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## Country Club de Bogotá Championship

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### **Quick Facts**

**Golf Courses:** Country Club de Bogotá (Fundadores & Pacos y Fabios)

Fundadores – Par 71, 7,237 yards

Pacos y Fabios – Par 70, 6,206 yards

**Course Designer:** John Van Kleeck

**Purse:** \$700,000 (Winner: \$126,000 / 500 points)

### **Field Overview (as of February 4)**

- 39 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 59 victories
- Five PGA TOUR winners with 10 victories
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### **Past Champions**

Last season, Mark Anderson used rounds of 66-67 on the weekend to capture the Country Club de Bogotá Championship. Anderson posted a four-day total of 17-under 266 to earn a four-stroke victory. The University of South Carolina product went on to finish the Regular Season ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in The 25 and secured his return to the PGA TOUR. In 2018, Ben Taylor dominated the field en route to a six-stroke victory, the largest winning margin in tournament history. Taylor used four rounds in the 60s to finish at 15-under for the week and went on to finish 29<sup>th</sup> in The 25. Last season, Taylor used a T2 finish at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship to earn his first PGA TOUR card. In 2017, Ethan Tracy provided one of the most dramatic finishes in tournament history. Tracy holed out his third shot on the par-5 72<sup>nd</sup> hole to earn a spot in a playoff with Roberto Díaz. The University of Arkansas alum rolled in a 20-foot birdie putt on the second playoff hole to secure his first Korn Ferry Tour win.

Past champions Sebastian Munoz (2016), Patrick Rodgers (2015) and Alex Cejka (2014) all went on to earn their PGA TOUR cards through the Regular Season after winning in Bogotá. In 2013, winner Patrick Cantlay went on to earn his PGA TOUR card through the Korn Ferry Tour Finals. Cantlay currently holds the tournament scoring record at 18-under. Skip Kendall took home the 2012 title with Brendan Pappas and Steve Pate winning the event in 2011 and 2010, respectively.

### **Tournament History**

This year marks the 11<sup>th</sup> playing of the Country Club de Bogotá Championship and the second time that both courses at the Country Club de Bogotá will be played. The Pacos y Fabios Course will host rounds on Thursday and Friday along with the Fundadores Course. After the cut, play will continue with the third and fourth rounds being contested on the

Fundadores Course. The Country Club de Bogotá Championship has been shortened twice in tournament history with the event being cut short to due weather to in 2014 and 2011.

### **Local Players in the Field**

Several Colombian players are set to compete this week in Bogotá. Marcelo Rozo, who was born in Bogotá, will compete at the Country Club de Bogotá Championship for the sixth time and is looking for his first made cut. Last season, Rozo earned a solo-second finish at the Evans Scholars Invitational after losing in a playoff to 2019 Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year Scottie Scheffler. The Bogotá native added another top-15 finish with a T12 at the REX Hospital Open last June. He went on to finish the Regular Season ranked 47<sup>th</sup> in The 25 and secured his status for the 2020 season.

Joining Rozo in the field this week are fellow Colombians Camilo Villegas, Nicolas Echavarria and David Vanegas. All three players were born in Medellin, Colombia. Villegas will be making his first start in Bogotá and 32<sup>nd</sup> start on the Korn Ferry Tour. The University of Florida product has won four times on the PGA TOUR and has made 323 TOUR starts throughout his career. Villegas is returning from a shoulder injury and has 13 starts on TOUR to earn 287.683 FedExCup points as part of his Major Medical extension. The 38-year-old is making his third rehab start on the Korn Ferry Tour this year.

Echavarria is playing in his second season on the Korn Ferry Tour. In 2019, the University of Arkansas product birdied his 72<sup>nd</sup> hole at the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz to clinch a Korn Ferry Tour Finals birth and status for the 2020 season.

Vanegas secured his spot in the field through open qualifying last month. This will be his third start in Bogotá and 100<sup>th</sup> career start on the Korn Ferry Tour. The 33-year-old played his collegiate golf at Johnson & Wales University before turning professional in 2008.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Champion</b>	<b>Scores</b>	<b>To Par</b>	<b>Margin</b>
2019	Mark Anderson	62-71-66-67 — 266	-17	4
2018	Ben Taylor	67-66-68-68 — 269	-15	6
2017	Ethan Tracy*	69-69-68-65 — 271	-13	1
2016	Sebastián Muñoz	69-66-66-71 — 272	-12	1
2015	Patrick Rodgers*	69-67-66-65 — 267	-17	1
2014	Alex Cejka**	68-68-63 — 199	-14	3
2013	Patrick Cantlay	67-68-65-66 — 266	-18	4
2012	Skip Kendall	70-67-66-71 — 274	-10	1
2011	Brendan Pappas***	67-66 — 133	-9	1
2010	Steve Pate*	70-66-66-71 — 273	-11	1

\*Playoff Victory

\*\*Event Shortened to 54 Holes

\*\*\*Event Shortened to 36 Holes

### **Course Information**

The Country Club de Bogotá's Fundadores Course has proven to be one of the harder tracks on the Korn Ferry Tour and is consistently ranked among the most difficult. Last season, the par-71 layout ranked as the fourth hardest course on the Korn Ferry Tour with a scoring average of 71.569. Three holes were among the top 50 hardest on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2019, including Nos. 1, 2 and 13. With an 8,660-foot elevation in the city of Bogotá, players must adjust to different yardages throughout the week.

Despite its length of only 6,206 yards, the Pacos y Fabios course at the Country Club de Bogotá proved to provide players with a stern test. The par-3 second played as the most difficult hole on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2019. The 191-yard hole played to a scoring average of 3.566 and only surrendered four birdies in two rounds of tournament play. The par-4 18<sup>th</sup> at the Pacos course also ranked inside the top 50 hardest holes on the Korn Ferry Tour last season. The 485-yard hole played to a scoring average of 4.250. Overall, the Pacos y Fabios course ranked as the 21<sup>st</sup> most difficult track on the Korn Ferry

Tour last season. The 6,202-yard layout provides players with a chance to use their creativity to attack the course in different ways.

### **By the Numbers: Country Club de Bogotá**

#### **Fundadores Course**

**Hardest hole (2019):** No. 13\* (par 4, 439 yards) – 4.319 average, 79 bogeys, 16 double bogeys or worse

**Easiest hole (2019):** No. 8 (par 5, 555 yards) – 4.607 average, nine eagles, 150 birdies

**Tournament Record (18 holes):** 62 (-9), 2015 – Roberto Diaz – First Round

**Tournament Record (72 holes):** 266 (-18), 2013 – Patrick Cantlay

*\*Indicates the hole is in the top 50 toughest holes of 2019*

#### **Pacos y Fabios Course**

**Hardest hole (2019):** No. 2\*\* (par 3, 191 yards) – 3.556 average, 46 bogeys, 16 double bogeys or worse

**Easiest hole (2019):** No. 12 (par 5, 550 yards) – 4.355 average, nine eagles, 86 birdies

**Tournament Record (18 holes):** 61 (-9), 2019 – Xinjun Zhang – First Round, Doug Ghim – Second Round

*\*\*Ranked as the hardest hole on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2019*

### **Top Five to Watch**

- **Davis Riley** – The 23-year-old earned his first Korn Ferry Tour title last week at the Panamá Championship finishing at 10-under 270. With the victory, Riley moved to No. 1 in The 25. The University of Alabama product returns to Bogotá where he made his Korn Ferry Tour debut a year ago and finished T18.
- **Jared Wolfe** – The Murray State University product continued his strong play with a T10 at the Panamá Championship. Wolfe has already captured a win at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at Bah Mar and has made the cut in all three starts this season.
- **Roberto Díaz** – The 33-year-old earned a solo-second finish at the Panamá Championship last week. Díaz returns to a familiar site this week after earning a solo-second finish at the 2017 Country Club de Bogotá Championship. Díaz lost in a playoff to Ethan Tracy after Tracy holed out from 101 yards for eagle on the 72<sup>nd</sup> hole to force overtime.
- **Drew Weaver** – The Virginia Tech alum returns to Bogotá after a solo-second finish in 2019. Weaver has made the cut in his last two starts this season and earned a top-25 at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at Baha Mar.
- **Max McGreevy** – Spurred by a second-round 63 in Panamá, McGreevy went on to finish the week T3 at 8-under 272. The 2019 PGA TOUR-Series China Player of the Year will make his debut in Bogotá this week.

### **Chase for The 25**

The Korn Ferry Tour points list replaced the money list prior to the 2019 season as the system to ascend to earn one of the 25 PGA TOUR cards awarded at the end of the Regular Season in Portland. At the conclusion of the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz, the top-25 point earners will receive their PGA TOUR cards. Additionally, the top-75 players in Korn Ferry Tour points (plus ties) will be eligible to play in the Korn Ferry Tour Finals.

Rank	Name	Points
1.	Davis Riley	585
2.	Jared Wolfe	572
3.	Tommy Gainey	500
4.	Roberto Diaz	423
5.	Dylan Wu	379

### **Season Recap**

1. *The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay* – Tommy Gainey birdied his final three holes to pull away from the field and earn the first title of the 2019 season. It was the 44-year-old's first win since the 2012 RSM Classic on the PGA TOUR.

2. *The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at Baha Mar* – Jared Wolfe ran away from the field with birdies on three of his final four holes at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at Baha Mar. Wolfe battled windy conditions in the final round to clinch the first Korn Ferry Tour title of his career.
3. *Panamá Championship* – After an eagle on the back nine during his final round, Davis Riley held on to win the Panama Championship by one stroke over Roberto Díaz. The victory was Riley’s first on the Korn Ferry Tour and came in just his 21<sup>st</sup> Tour start.

### **About Korn Ferry Tour**

Founded (1990), owned and operated by the PGA TOUR, the Korn Ferry Tour identifies and develops those players who are ready to compete and win on golf’s biggest stage. In 2013, the Korn Ferry Tour became The Path to the PGA TOUR with all 50 available PGA TOUR cards coming through the Tour and the season culminating at the Korn Ferry Tour Finals. This season marks the 30th year of competition on the Korn Ferry Tour. Three out of four PGA TOUR members are Korn Ferry Tour alumni. Tour alumni have won more than 500 PGA TOUR titles, including 24 major championships and eight PLAYERS Championships. To learn more about the PGA TOUR, the Korn Ferry Tour and to follow the season-long quest for a PGA TOUR card, visit [PGATOUR.COM](http://PGATOUR.COM), or follow the Tour on social media via Instagram (@KornFerryTour), Twitter (@KornFerryTour) and Facebook ([facebook.com/KornFerryTour](https://facebook.com/KornFerryTour)).