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2019 TOUR Championship Pre-Tournament Notes

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Dates: August 19-25, 2019

Where: Atlanta, Georgia

Course: East Lake Golf Club (35-35—70/7,346 yards)

Field size: 30

2018 FedExCup champion: Justin Rose

2018 TOUR Championship winner: Tiger Woods

FedExCup bonus pool: \$60 million (\$15 million/winner)

Format: 72-hole stroke play with FedExCup Starting Strokes

Things to know

- The TOUR Championship has instituted a strokes-based system, FedExCup Starting Strokes, with the format crowning a single champion. At the conclusion of the TOUR Championship, the player with the lowest score in relation to par over the 72 holes combined with his FedExCup Starting Strokes will win the TOUR Championship and be crowned FedExCup champion.
- The TOUR Championship win will be considered an official victory and the FedExCup champion will also earn a bonus of \$15 million and a five-year PGA TOUR exemption
- Justin Thomas enters the TOUR Championship at No. 1 in the FedExCup standings following his win at the BMW Championship and will begin the tournament at 10-under par
- Justin Rose enters the week at 17th in the FedExCup standings in his attempt to become the first FedExCup champion to successfully defend his title
- Three players entered the BMW Championship outside the top 30 in the FedExCup standings and played their way into the TOUR Championship: Hideki Matsuyama, Lucas Glover and Jason Kokrak
- Dustin Johnson has qualified for the TOUR Championship in 11 consecutive seasons, the longest active streak
- Lucas Glover will make his first TOUR Championship start since 2009, ending the longest drought of any player in the field
- Tony Finau (12th) has qualified for the TOUR Championship for three consecutive seasons without a win.
- Abraham Ancer entered the FedExCup Playoffs at No. 67 in the FedExCup standings, the lowest such position of any player in the field
- Sungjae Im is the only rookie in the field and at age 21 years, 4 months, 19 days, became fourth-youngest to qualify for the TOUR Championship (behind Jordan Spieth/2013, Jordan Spieth/2014 and Si Woo Kim/2016)

TOUR Championship and the FedExCup

- The TOUR Championship is the last of three events of the FedExCup Playoffs and the finale to the PGA TOUR Season
- The top-125 players on the final PGA TOUR Regular Season FedExCup points list (following the Wyndham Championship) qualified for THE NORTHERN TRUST (won by Patrick Reed)
- The top-70 players on the FedExCup points list after THE NORTHERN TRUST advanced to the BMW Championship, contested at Medinah Country Club (won by Justin Thomas)
- The top-30 players following the BMW Championship qualified for the TOUR Championship
- Year-by-year look at FedExCup champions and their performance throughout the FedExCup Playoffs in the year they won:

| Year | Champion | THE NORTHERN TRUST | Dell Technologies Championship | BMW Championship | TOUR Championship |
|------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2018 | Justin Rose | MC | 2 nd | 2 nd | T4 |
| 2017 | Justin Thomas | 6 th | Won | T47 | 2 nd |

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|------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| 2016 | Rory McIlroy | T31 | Won | T42 | Won |
| 2015 | Jordan Spieth | MC | MC | T13 | Won |
| 2014 | Billy Horschel | MC | T2 | Won | Won |
| 2013 | Henrik Stenson | T43 | Won | T33 | Won |
| 2012 | Brandt Snedeker | 2 nd | 6 th | T37 | Won |
| 2011 | Bill Haas | T24 | T61 | T16 | Won |
| 2010 | Jim Furyk | DNP | T37 | T15 | Won |
| 2009 | Tiger Woods (2) | T2 | T11 | Won | 2 nd |
| 2008 | Vijay Singh | Won | Won | T44 | T22 |
| 2007 | Tiger Woods | N/A | T2 | Won | Won |

- There are four past FedExCup champions (Brandt Snedeker/2012, Rory McIlroy/2016, Justin Thomas/2017 and Justin Rose/2018) in the field
- Rose can become the first back-to-back winner of the FedExCup
- Tiger Woods (2007, 2009) is the only player to win multiple FedExCup titles

Starting Strokes

| FedExCup Rk. | Player | Starting Strokes |
|--------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Justin Thomas | -10 |
| 2 | Patrick Cantlay | -8 |
| 3 | Brooks Koepka | -7 |
| 4 | Patrick Reed | -6 |
| 5 | Rory McIlroy | -5 |
| 6 | Jon Rahm | -4 |
| 7 | Matt Kuchar | -4 |
| 8 | Xander Schauffele | -4 |
| 9 | Webb Simpson | -4 |
| 10 | Abraham Ancer | -4 |
| 11 | Gary Woodland | -3 |
| 12 | Tony Finau | -3 |
| 13 | Adam Scott | -3 |
| 14 | Dustin Johnson | -3 |
| 15 | Hideki Matsuyama | -3 |
| 16 | Paul Casey | -2 |
| 17 | Justin Rose | -2 |
| 18 | Brandt Snedeker | -2 |
| 19 | Rickie Fowler | -2 |
| 20 | Kevin Kisner | -2 |
| 21 | Marc Leishman | -1 |
| 22 | Tommy Fleetwood | -1 |
| 23 | Corey Conners | -1 |
| 24 | Sungjae Im | -1 |
| 25 | Chez Reavie | -1 |
| 26 | Bryson DeChambeau | Even |
| 27 | Louis Oosthuizen | Even |
| 28 | Charles Howell III | Even |
| 29 | Lucas Glover | Even |

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| 30 | Jason Kokrak | Even |
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Notes on the field

- 25 of the top 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking
- Four first-timers: Abraham Ancer (10th), Corey Conners (23rd), Sungjae Im (24th) and Jason Kokrak (30th)
- Sungjae Im (21) is the youngest player in the field and is the fourth youngest to qualify for the TOUR Championship; Matt Kuchar (41) is the oldest in the field

Players who moved inside the top 30 at the BMW Championship

- In the 13-year history of the FedExCup, 37 players have entered the BMW Championship outside the top 30 in the FedExCup standings and qualified for the TOUR Championship, with three performing the feat this season:

| Player | Entering BMW | BMW | Thru BMW |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------|
| Hideki Matsuyama | 33 | 3 rd | 15 |
| Lucas Glover | 41 | T7 | 29 |
| Jason Kokrak | 32 | T19 | 30 |

Rookies in the FedExCup Playoffs

- Eight rookies qualified for the 2019 FedExCup Playoffs, four shy of the 2017 record (12)
- Of that group, five advanced to the BMW Championship, with only Sungjae Im moving on to the TOUR Championship:

| Player | Entering Playoffs | Final FedExCup pos. |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Sungjae Im | 23 | 24 (current) |
| Collin Morikawa | 49 | 59 |
| Cameron Champ | 64 | 62 |
| Wyndham Clark | 90 | 64 |
| Adam Long | 55 | 69 |
| Matthew Wolff | 70 | 74 |
| K.H. Lee | 104 | 108 |
| Sepp Straka | 111 | 115 |

- Rookies to qualify for the TOUR Championship since the inception of the FedExCup in 2007:

| Year | Player | Final FEC pos. |
|------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 2019 | Sungjae Im | 24 th (current) |
| 2018 | Aaron Wise | 24 th |
| 2017 | Xander Schauffele | 3 rd |
| 2017 | Patrick Cantlay | 29 th |
| 2016 | Emiliano Grillo | 11 th |
| 2016 | Si Woo Kim | 17 th |
| 2015 | Daniel Berger | 11 th |
| 2013 | Jordan Spieth | 7 th |
| 2012 | John Huh | 29 th |
| 2011 | Keegan Bradley | 20 th |
| 2009 | Marc Leishman | 20 th |
| 2008 | Andres Romero | 28 th |
| 2007 | Brandt Snedeker | 20 th |

First-timers at the TOUR Championship

There are four players in the field who are making their TOUR Championship debut:

| Player | FedExCup pos. |
|---------------|------------------|
| Abraham Ancer | 10 th |
| Corey Connors | 23 rd |
| Sungjae Im | 24 th |
| Jason Kokrak | 30 th |

A look back at the 2018 TOUR Championship

| Pos. | Player | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | Total |
|------|------------------|----|----|----|----|-----------|
| 1 | Tiger Woods | 65 | 68 | 65 | 71 | 269 (-11) |
| 2 | Billy Horschel | 71 | 65 | 69 | 66 | 271 (-9) |
| 3 | Dustin Johnson | 69 | 70 | 67 | 67 | 273 (-7) |
| T4 | Hideki Matsuyama | 72 | 66 | 71 | 65 | 274 (-6) |
| T4 | Justin Rose | 66 | 67 | 68 | 73 | 274 (-6) |
| T4 | Webb Simpson | 69 | 70 | 68 | 67 | 274 (-6) |

Player notes – Top five in FedExCup standings

No. 1 Justin Thomas

- 2017 FedExCup champion; entered the TOUR Championship at No. 2 in the standings that season and finished runner-up
- Earned his 10th PGA TOUR title at the BMW Championship and first since the 2018 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational
- BMW Championship marked his second victory in a FedExCup Playoffs event (2017 Dell Technologies Championship)
- Became the 13th player to win multiple FedExCup Playoffs events
- Attempting to become the third player in FedExCup history to win the BMW Championship and FedExCup in the same season (Tiger Woods, 2007, 2009; Billy Horschel, 2014)
- FedExCup standings leader for the first time this season; has led FedExCup standings for 26 total weeks in his career (fourth-most all time)
- Has not finished worse than T7 in three previous appearances at East Lake Golf Club

No. 2 Patrick Cantlay

- Birdied the final two holes of the BMW Championship to finish runner-up and move to No. 2 in the FedExCup standings
- Runner-up at the BMW Championship marked his fourth top-10 in his sixth FedExCup Playoffs start
- Owns five top-three finishes during the 2018-19 season, including his second PGA TOUR win at the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide
- Leads the PGA TOUR in Scoring Average (69.135)
- Third consecutive TOUR Championship appearance (2017, T20; 2018, T21)

No. 3 Brooks Koepka

- First three-win season of his career and only player with three wins in the 2018-19 season (THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, PGA Championship, World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational)
- Won the top spot in the Wyndham Rewards Top 10 by finishing the Regular Season No. 1 in the FedExCup standings
- Finished T30 at THE NORTHERN TRUST and T24 at the BMW Championship; has two top-10s in 17 career starts in the FedExCup Playoffs
- Third time entering the TOUR Championship inside the top 10 in the FedExCup standings (9th/2017; 7th/2018)
- Fourth TOUR Championship appearance (best finish: T6, 2017)

No. 4 Patrick Reed

- Won THE 2019 NORTHERN TRUST for his second title at the event (2016)
- Will make his sixth consecutive start at the TOUR Championship, tied for the longest active streak with Hideki Matsuyama (Dustin Johnson qualified but did not compete in 2014)
- Enters the TOUR Championship inside the top five in the FedExCup standings for the second time in his career (2nd/2016)
- Has broken par in just five of 20 career rounds at East Lake Golf Club

No. 5 Rory McIlroy

- Trailed by five strokes after 36 holes en route to his 2016 TOUR Championship and FedExCup victory
- Entered the TOUR Championship at 6th in the standings prior to winning the FedExCup in 2016
- Has finished inside the top 10 in four of five starts at East Lake
- Leads the PGA TOUR in top-10s (13)
- 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)

Players receive the following exemptions based on their final position in the FedExCup:

| FedExCup finish | Eligibility for the 2019-20 Season |
|--------------------------|---|
| Top 125 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desert Classic • Genesis Invitational (new eligibility) • RBC Heritage • THE PLAYERS |
| Top 80 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Entry to all events above</i> • Charles Schwab Challenge |
| Top 70 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Entry to all events above</i> • Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard • the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide |
| Top 60 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Entry to all events above</i> • THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES • ZOZO Championship |
| Top 30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Entry to all events above</i> • WGC-HSBC Champions • WGC-Mexico Championship • Masters Tournament • U.S. Open • The Open Championship |
| FedExCup champion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Entry to all events above</i> • Five-season exemption (2023-24) • Sentry Tournament of Champions • PGA Championship |