



### 2019 Masters Tournament pre-tournament notes

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**Dates:** April 11-14, 2019

**Where:** Augusta National Golf Club (Augusta, Georgia)

**Par/Yards:** 72/7,475 yards

**Field size:** 87 (tied for fewest since 1997)

**Defending champion:** Patrick Reed

**FedExCup:** 600 points to the winner

**Format:** 72-hole stroke play

**36-hole cut:** Top 50 (and ties) and players within 10 strokes of the lead

### Things to know

- This will be the first Masters in the OWGR era in which no former champions are in the top 10; the highest-ranked Masters champion in the OWGR is Tiger Woods at No. 12
- 2019 THE PLAYERS champion Rory McIlroy looks to become the sixth player to complete the career Grand Slam and the first to win both THE PLAYERS and the Masters in the same season since 2001
- Jordan Spieth has not finished worse than T11 in five career starts at the Masters, including a win and two runner-up finishes
- Patrick Reed looks to become the fourth player to win back-to-back at the Masters

### Notes on the field

- 68 PGA TOUR winners with 473 combined TOUR victories
- 24 players currently inside the top 30 in the FedExCup, including each of the top 19, led by Matt Kuchar
- Nine of 11 FedExCup champions: Tiger Woods (2007, 2009), Vijay Singh (2008), Brandt Snedeker (2012), Henrik Stenson (2013), Billy Horschel (2014), Jordan Spieth (2015), Rory McIlroy (2016), Justin Thomas (2017), Justin Rose (2018)
- All 50 players in top 50 in the Official World Ranking (as of April 1)
- All 30 players that advanced to the 2018 TOUR Championship

### A look back at the 2018 Masters Tournament

Pos.	Name	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Patrick Reed	69	66	67	71	273/-15
2	Rickie Fowler	70	72	65	67	274/-14
3	Jordan Spieth	66	74	71	64	275/-13
4	Jon Rahm	75	68	65	69	277/-11
T5	Rory McIlroy	69	71	65	74	279/-9
T5	Cameron Smith	71	72	70	66	279/-9
T5	Henrik Stenson	69	70	70	70	279/-9
T5	Bubba Watson	73	69	68	69	279/-9

- Patrick Reed shot a final-round 1-under 71 for a 15-under 273 total to win the 2018 Masters Tournament by one stroke over Rickie Fowler. Jordan Spieth finished third at 13-under
- Reed claimed his sixth PGA TOUR title, and first major championship, in his 166<sup>th</sup> TOUR start at age 27 years, 8 months, 3 days
- With Reed, Fowler and Spieth as the top three finishers, it marked the first time since 2001 that the top three solo finishers were American - Tiger Woods (1), David Duval (2), Phil Mickelson (3)

### Masters Tournament and the FedExCup

- The top 19 in the current FedExCup standings, and 24 of the top 30 are in the field

- 10 of 12 Masters winners in the FedExCup era have qualified for the TOUR Championship in the same season they won: Zach Johnson (2007), Trevor Immelman (2008), Angel Cabrera (2009), Phil Mickelson (2010), Bubba Watson (2012), Adam Scott (2013), Bubba Watson (2014), Jordan Spieth (2015), Sergio Garcia (2017), Patrick Reed (2018)
- Jordan Spieth (2014-15 season) is the only player to win the Masters and the FedExCup in the same season
- With 600 FedExCup points for first place at the Masters, four players can mathematically surpass FedExCup leader Matt Kuchar:

**Current FedExCup standings:** The top 10 in the FedExCup at the conclusion of the PGA TOUR Regular Season will share a \$10 million bonus pool through the Wyndham Rewards Top 10 program. Updated standings are below:

Pos.	Name	Points
1	Matt Kuchar	1,665
2	Rory McIlroy	1,416
3	Xander Schauffele	1,328
4	Paul Casey	1,261
5	Gary Woodland	1,076
6	Charles Howell III	1,060
7	Marc Leishman	1,034
8	Rickie Fowler	1,006
9	Justin Thomas	999
10	Dustin Johnson	984

#### Player notes

##### Patrick Reed

- With a win, would become fourth player to win back-to-back Masters titles, joining Jack Nicklaus (1965, 1966), Nick Faldo (1989, 1990), Tiger Woods (2001, 2002)
- Results in five Masters starts: MC/2014, T22/2015, T49/2016, MC/2017, Won/2018
- Since his Masters victory, has recorded four top-10 results (T7/2018 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, 8<sup>th</sup>/2018 Wells Fargo Championship, 4<sup>th</sup>/2018 U.S. Open, T7/2018 WGC-HSBC Champions)
- After starting the 2018 Masters with three rounds in the 60s, was unable to become the first player to post four sub-70 scores in tournament history
- Came to the 2018 Masters with three consecutive top-10 results on the PGA TOUR (T2/Valspar Championship, T7/Arnold Palmer Invitational, T9/WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play) and with the win, posted four consecutive top-10s for the first time in his PGA TOUR career

##### Tiger Woods

- His 14 major championship titles include four Masters victories
- Owns 13 top-10 finishes at Augusta National in 21 starts (most recent: T4/2013)
- Has opened with a sub-70 score at Augusta just once (68/2010; finished T4)
- Streak of 19 consecutive cuts made (1997-2018) is tied for fourth-best behind Fred Couples (23), Gary Player (23) and Tom Watson (21)
- Began 2018 Masters at No. 103 in the OWGR, finished T32 to climb to No. 88 and now sits No. 12, the highest-ranked former champion in the field

##### Phil Mickelson

- Three-time winner of the event (2004, 2006, 2010)
- Ranks No. 1 in career earnings at Augusta National (\$7,857,037/26 starts)
- In 98 rounds at Augusta National, has just three rounds better than 67 (65/R1/1996, 66/R1/1995, 66/R3/2012)
- Earned 44<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR victory at the 2019 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am

##### Dustin Johnson

- Captured his 20<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR title at the 2019 WGC-Mexico Championship
- Owns one major championship victory (2016 U.S. Open)
- Finished T10 in 2018, his third consecutive top-10 at Augusta National (T6/2015, T4/2016, T10/2018; DNP/2017); closed with 71-69, his best combined score in rounds three and four at the event

##### Justin Rose

- 2018 FedExCup champion and World No. 1 seeks second major title (won 2013 U.S. Open)
- Holds 10 PGA TOUR titles, the most by an Englishman since 1945

- His 274 total in 2015 (won by Jordan Spieth) is tied for the lowest 72-hole score by a non-winner (David Duval/2001, Phil Mickelson/2015, Rickie Fowler/2018)
- Has not missed a cut in 13 appearances at Augusta National with scoring average of 71.73 in 52 rounds
- Five top-10s at the Masters, including three in his last four starts (T2/2015, T10/2016, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2017, T12/2018)

#### **Rory McIlroy**

- Looking to join Gene Sarazen, Ben Hogan, Gary Player, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods as winners of the career Grand Slam
- Major championship victories: 2011 U.S. Open, 2012 PGA Championship, 2014 The Open Championship, 2014 PGA Championship
- Won THE PLAYERS Championship in March, his 15<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR title, to become the third player to win THE PLAYERS, a major, a World Golf Championships event and the FedExCup (joining Tiger Woods and Henrik Stenson)
- Has five consecutive top-10s at the Masters (T8/2014, 4<sup>th</sup>/2015, T10/2016, T7/2017, T5/2018) and seven straight on TOUR, beginning with the Sentry Tournament of Champions in January (T4)
- Sat three back of Patrick Reed entering the final round in 2018 but closed with a 74 to finish T5
- In 40 major championship starts, has 18 top-10 finishes

#### **Brooks Koepka**

- Has won three of the last seven majors (2017 U.S. Open, 2018 U.S. Open, 2018 PGA Championship)
- Last reigning U.S. Open winner to win the Masters was Tiger Woods in 2001
- Last reigning PGA Championship winner to win the Masters was Phil Mickelson in 2006
- After missed cuts in his first two major championships (2012 U.S. Open, 2013 The Open), has not missed a cut in 18 such starts since
- Has a win (THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES) and a runner-up (T2/The Honda Classic) in eight starts during the 2018-19 season
- Does not have a top-10 in three starts at the Masters (best result: T11/2017) and missed the event in 2018 due to a wrist injury

#### **Francesco Molinari**

- Winner of The Open Championship at Carnoustie in 2018
- Last reigning The Open Championship winner to win the Masters was Tiger Woods in 2001
- Shot a final-round 64 to win the 2019 Arnold Palmer Invitational by Mastercard, his third victory in a span of 12 PGA TOUR starts (2018 Quicken Loans National, 2018 The Open Championship, 2019 Arnold Palmer Invitational)
- T19 in 2012 marks best result in seven appearances at the Masters
- First-round 69 in 2012 marks only sub-70 score in 24 rounds at Augusta National

#### **Matt Kuchar**

- FedExCup leader makes 13<sup>th</sup> appearance and 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive at Augusta National where he has three top-five results (T3/2012, T5/2014, T4/2017)
- Runner-up finish at 2017 Open Championship is one of 11 top-10s, and best result, in 52 major championship starts
- Two-time winner during the 2018-19 season (Mayakoba Golf Classic, Sony Open in Hawaii); has not yet had a three-win season on the PGA TOUR

#### **Rickie Fowler**

- For the first time in eight starts at Augusta National, recorded four par-or-better rounds in 2018 and posted his best finish (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Only previous top-10 finish in the Masters was T5 in 2014 (had a top-five in each of the four majors that season)
- After 36 appearances in major championships, remains in search of his first major title
- Has finished runner-up in three different majors (2<sup>nd</sup>/2018 Masters Championship, T2/2014 U.S. Open, T2/2014 The Open Championship)
- Collected fifth PGA TOUR title at the 2019 Waste Management Phoenix Open

#### **Jordan Spieth**

- Entered the final round in 2018 nine shots back before recording a 64 to finish 3<sup>rd</sup>, his fourth top-five in five starts at The Masters (T2/2014, Won/2015, T2/2016, T11/2017, 3<sup>rd</sup>/2018); 64 was one shy of the course record at Augusta National (63 – Nick Price/1986, Greg Norman/1996)
- Seeking his fourth major championship crown in his 25<sup>th</sup> major start (2015 Masters, 2015 U.S. Open, 2017 The Open Championship)
- Seeks 12<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR win and first since The Open Championship in 2017

- Has one top-10 in 23 PGA TOUR starts since the 2018 Masters (T9/2018 The Open Championship)

#### Jon Rahm

- Has two top-five results in 10 starts at major championships (4<sup>th</sup>/2018 Masters, T4/2018 PGA Championship)
- Sat T55 after a first-round 3-over 75 before finishing fourth at Augusta National in 2018
- Attempting to become the fourth Spanish player to win the Masters, following Seve Ballesteros (1980, 1983), Jose Maria Olazabal (1994, 1999) and Sergio Garcia (2017)
- Has six top-10s in 10 starts during the 2018-19 season, highlighted by a T5 at the Farmers Insurance Open

#### Additional player notes

- Two-time Masters champion Bubba Watson finished T5 in 2018, the best of the record six lefthanders in the field (Phil Mickelson/T36, Brian Harman/T44, Ted Potter, Jr./MC, Mike Weir/MC, Yuxin Lin/MC)
- Tony Finau finished T10 in his first appearance last year at Augusta National after suffering a high-ankle sprain while celebrating a hole-in-one during Wednesday's Par-3 Contest; his six consecutive birdies on holes 12-17 in the final round were one shy of the most in tournament history (7 – Steve Pate/1999, Tiger Woods/2005)
- Canada's Corey Connors claimed his first PGA TOUR title at last week's Valero Texas Open, earning the final spot in the field at Augusta National with the win. Connors seeks to become the first player since Phil Mickelson (2006 BellSouth Classic) to win the week prior to the Masters then go on to win in Augusta

**First-timers at the Masters (17):** Lucas Bjerregaard, Devon Bling, Justin Harding, Viktor Hovland, Shugo Imahira, Takumi Kanaya, Michael Kim, Andrew Landry, Adam Long, Keith Mitchell, Kevin O'Connell, Alvaro Ortiz, Eddie Pepperell, Jovan Rebula, Kevin Tway, Matt Wallace, Aaron Wise

Players who won the Masters in their first appearance: Horton Smith (1934), Gene Sarazen (1935), Fuzzy Zoeller (1979)

**Amateurs at the Masters (6):** Viktor Hovland (U.S. Amateur), Devon Bling (U.S. Amateur runner-up), Jovan Rebula (British Amateur), Takumi Kanaya (Asia-Pacific Amateur), Alvaro Ortiz (Latin America Amateur), Kevin O'Connell (U.S. Mid-Amateur)

Best finishes by an amateur at the Masters: 2–Ken Venturi (1956); T2–Frank Stranahan (1947), Charles Roe (1961)

#### Miscellaneous Tournament notes

- Six of the last 13 Masters champions played the week before their win, most recently Jordan Spieth in 2015; Eighteen players in the Masters field competed in last week's Valero Texas Open: Corey Connors (1), Charley Hoffman (2), Si Woo Kim (T4), Matt Kuchar (T7), Rickie Fowler (T17), Jordan Spieth (T30), Jimmy Walker (T30), Martin Kaymer (T42), Haotong Li (T52), Kyle Stanley (T52), Tony Finau (T61), J.B. Holmes (MDF), Adam Long (MC), Kevin Tway (MC), Andrew Landry (MC), Justin Harding (MC), Billy Horschel (MC), Lucas Bjerregaard (MC)
- Patrick Reed's win in 2018 was the fourth consecutive at Augusta by a player who had not previously won a major (Jordan Spieth/2015, Danny Willett/2016, Sergio Garcia/2017, Patrick Reed/2018), the longest such streak in tournament history; there were three in a row from 2011 to 2013 (Charl Schwartzel, Bubba Watson, Adam Scott) and 1967 to 1969 (Gay Brewer, Bob Goalby, George Archer)
- The longest streak of first-time major champions at the other three majors is six at the PGA Championship from 1988 to 1993
- Since the Masters began in 1934, no player has shot four rounds in the 60s in one tournament
- Augusta National Golf Club added 40 yards to the par-4 fifth hole (now 495 yards) for the 2019 Masters
- The third-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win the Masters 45 (out of 82) times, most recently Patrick Reed (2018)
- Dating to 1991, with the exception of Zach Johnson (T4/2017), Bubba Watson (T3/2012), Adam Scott (3<sup>rd</sup>/2013) and Danny Willett (T5/2016), the Masters champion has been ranked no lower than T2 following 54 holes
- The eventual Masters champion has come out of the final Sunday pairing 23 out of the last 28 years, with Zach Johnson (2007), Charl Schwartzel (2011), Bubba Watson (2012), Adam Scott (2013) and Danny Willett (2016) the exceptions
- Only Masters champion who was not inside the top 10 on the leaderboard after 54 holes was Art Wall, Jr. in 1959 (T13)
- Youngest winner: Tiger Woods in 1997 (21 years, 3 months, 14 days)
- Oldest winner: Jack Nicklaus in 1986 (46 years, 2 months, 23 days)
- Most starts: 52 by Gary Player
- The largest comeback victory: eight strokes (Jack Burke, 1956). Burke was eight behind Ken Venturi through three rounds but edged Venturi by one with a closing round of 71
- Low 18-hole score: 63 (Nick Price/R3/1986, Greg Norman/R1/1996)
- Low 72-hole score: 18-under 270 (Tiger Woods/1997, Jordan Spieth/2015)
- There have been 29 aces in tournament history; most recent: Charley Hoffman/No. 16/R4/2018

- Bernhard Langer (1985, 1993) is the earliest winner of the 20 past champions in the field
- Since 2000, Americans have won 11 of 19 Masters Tournaments
- In 2018, 23 countries were represented, one shy of the record 24 represented in 2015. In 2019, 22 countries are represented: USA (39), England (9), South Africa (6), Australia, (4), Japan (4), Spain (4), Argentina (2), Denmark (2), Germany (2), Sweden (2), Canada (2), Thailand, Norway, Korea, China, Ireland, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Fiji, Wales