



2019 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational Pre-Tournament Notes

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Dates: July 22-28, 2019

Where: Memphis, Tennessee

Course: TPC Southwind (35-35—70/7,237 yards)

Field size: 63

Defending champion: Justin Thomas

Purse: \$10,250,000 (\$1,745,000/winner)

FedExCup: 550 points to the winner

Format: 72-hole stroke play

Things to know

- After 19 editions at Firestone Country Club, the event moves to TPC Southwind, former host of the FedEx St. Jude Classic
- Justin Thomas is the defending champion while the most recent winner at TPC Southwind is Dustin Johnson
- Nine of the top 10 in the FedExCup standings are in the field with two weeks remaining in the race for the Wyndham Rewards Top 10
- In each of the last three years, the winner entered the week third in the OWGR and third or better in the FedExCup

Notes on the field

- Nine of the top 10 in the FedExCup standings (only No. 9 Rickie Fowler is not in the field)
- Eight FedExCup champions: Jim Furyk (2010), Brandt Snedeker (2012), Henrik Stenson (2013), Billy Horschel (2014), Jordan Spieth (2015), Rory McIlroy (2016), Justin Thomas (2017), Justin Rose (2018)
- 45 of the top 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking, led by No. 1 Brooks Koepka, No. 2 Dustin Johnson and No. 3 Rory McIlroy

A look back at the 2018 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Justin Thomas	65	64	67	69	265 (-15)
2	Kyle Stanley	63	68	70	68	269 (-11)
T3	Dustin Johnson	69	71	66	64	270 (-10)
T3	Thorbjorn Olesen	71	67	68	64	270 (-10)
5	Brooks Koepka	66	70	68	67	271 (-9)

- Justin Thomas won his ninth PGA TOUR title and first World Golf Championships event in his 112th career start
- Thomas became the fifth player and youngest to win the FedExCup, a major championship and a WGC in his career
- Kyle Stanley's runner-up was his third top-five in WGCs during the 2017-18 season
- Dustin Johnson's front-nine 29 in round four tied the tournament record

World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational and the FedExCup

- Only two weeks (three events) remain until the start of the FedExCup Playoffs
- 11 of 12 winners of the WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational during the FedExCup era have advanced to the season-ending TOUR Championship (only Shane Lowry/2015 did not)
- Justin Thomas finished seventh in the final 2017-18 FedExCup standings following his win
- In the first three years of the FedExCup, the winner of the WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational went on to win the FedExCup (Tiger Woods/2007, Vijay Singh/2008, Tiger Woods/2009); the winner has not gone on to win the FedExCup since

Wyndham Rewards Top 10

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:

Pos.	Player	Points	Wins	Top-10s	Points Behind	Starts	Projected Bonus
1	Brooks Koepka	2,337	2	7	--	17	\$2 million
2	Matt Kuchar	2,300	2	8	37	18	\$1.5 million
3	Rory McIlroy	2,195	2	11	142	15	\$1.2 million
4	Xander Schauffele	1,830	2	5	507	17	\$1.1 million
5	Gary Woodland	1,789	1	8	548	20	\$1.0 million
6	Patrick Cantlay	1,671	1	8	666	17	\$850,000
7	Dustin Johnson	1,638	1	7	699	15	\$700,000
8	Paul Casey	1,546	1	6	791	18	\$600,000
9	Rickie Fowler	1,391	1	6	946	17	\$550,000
10	Jon Rahm	1,352	1	9	985	16	\$500,000

Trends

- In each of the last three years, the winner of the WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational entered the week No. 3 in the Official World Golf Ranking and third or better in the FedExCup standings

Year	Player	FedExCup	OWGR
2018	Justin Thomas	2	3
2017	Hideki Matsuyama	3	3
2016	Dustin Johnson	3	3

Top player notes

Brooks Koepka

- Holds the No. 1 position in the FedExCup standings (first time in his career) and the Official World Golf Ranking
- Has two top-10s in four starts at the event, highlighted by a solo-fifth in 2018
- Results in 2018-19 WGCs: T16/HSBC Champions, T27/Mexico Championship, T56/Dell Technologies Match Play
- In search of first WGC title
- Two wins during the 2018-19 season: THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, PGA Championship
- With a T4 at The Open Championship, became the fifth player all-time to finish in the top five at all four majors in a single year, joining Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, Rickie Fowler and Jordan Spieth

Dustin Johnson

- Making 10th start at the event; 2016 champion and finished T3 in 2018
- Holds six WGC titles, second-most all-time to Tiger Woods (18): 2013 WGC-HSBC Champions, 2015 WGC-Mexico Championship, 2016 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational, 2017 WGC-Mexico Championship, 2017 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, 2019 WGC-Mexico Championship
- Results in 2018-19 WGCs: T30/HSBC Champions, Win/Mexico Championship, T40/Dell Technologies Match Play
- Won at least three times in each season from 2015-16 to 2017-18; WGC-Mexico Championship is his only win in 2018-19
- Won the 2012 and 2018 FedEx St. Jude Classic at TPC Southwind; only past FedEx St. Jude Classic winner in the field

Rory McIlroy

- Enters the week ranked No. 3 in both the FedExCup and the Official World Golf Ranking; in each of the last three years, the winner of the event was ranked No. 3 in the OWGR and No. 3 or better in the FedExCup
- Holds two WGC titles: 2014 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational, 2015 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play
- Results in 2018-19 WGCs: T54/HSBC Champions, T9/Dell Technologies Match Play, 2nd/Mexico Championship

Additional notes

- Justin Thomas** looks to become the first player to successfully defend his title at the WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational since Tiger Woods (2005, 2006, 2007)
- Tommy Fleetwood**, coming off a runner-up at The Open Championship, is making his 16th WGC start, highlighted by a runner-up at the 2017 Mexico Championship
- Matthew Wolff** is making his second start since winning the 3M Open (T37/John Deere Classic)
- A playoff to decide the WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational has been required twice; Tiger Woods won both, defeating Jim Furyk in 2001 and Stewart Cink in 2006
- Six holes-in-one have been recorded in tournament history with three coming in 2000 (Hal Sutton, Retief Goosen, Stewart Cink); Hudson Swafford claimed the most recent ace in 2017
- Phil Mickelson, who at 47 years, 8 months, 16 days won the 2018 Mexico Championship, is the oldest winner in World Golf Championships history

- Patrick Reed is the youngest winner of any World Golf Championships event, winning the 2014 Mexico Championship at 23 years, 7 months, 4 days
- Tiger Woods is the youngest winner of the FedEx St. Jude Invitational, claiming the title in 1999 at 23 years, 7 months, 30 days

PGA TOUR at TPC Southwind

- The FedEx St. Jude Classic was held at TPC Southwind every year from 1989 to 2018
- Dustin Johnson is the only player in the field to have won the FedEx St. Jude Classic (2012, 2018)
- 25 players in the field never played the FedEx St. Jude Classic:
 Bjerregaard, Lucas
 Cantlay, Patrick
 Eriksson, Philip
 Fitzpatrick, Matthew
 Fleetwood, Tommy
 Harding, Justin
 Hatton, Tyrrell
 Horikawa, Mikumu
 Ichihara, Kodai
 Imahira, Shugo
 Li, Haotong
 Long, Adam
 Matsuyama, Hideki
 Noren, Alex
 Olesen, Thorbjørn
 Oosthuizen, Louis
 Pepperell, Eddie
 Rahm, Jon
 Rai, Aaron
 Rose, Justin
 Saksansin, Poom
 Thomas, Justin
 Wallace, Matt
 Willett, Danny
 Wolff, Matthew