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2019 U.S. Open pre-tournament notes

Dates: June 10-16, 2019

Where: Pebble Beach, California

Course: Pebble Beach Golf Links

Par/Yardage: 35-36--71/7,075 yards

Field size: 156

2018 champion: Brooks Koepka

Purse: \$12.5 million (\$2,250,000/winner)

FedExCup: 600 points to the winner

Format: 72-hole stroke play

Things To Know

- U.S. Open contested at Pebble Beach Golf Links for the sixth time and first since 2010
 - 1972 – Jack Nicklaus
 - 1982 – Tom Watson
 - 1992 – Tom Kite
 - 2000 – Tiger Woods
 - 2010 – Graeme McDowell
- 2019 PGA Championship winner and two-time defending U.S. Open champion Brooks Koepka seeks fifth major title in last 10 major championship; looks to become just second player to win three consecutive U.S. Open titles
- Tiger Woods returns to the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach where in 2000, he won by 15 strokes and beat the field by an average 29.2 strokes, marking the most total strokes gained on record in an official PGA TOUR event since 1983; With his Masters win in April, he's just one shy of Sam Snead's all-time PGA TOUR record of 82
- A five-time winner of the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am including this season, Phil Mickelson looks to complete the Career Grand Slam at an event where he's finished second a record six time.
- Following his win on Sunday at the RBC Canadian Open, Rory McIlroy attempts to repeat his 2014 accomplishment; he's the last player to win on TOUR the week before a major victory (2014 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational; PGA Championship)

2018 Leaderboard (Shinnecock Hills GC/Par-70)

Pos.	Name	Score
1	Brooks Koepka	75-66-72-68—281 (+1)
2	Tommy Fleetwood	75-66-78-63—282 (+2)
3	Dustin Johnson	69-67-77-70—283 (+3)
4	Patrick Reed	73-72-71-68—284 (+4)
5	Tony Finau	75-72-66-72—285 (+5)

More on Brooks Koepka

- Has won four of the last nine major championships
- Looks to become the first player since Willie Anderson (1903-05) to win three straight U.S. Opens

- Became the first player in history to successfully defend a U.S. Open (2017-18) and PGA Championship title (2018-19)
- Only player on the PGA TOUR under the age of 30 with four major championship titles; could become the fourth player to win five or more majors before the age of 30 (Tiger Woods/10, Jack Nicklaus/7, Bobby Jones/7)
- Could join Tiger Woods as the only other player to win multiple majors in consecutive seasons (Tiger Woods – 2005 Masters, 2005 The Open Championship, 2006 The Open Championship, 2006 PGA Championship)
- Should Koepka win this week and Matt Kuchar finish lower than solo-second, Koepka would earn the No. 1 spot in the FedExCup standings for the first time in his career
- Six-time PGA TOUR winner, including two in 2018-19: THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES and PGA Championship
- Among five top-five finishes on the PGA TOUR this season are T2s at The Masters and The Honda Classic

U.S. Open and the FedExCup

- 600 FedExCup points awarded to the winner
- FedExCup leader Matt Kuchar headlines the field which includes 26 of the top 30 in the FedExCup standings, highlighted by all of the top 16 in the standings
- Eight of the 12 winners of the U.S. Open (including each of the last six) in the FedExCup era have advanced to the season-ending TOUR Championship. Jordan Spieth won the 2015 U.S. Open en route to taking the FedExCup crown that year
- Nine of the 11 different winners of the FedExCup are in this week's U.S. Open field: Tiger Woods (2007, 2009), Jim Furyk (2010), Brandt Snedeker (2012), Henrik Stenson (2013), Billy Horschel (2014), Jordan Spieth (2015), Rory McIlroy (2016), Justin Thomas (2017) and Justin Rose (2018). Vijay Singh (2008) and Bill Haas (2011) are not in the field

Current FedExCup standings: Top 10 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 Lead	Starts	Projected Bonus
1	Matt Kuchar	2,232	2	8	--	16	\$2 million
2	Rory McIlroy	2,112	2	10	120	13	\$1.5 million
3	Brooks Koepka	1,863	2	5	369	13	\$1.2 million
4	Xander Schauffele	1,670	2	4	562	15	\$1.1 million
5	Dustin Johnson	1,611	1	7	621	12	\$1.0 million
6	Patrick Cantlay	1,565	1	8	667	14	\$850,000
7	Paul Casey	1,398	1	5	834	15	\$700,000
8	Rickie Fowler	1,272	1	5	960	14	\$600,000
9	Gary Woodland	1,189	0	7	1,043	17	\$550,000
10	Justin Rose	1,161	1	5	1,071	11	\$500,000

Field Notes

Tiger Woods (#20 FedExCup/#5 Official World Golf Ranking)

- Will make 21st U.S. Open start
- Among eight top-10 finishes in the U.S. Open are wins in 2000, 2002 and 2008
- With a win, would join Jack Nicklaus, Ben Hogan, Bobby Jones and Willie Anderson as a winner of most U.S. Open titles (4)
- The last winner of the U.S. Open over the age of 40 was Payne Stewart (42) in 1999
- Finished T4 at the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach in 2010 (74-72-66-75—287/+3)
- Among seven starts in the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am was a 2000 victory and T2 in 1997; has not competed in the event since 2012
- En route to T2 finish in 1997 at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, set his record-low weekend score (63-64), which he later tied at the 1999 Farmers Insurance Open

- Is making his ninth start of the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season (Top-10 finishes: Masters/1st, World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play/T5, WGC-Mexico Championship/T10 and T9/the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide); lone missed cut came at PGA Championship

Dustin Johnson (#5 FedExCup/#2 Official World Golf Ranking)

- Making 12th U.S. Open start, with a win (2016), T2 (2015) and 3rd (2018) among previous 11 finishes
- Finished T8 at U.S. Open at Pebble Beach in 2010
- Has finished second in season's first two major championships; T2/Masters, 2nd/PGA Championship
- Has collected 17 top-10 finishes in 40 major championship starts
- In 12 starts at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, won in 2009-10, finished second in 2014, 2018 and third in 2017
- Making 13th start of 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season, with 20th career win coming at WGC-Mexico Championship
- Comes off a T20 finish at last week's RBC Canadian Open

Justin Rose (#10 FedExCup/#4 Official World Golf Ranking)

- 2013 U.S. Open winner (Merion Golf Club) to make his 14th start in the event
- Comes off a T10 in the 2018 U.S. Open. Also finished top 10 in 2003/T5 and 2007/T10
- Did not compete in the 2010 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach
- Has amassed 15 top-10 finishes in 61 major championship starts
- In addition to his 10th career PGA TOUR win at this season's Farmers Insurance Open, also finished in the top 10 at the WGC-HSBC Champions/3rd, Wells Fargo Championship/3rd, THE PLAYERS Championship/T8 and WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play/T9

Rory McIlroy (#2 FedExCup/#3 Official World Golf Ranking)

- 2011 U.S. Open winner (Congressional Country Club) scheduled to make 11th start in the event
- Other top-10 finishes at the U.S. Open; 2009/T10, 2015/T9
- Missed the cut in the 2010 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach
- Other major championship victories: 2012, 2014 PGA Championship, 2014 Open Championship
- Collected his 16th career win on the PGA TOUR at the 2019 RBC Canadian Open with a tournament-record score of 258, matching the lowest 72-hole total on TOUR this season
- With the victory in Canada, became the sixth player in TOUR history to win the U.S. Open, The Open Championship and the RBC Canadian Open (Tommy Armour, Walter Hagen, Arnold Palmer, Lee Trevino, Tiger Woods)
- Has amassed ten top-10 finishes in 13 starts for most on TOUR this season

Phil Mickelson (#25 FedExCup/#24 Official World Golf Ranking)

- Turns 49 on Sunday (June 16)
- Will make 28th U.S. Open start, the most by any player in event history
- Six runner-up finishes (U.S. Open record); 1999 (2), 2002 (2), 2004 (2), 2006 (T2), 2009 (T2), 2013 (T2)
- Previous finishes at U.S. Opens at Pebble Beach: 1992 (MC), 2000 (T16), 2010 (T4)
- Claimed his 44th career PGA TOUR title in February at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
- Has collected five wins at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am (1998, 2005, 2007, 2012, 2019) in 23 starts, totally 11 top-10s

Tournament/Course Notes

- Previous U.S. Opens at Pebble Beach (5): 1972 (Jack Nicklaus), 1982 (Tom Watson), 1992 (Tom Kite), 2000 (Tiger Woods), 2010 (Graeme McDowell)
- At the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach in 2010, the field hit 48 percent of the greens. There has been no lower percentage on the PGA TOUR since
- Only six players have won the Masters and U.S. Open in the same year: Craig Wood (1941), Ben Hogan (1951, 1953), Arnold Palmer (1960), Jack Nicklaus (1972), Tiger Woods (2002) and Jordan Spieth (2015)
- Youngest winner of the U.S. Open: John McDermott/1911/19 years old
- Oldest winner of the U.S. Open: Hale Irwin/1990/45 years old