehm** – Brehm locked up his return to the PGA TOUR in dramatic fashion at last week’s LECOM Health Challenge. He defeated Tim Wilkinson in a playoff to secure his spot in The 25.
- **Mark Hubbard** – The Denver native has made eight of his past nine cuts with five top-15 finishes over that stretch. Hubbard earned his return to the PGA TOUR earlier this year and currently sits seventh in The 25.
- **Tim Wilkinson** – The Korn Ferry Tour veteran carded four rounds in the 60s last week to reach a playoff with Ryan Brehm and eventually finish runner-up. He has seven top-25s in 17 events so far this season.
- **Joshua Creel** – Creel grew up in Cheyenne, Wyoming, about an hour north of TPC Colorado. In his last start, he finished runner-up in Utah and has two top-25 finishes in his last three starts.
- **Will Zalatoris** – The former Wake Forest University star broke through with his top finish on Tour last week at the LECOM Health Challenge (T3). The finish was his fourth top-12 finish of the year in his eighth start.

Chase for The 25

- A new points system has been put in place to replace the Regular Season money list as the way to earn one of the 25 PGA TOUR cards awarded at the end of the Regular Season in Portland. At the conclusion of the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz, the top 25 points earners will earn their PGA TOUR cards. Additionally, the top-75 players in Korn Ferry Tour points (plus ties) will be eligible to play in the Korn Ferry Tour Finals.

| Rank | Name | Points |
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| 1. | Xinjun Zhang | 1,880 |
| 2. | Robby Shelton | 1,718 |
| 3. | Scottie Scheffler | 1,609 |
| 4. | Lanto Griffin | 1,124 |
| 5. | Ryan Brehm | 1,048 |

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.

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

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