



2019 THE NORTHERN TRUST Pre-Tournament Notes

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Dates: August 5-11, 2019

Where: Jersey City, New Jersey

Course: Liberty National Golf Club (36-35—71/7,370 yards)

Field size: 121

Defending champion: Bryson DeChambeau

Purse: \$9,250,000 (\$1,665,000/winner)

FedExCup: 2,000 points to the winner

Format: 72-hole stroke play

Things to know

- With the shift from four FedExCup Playoffs events to three, THE NORTHERN TRUST is more pivotal than ever in the race for the FedExCup, as only the top 70 will advance to the second Playoffs event
- Brooks Koepka enters the FedExCup Playoffs in the No. 1 position in the FedExCup standings
- Justin Rose enters the week at No. 11 in the standings in his attempt to become the first FedExCup champion to defend his title
- Two players played their way into THE NORTHERN TRUST following the Wyndham Championship: Patton Kizzire (No. 118 from No. 129) and Andrew Landry (No. 132 to No. 123)
- Pat Perez enters the week at No. 125 in the FedExCup standings
- Nine players have qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs in each season since the inception of the FedExCup in 2007: Charley Hoffman, Charles Howell III, Matt Kuchar, Phil Mickelson, Ryan Moore, Justin Rose, Adam Scott, Brandt Snedeker and Bubba Watson
- Tiger Woods is in search of PGA TOUR victory No. 82, which would tie Sam Snead for the most all-time; The last two times Liberty National hosted THE NORTHERN TRUST, Woods finished T2; Woods earned his fourth win in the FedExCup Playoffs at the 2018 TOUR Championship. Woods has never won THE NORTHERN TRUST in nine prior starts but holds the
- 2015 FedExCup champion Jordan Spieth enters No. 69 in the FedExCup standings; he missed the TOUR Championship in 2018 for the first time in his career
- Two events remain for players to move into the top eight in the Presidents Cup standings. After the top eight earn their spots on their respective teams following the BMW Championship on Sunday, August 18, International Team Captain Ernie Els and U.S. Team Captain Tiger Woods will have the opportunity to each make four additional Captains' selections following the conclusion of the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions in November.

Notes on the field

- 121 of the top 125 in the FedExCup standings: Sam Burns (ankle injury), Rafa Cabrera Bello (expecting birth of first child), Paul Casey (chose not to play) and Henrik Stenson (chose not to play)
- Eight FedExCup champions: Tiger Woods (2007, 2009), Jim Furyk (2010), Brandt Snedeker (2012), Billy Horschel (2014), Jordan Spieth (2015), Rory McIlroy (2016), Justin Thomas (2017), Justin Rose (2018)
- 40 of the top 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking include all of the top 18 in the world: Brooks Koepka (1), Dustin Johnson (2), Rory McIlroy (3), Justin Rose (4), Tiger Woods (5), Francesco Molinari (6), Jon Rahm (7), Bryson DeChambeau (8), Justin Thomas (9), Patrick Cantlay (10), Xander Schauffele (11), Tommy Fleetwood (12), Webb Simpson (13), Tony Finau (14), Rickie Fowler (15), Gary Woodland (16), Matt Kuchar (17) and Shane Lowry (18).

THE NORTHERN TRUST and the FedExCup

- New in 2019, the top 70 players in the FedExCup standings following THE NORTHERN TRUST will advance to the BMW Championship; when there were four Playoffs events, the top 100 moved on to the Dell Technologies Championship (120 in 2007 and 2008)
- Six players played their way into the next round of the Playoffs in 2018; full history of player movement can be found below
- For reference, since 2009, 73 players have entered the THE NORTHERN TRUST outside the top 70 in the FedExCup standings and moved inside
- Only Vijay Singh in 2008 has won THE NORTHERN TRUST and the FedExCup in the same season

- Bryson DeChambeau finished third in the final 2017-18 FedExCup standings following his win
- Each of the last four winners of the event entered the week in the top 10 of the FedExCup standings
- Final regular season standings below:

Pos.	Player	Points	Wins	Top-10s	Points Behind	Starts	Wyndham Rewards Regular Season Bonus
1	Brooks Koepka	2,887	3	8	--	18	\$2 million
2	Rory McIlroy	2,315	2	12	572	16	\$1.5 million
3	Matt Kuchar	2,313	2	8	574	19	\$1.2 million
4	Xander Schauffele	1,858	2	5	1,029	18	\$1.1 million
5	Gary Woodland	1,795	1	8	1,092	21	\$1 million
6	Patrick Cantlay	1,730	1	8	1,157	18	\$850,000
7	Dustin Johnson	1,686	1	7	1,201	16	\$700,000
8	Paul Casey	1,629	1	6	1,258	20	\$600,000
9	Webb Simpson	1,619	0	6	1,268	18	\$550,000
10	Jon Rahm	1,447	1	10	1,440	17	\$500,000

Players on the BMW Championship bubble

Pos.	Player	Points
65	Sergio Garcia	637
66	Danny Lee	625
67	Abraham Ancer	622
68	Kevin Streelman	609
69	Jordan Spieth	605
70	Matthew Wolff	602
71	Bubba Watson	572
72	Troy Merritt	569
73	Charley Hoffman	567
74	Joaquin Niemann	566
75	Matt Every	561

Players who entered THE NORTHERN TRUST outside the cutoff for the next Playoffs event and went on to qualify

- Present: top 70 to the BMW Championship
- 2009-18: top 100 to the Dell Technologies Championship
- 2007-08: top 120 to the Dell Technologies Championship

Players moving inside the cutoff for the next Playoffs event year-by-year						
Year	No.	Player	TNT finish	Entered	After	Increase
2018	6	Nick Watney	T11	102	67	35
		Bronson Burgoon	T11	111	73	38
		Jhonattan Vegas	T15	123	87	36
		Scott Stallings	T28	107	94	13
		Danny Lee	T34	103	98	5
		Brian Stuard	T25	118	99	19
2017	3	Harold Varner III	T20	123	91	32
		Bubba Watson	T10	113	72	41
		David Lingmerth	T29	103	87	16
2016	5	Sung Kang	T18	122	88	34
		Derek Fathauer	T31	118	99	19
		John Huh	T31	111	90	21
		Sean O'Hair	T2	108	15	93
		Tyrone Van Aswegen	T41	104	93	11
2015	8	Camilo Villegas	T30	123	99	24
		Luke Donald	T24	119	87	32
		Spencer Levin	T16	115	80	35
		Mark Wilson	T24	114	85	29
		Carlos Ortiz	T24	112	83	29

		Zac Blair	T4	106	45	61
		Jason Dufner	T30	103	82	21
		Johnson Wagner	T45	101	92	9
2014	7	Morgan Hoffmann	T9	124	72	52
		Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano	T15	119	81	38
		Paul Casey	T22	118	85	33
		Danny Lee	T38	116	96	20
		Andres Romero	T3&	110	92	18
		Stewart Cink	T15	109	77	32
		Bo Van Pelt	T13	104	73	31
2013	5	Stuart Appleby	T41	123	96	27
		Greg Chalmers	T37	122	93	29
		Erik Compton	T43	117	94	23
		Camilo Villegas	T54	110	100	10
		Martin Kaymer	T50	103	90	13
2012	6	Jason Day	T24	113	88	25
		David Hearn	T10	108	67	41
		Bob Estes	T10	103	62	41
		Tommy Gainey	T38	102	91	11
		Jonas Blixt	T46	101	97	4
		Graham DeLaet	T5	106	44	62
2011	8	William McGirt	T24	125	96	29
		Padraig Harrington	T13	124	80	44
		Ernie Els	T32	118	99	19
		Ian Poulter	T18	114	78	36
		Camilo Villegas	T6	109	51	58
		Chris Stroud	T18	106	75	31
		John Merrick	T43	104	98	6
		Bill Lunde	T32	103	85	18
2010	6	Andres Romero	T52	115	100	15
		Troy Matteson	T36	114	88	26
		Tiger Woods	T12	112	65	47
		J.P Hayes	T27	108	76	32
		Ryuji Imada	T27	107	73	34
		Kevin Streelman	T3	102	18	84
2009	4	Troy Matteson	T20	125	83	42
		Heith Slocum	Won	124	3	121
		Richard S. Johnson	T31	108	85	23
		Fredrik Jacobson	T6	107	48	59
2008	15	Lee Janzen	T48	144	119	25
		Glen Day	T24	143	111	32
		Jeff Overton	T38	142	115	27
		Justin Bolli	T48	141	116	25
		Jesper Parnevik	T24	139	105	34
		Frank Lickliter II	64th	136	112	24
		J.J Henry	T55	135	110	25
		Michael Allen	T65	134	108	26
		Tim Herron	T24	133	99	34
		Ryan Palmer	T62	132	106	26
		Angel Cabrera	T19	131	93	38
		Martin Laird	T7	128	67	61
		Jason Day	T31	127	96	31
		Tim Petrovic	T38	126	97	29
		Richard S. Johnson	T68	122	95	27
2007	2	Rich Beem	T7	134	113	21
		Doug LaBelle	T41	121	120	1

Players who have moved into the cutoff following THE NORTHERN TRUST multiple times

- Camilo Villegas (2011, 2013, 2015)
- Andres Romero (2010, 2014)
- Jason Day (2008, 2012)
- Richard S. Johnson (2008, 2009)

Rookies in the FedExCup Playoffs

There are eight rookies in the 2019 FedExCup Playoffs, four shy of the record set in 2017 (12). There were eight rookies in the 2018 FedExCup Playoffs, while only Aaron Wise advanced the TOUR Championship

- Cameron Champ
- Wyndham Clark
- Sungjae Im
- K.H. Lee
- Adam Long
- Collin Morikawa
- Sepp Straka
- Matthew Wolff

Other players to qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs for the first time (12)

- Kiradech Aphibarnrat
- Sam Burns*
- Corey Connors
- Dylan Frittelli
- Talor Gooch
- Max Homa
- Nate Lashley
- Denny McCarthy
- Sebastian Munoz
- Joaquin Niemann
- Adam Schenk
- Roger Sloan

Players who have advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs each season

Nine players have qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs in each season since the inception of the FedExCup in 2007. Only Phil Mickelson (No. 34) has qualified for the BMW Championship each season.

- Charley Hoffman
- Charles Howell III
- Matt Kuchar
- Phil Mickelson
- Ryan Moore
- Justin Rose
- Adam Scott
- Brandt Snedeker
- Bubba Watson

Longest absences from FedExCup Playoffs

- 2014, Michael Thompson
- 2015, Matt Every, Matt Jones, Carlos Ortiz
- 2016, Jim Furyk, Cameron Tringale, Aaron Baddeley, Graeme McDowell, Peter Malnati

A look back at 2018 THE NORTHERN TRUST

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Bryson DeChambeau	68	66	63	69	266 (-18)
2	Tony Finau	69	67	66	68	270 (-14)
T3	Billy Horschel	69	69	65	68	271 (-13)
T3	Cameron Smith	69	68	65	69	271 (-13)

- Bryson DeChambeau picked up his third PGA TOUR victory and would go on to win the following FedExCup Playoffs event, the Dell Technologies Championship
- DeChambeau took over the No. 1 spot in the FedExCup standings
- Six players played their way into the Dell Technologies Championship

Player notes – Top three in the FedExCup standings

No. 1 Brooks Koepka

- Took the lead in the FedExCup standings for the first time in his career following The Open Championship (T4)
- Earned third win of the season and first World Golf Championships title at the WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational (other wins: THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, PGA Championship)
- First three-win season of his career and only player with three wins in the 2018-19 season
- Won the top spot in the Wyndham Rewards Top 10 by finishing the Regular Season No. 1 in the FedExCup standings
- Has two career top-10s in 15 starts in the FedExCup Playoffs (6th/2017 TOUR Championship, T8/2018 THE NORTHERN TRUST)
- Has advanced to the TOUR Championship three times highlighted by ninth-place result in the FedExCup in 2017-18

No. 2 Rory McIlroy

- Leads the PGA TOUR in top-10s (12) and Scoring Average (69.090)
- Two wins during the 2018-19 season (THE PLAYERS Championship, RBC Canadian Open)
- Four career wins in the FedExCup Playoffs, tied with Dustin Johnson and Tiger Woods for the most all-time (2012 Dell Technologies Championship, 2012 BMW Championship, 2016 Dell Technologies Championship, 2016 TOUR Championship)
- THE NORTHERN TRUST is the only FedExCup Playoffs event that he has not won; best result: T19/2013
- 2016 FedExCup Champion

No. 3 Matt Kuchar

- 2010 THE NORTHERN TRUST Champion
- Two-time winner during the 2018-19 season (Mayakoba Golf Classic, Sony Open in Hawaii)
- Held the lead in the FedExCup standings for a 16-week stretch during the Regular Season, the longest streak this season
- Missed the TOUR Championship in 2018 for the first time since 2009