



### 2019 RBC Canadian Open pre-tournament notes

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**Dates:** June 3-9, 2019

**Where:** Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

**Course:** Hamilton Golf & Country Club (35-35—70/6,967 yards)

**Field size:** 156

**2018 champion:** Dustin Johnson

**Purse:** \$7,600,000 (\$1,368,000/winner)

**FedExCup:** 500 points to the winner

**Format:** 72-hole stroke play

### Things to Know

- Four of the top six players in the Official World Golf Ranking and four of the top five in the FedExCup are in the field
- Defending champion and Team RBC member Dustin Johnson looks to become the seventh player to successfully defend RBC Canadian Open title
- 2019 PLAYERS Championship winner Rory McIlroy and 2017 FedExCup champion Justin Thomas are making tournament debuts
- Brooks Koepka, winner of four of the last nine major championships, is in search of seventh PGA TOUR title
- Hamilton Golf & Country Club hosts the RBC Canadian Open for the sixth time and first since 2012; the tournament will be played for the first time in new position on the PGA TOUR schedule
- The last Canadian winner of the national open was Pat Fletcher in 1954
- The top three players not otherwise exempt who finish inside the top 10 and ties will receive invitations to the 2019 Open Championship at Royal Portrush, as part of The Open Qualifying Series

### Notes on the field

- 26 Canadians, including PGA TOUR winners Corey Connors, Adam Hadwin, Mackenzie Hughes, Nick Taylor and Mike Weir
- Six FedExCup champions: Jim Furyk (2010), Bill Haas (2011), Brandt Snedeker (2012), Henrik Stenson (2013), Rory McIlroy (2016), Justin Thomas (2017)
- Four of the top five players in the FedExCup standings: Matt Kuchar (1), Brooks Koepka (2), Rory McIlroy (4), Dustin Johnson (5)
- Four past champions (\* denotes Hamilton Golf & Country Club): Jim Furyk (2006\*, 2007), Scott Piercy (2012\*), Brandt Snedeker (2013), Dustin Johnson (2018)

### A look back at the 2018 RBC Canadian Open

Pos.	Name	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Dustin Johnson	68	66	65	66	265 (-23)
T2	Byeong Hun An	66	67	66	69	268 (-20)
T2	Whee Kim	67	65	67	69	268 (-20)
4	Keegan Bradley	69	63	73	64	269 (-19)
5	Abraham Ancer	73	66	65	67	269 (-17)

- Dustin Johnson earned his 19<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR victory and third of the season, becoming the first player since Tiger Woods (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009) to win at least three tournaments in three consecutive seasons
- Johnson entered the week in the top position in both the FedExCup standings and the Official World Golf Ranking
- Johnson entered the final round in a four-way tie for the lead with Byeong Hun An, Whee Kim and Kevin Tway
- Tommy Fleetwood (R1) and Keegan Bradley (R2) each made three eagles in a round, while Bradley and Brandt Snedeker each made five total on the week; no player had accomplished those feats on TOUR since 2015 and 2011, respectively

### FedExCup and the RBC Canadian Open

- Nine weeks remain until the start of the FedExCup Playoffs

- In seven of 12 years, the winner of the RBC Canadian Open has qualified for the season-ending TOUR Championship: Jim Furyk (2007), Scott Piercy (2012), Brandt Snedeker (2013), Jason Day (2015), Jhonattan Vegas (2016, 2017), Dustin Johnson (2018)
- No player has ever won the RBC Canadian Open and gone on to win the FedExCup in the same season

#### 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:

Position	Player	Points	Wins	Top-10s	Points Behind	Starts	Projected Bonus
1	Matt Kuchar	2,110	2	7	--	15	\$2 million
2	Brooks Koepka	1,856	2	5	254	12	\$1.5 million
3	Xander Schauffele	1,670	2	4	440	15	\$1.2 million
4	Rory McIlroy	1,612	1	9	498	12	\$1.1 million
5	Dustin Johnson	1,572	1	7	538	11	\$1.0 million
6	Patrick Cantlay	1,565	1	8	545	14	\$850,000
7	Paul Casey	1,398	1	5	712	15	\$700,000
8	Rickie Fowler	1,272	1	5	838	14	\$600,000
9	Gary Woodland	1,189	0	7	921	17	\$550,000
10	Justin Rose	1,161	1	5	949	11	\$500,000

#### Top player notes

##### Dustin Johnson

- Looking to become seventh player to successfully defend RBC Canadian Open title; previous six: J. Douglas Edgar (1919, 1920), Leo Diegel (1924, 1925; 1928, 1929), Sam Snead (1940, 1941), Jim Ferrier (1950, 1951), Jim Furyk (2006, 2007), Jhonattan Vegas (2016, 2017)
- With a win, would tie Davis Love III, Willie Macfarlane, Lanny Wadkins and Craig Wood for 30<sup>th</sup> all-time on the PGA TOUR wins list (21)
- Won at least three titles in each season from 2015-16 to 2017-18 and has one in 2018-19 (World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship)
- Team RBC member

##### Rory McIlroy

- Making tournament debut
- Is the only player since 2007 to win the week before winning a major (2014 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational, PGA Championship)
- Won THE PLAYERS Championship in March for his 15<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR title and first since 2018 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard
- Leads the PGA TOUR with nine top-10s during the 2018-19 season
- 2016 FedExCup champion currently sits No. 4 in the FedExCup

##### Justin Thomas

- Making tournament debut
- Missed the cut at last week's the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide in his first start since the Masters Tournament (wrist injury); MC was first since 2018 The Open Championship (17 straight made cuts)
- In search of 10<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR victory and first since 2018 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational
- With a win, would join Dustin Johnson as the only players with at least one win in each of the past four seasons
- Has four top-fives in 12 starts during the 2018-19 season (2<sup>nd</sup>/Genesis Open, 3<sup>rd</sup>/Sentry Tournament of Champions, 3<sup>rd</sup>/Waste Management Phoenix Open, T5/CIMB Classic)
- Leads the PGA TOUR in par-5 scoring average (4.39)

##### Brooks Koepka

- Making third start at the RBC Canadian Open (T18/2015, MC/2018)
- Stands No. 2 in the FedExCup and has never held the top position
- Successfully defended his title at the PGA Championship in most recent start
- Seeking third win of the season (THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES; PGA Championship)

- Played on the PGA TOUR (and made the cut) the week prior to winning each of his four major championship titles (T37/2017 FedEx St. Jude Classic before U.S. Open, T30/2018 FedEx St. Jude Classic before U.S. Open, 5<sup>th</sup>/2018 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational before PGA Championship, 4<sup>th</sup>/2019 AT&T Byron Nelson before PGA Championship)

#### **Matt Kuchar**

- Is No. 1 in the FedExCup with a 254-point lead over Brooks Koepka
- Has seven top-10s in 15 starts during the 2018-19 season, highlighted by two wins (Mayakoba Golf Classic, Sony Open in Hawaii); missed first cut of the season at last week's the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide
- Has never won three times in one season on the PGA TOUR
- In 12 starts at the RBC Canadian Open, has earned five top-10s, including a stretch of four in a row from 2013 to 2016
- Team RBC member

#### **Top Canadians in the field**

##### **Corey Conners**

- Native of Listowel, Ontario
- Earned first career PGA TOUR victory at the 2019 Valero Texas Open and has collected additional top-fives during the 2018-19 season at the Sanderson Farms Championship (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Sony Open in Hawaii (T3)
- With the win, became the 15<sup>th</sup> Canadian to win on the PGA TOUR
- Currently stands No. 23 in the FedExCup, the highest-ranked Canadian in the standings

##### **Adam Hadwin**

- Native of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, and resident of Abbotsford, British Columbia
- Best result in nine previous starts at the event: T4/2011
- Currently No. 55 in the FedExCup

##### **Mackenzie Hughes**

- Native of Hamilton, Ontario
- Has won the last two Rivermead Cups as low Canadian in the field (T32/2017, T8/2018)
- Has two top-10s during the 2018-19 season, highlighted by a T2 at the Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship

#### **Notable exemptions**

- Three exemptions are offered through the Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada: one to the winner of the 2019 Canada Life Open (**Jake Knapp, USA**), one to the winner of the 2019 Bayview Place DCBank Open presented by Times Colonist (TBD) and one to the top player on the Web.com Tour Points List following the Evans Scholar Invitational who played at least six Mackenzie Tour events in 2018 or finished in the top 60 on the 2018 Order of Merit (**Michael Gligic, CAN**)
- At No. 45 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking, **Joey Savoie** is the top-ranked Canadian amateur; missed the cut in 2018 in his PGA TOUR debut
- **Chris Crisologo** was the low amateur at the 2018 RBC Canadian Open with a T45

#### **Tournament notes**

- This is the sixth time the RBC Canadian Open has been held at Hamilton Golf & Country Club; previous five: 1919, won by J. Douglas Edgar, 1930/Tommy Armour, 2003/Bob Tway, 2006/Jim Furyk, 2012/Scott Piercy
- Edgar's 16-shot victory in 1919 is tied for the largest margin in PGA TOUR history with Joe Kirkwood, Sr./1924 Corpus Christi Open, Sam Snead/1936 West Virginia Closed Pro and Bobby Locke/1948 Chicago Victory National Championship
- Low 18-hole score: 60 (Carl Pettersson/R3/2010)
- Low 36-hole score: 129 (four instances; most recent: Scott Piercy, William McGirt/2012)
- Low 54-hole score: 194 (Robert Garrigus/2012)
- Low 72-hole score: 263 (Scott Piercy/2012 and Tim Clark/2014)
- Playoffs: 15 (most recent: 2017, Jhonattan Vegas def. Charley Hoffman)

#### **The Open Qualifying Series**

- New in 2019, the RBC Canadian Open is part of The Open Qualifying Series (TOQS)
- The top three players not otherwise exempt who finish inside the top 10 and ties will receive invitations to The 2019 Open Championship at Royal Portrush
- Upcoming PGA TOUR events included in the TOQS are the Rocket Mortgage Classic (June 27-30) and the John Deere Classic (July 11-14)