



**2019 Open Championship**

*(The 39<sup>th</sup> of 46 events in the PGA TOUR Season)*

**Portrush, Northern Ireland  
Royal Portrush Golf Club**

**July 15-21, 2019  
Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,344**

**FedExCup Points: 600 to the winner  
Purse: \$10,750,000 (\$1,935,000)**

**First-Round Notes – Thursday, July 18, 2019**

*Weather: Mostly cloudy, with a high of 64. Wind WSW 10-15 mph with gusts of 20-25 mph.*

**First-Round Leaderboard**

J.B. Holmes 66 (-5)  
Shane Lowry 67 (-4)  
13 players 68 (-3)

**Things To Know**

- Brooks Koepka, winner of four of the last 10 majors, is two shots off the first-round lead after a 3-under 68
- Tiger Woods posts 7-over 78, his highest-opening score in The Open Championship
- Northern Ireland’s Rory McIlroy opens with an 8-over 79, his seventh career score of 79 or worse on the PGA TOUR
- After seven consecutive missed cuts in majors, 2017 Masters champion Sergio Garcia posts his second consecutive sub-70 opening score in a major (69/U.S. Open, 68/Open Championship)

**First-Round Lead Notes**

- 26 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win The Open since 1892 (most recent: Jordan Spieth/2017)
- 7 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2018-19 (most recent: Nate Lashley/Rocket Mortgage Classic)

**J.B. Holmes (66/1<sup>st</sup>)**

- Leads for second time in a major championship (2008 PGA Championship at Oakland Hills/R2)
- Making 10<sup>th</sup> start in The Open Championship; finished solo-third in 2016 at Royal Troon, his best performance in 34 previous major appearances
- Earned fifth career PGA TOUR victory earlier this season at the Genesis Open after opening with a 63

**Shane Lowry (67/2<sup>nd</sup>)**

- Has missed the last four consecutive cuts at The Open Championship (2015-18); finished T9 in 2014, his best result in seven previous Open Championship starts
- From Clara, Ireland; two-time Open Champion Pádraig Harrington (2007, 2008) is the only champion from the Republic of Ireland
- Winner of the 2009 Irish Open at County Louth as an amateur

**Brooks Koepka (68/T3)**

- Seeks first Open Championship title to collect third leg of Grand Slam: 2017 U.S. Open, 2018 U.S. Open, 2018 PGA Championship, 2019 PGA Championship
- Of four major titles, only held the first-round lead in one (2019 PGA Championship)

Major Win	First-Round Score (Position)	Strokes Off Lead
2017 U.S. Open	67 (T4)	2
2018 U.S. Open	75 (T46)	6
2018 PGA Championship	69 (T33)	5
2019 PGA Championship	63 (1 <sup>st</sup> )	N/A (led by one)

- Has been T6 or better after 27 of his last 37 rounds in major championships dating to his first major win at the 2017 U.S. Open
- No player has ever finished first or second in all four majors in a single year; results in 2019 majors: T2/Masters Tournament, Win/PGA Championship, 2<sup>nd</sup>/U.S. Open
- Owns the best score-to-par in major championships since the start of 2017

Player	Score
Brooks Koepka	-67
Rickie Fowler	-30
Jordan Spieth	-28

#### Tiger Woods (78/T144)

- Post highest first-round score in 21 Open Championship starts and highest round at The Open since an 81 in the third round at the 2002 Open at Muirfield
- Results in 2019 majors: Win/Masters Tournament, MC/PGA Championship, T21/U.S. Open

#### Rory McIlroy (79/T150)

- Sits T150, his worst first-round position ever in 164 career PGA TOUR starts; his seven highest round-one positions on TOUR have all come in major championships

First-round position	Tournament	Finish
T150	2019 Open Championship	TBD
T143	2017 U.S. Open	MC
T134	2013 Open Championship	MC
T128	2018 U.S. Open	MC
T123	2016 U.S. Open	MC
T120	2016 PGA Championship	MC
T109	2012 U.S. Open	MC

- Quadruple-bogey-8 at No. 1 ties his highest score (8 strokes) on a single hole in 164 TOUR starts (2013 U.S. Open at Merion/par-4 No. 11/8 strokes)
- Seventh career score of 79 or higher on the PGA TOUR and sixth in a major

Score	Tournament	Round	Finish
80	2018 U.S. Open	R1	MC
80	2011 Masters Tournament	R4	T15
80	2010 The Open Championship	R2	T3
<b>79</b>	<b>2019 The Open Championship</b>	<b>R1</b>	<b>TBD</b>
79	2013 The Open Championship	R1	MC
79	2013 Masters Tournament	R3	T25
79	2012 the Memorial Tournament	R2	MC

#### Additional Player Notes

- Two weeks removed from his win at the Dubai Duty Free Irish Open, Jon Rahm sits two shots off the first-round lead.
- Emiliano Grillo (T72) records first career hole-in-one on the PGA TOUR at the 13<sup>th</sup> hole during round one; marks the first ace in The Open Championship since 2016 (Royal Troon/Louis Oosthuizen)
- Dylan Frittelli (T3) opens with a 3-under 68, just days removed from his first career PGA TOUR win at the John Deere Classic; the last player to win the week before winning a major is Rory McIlroy in 2014 (WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational, PGA Championship)

Players to win the week before a major ( <i>in consecutive weeks</i> )			
Year	Player	Events	
2014	Rory McIlroy	WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational	PGA Championship
2007	Tiger Woods	WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational	PGA Championship
2006	Phil Mickelson	BellSouth Classic	Masters Tournament
1988	Sandy Lyle	Wyndham Championship	Masters Tournament
1971	Lee Trevino	RBC Canadian Open	The Open Championship
1959	Art Wall Jr.	Azalea Open	Masters Tournament
1939	Ralph Guldahl	Wyndham Championship	Masters Tournament

- In his 11th major start since winning the 2017 Masters Tournament, Sergio Garcia posts a 3-under 68, his best round in a major since round three of the 2017 Open Championship (68); Has missed seven cuts in his 10 major starts since winning the Masters
- New Zealand's Ryan Fox (T3) shoots 29 on the back nine, marking the first sub-30 back-nine score in The Open Championship history
- David Duval posts a 9-over 14 on the 7<sup>th</sup> hole for a 20-over par in his 23<sup>rd</sup> career start in The Open Championship; since 2009 Duval has played every year, but made it to the weekend just once (2015/St. Andrews/T49)

#### Course Statistics

##### Toughest Hole

R1: Par-4 11 (4.404)

##### Easiest Hole

Par-5 second (4.628)

#### Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	36.641	36.346	72.987	---

#### Bogey-free rounds

R1: Kiradech Aphibarnrat (68), Tony Finau (68), Tommy Fleetwood (68), Shubhankar Sharma (70)