



El Bosque Mexico Championship by INNOVA

El Bosque Country Club | Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico | February 27 – March 1, 2020

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Quick Facts

Golf Courses: El Bosque Country Club

Par 72, 7,762 yards

Course Designer: Steve Nugent

Purse: \$650,000 (Winner: \$117,000 / 500 points)

Field Overview (as of February 25)

- 39 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 59 victories
- Seven PGA TOUR winners with nine victories
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Past Champions

In 2018, Martin Trainer defeated John Chin to take home the title in Mexico. Prior to tournament week, Trainer survived a three-for-one playoff to earn his place in the field. Later that season, the University of Southern California product won the Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper en route to earning a PGA TOUR card. In 2019, Trainer won his first PGA TOUR title at the Puerto Rico Open. During the 2017 season, Matt Atkins took home the title at El Bosque Country Club posting a four-day total of 17-under 271. Atkins went on to finish the season ranked 19th in The 25 to earn his PGA TOUR card. Wesley Bryan emerged victorious in Mexico in 2016. The win was Bryan's second of the season in just the sixth event of the year. Later that season, Bryan went on to win the KC Golf Classic and earned the 11th three-victory promotion to the PGA TOUR in Korn Ferry Tour history.

Two years prior to Bryan's victory, Mexico native Carlos Ortiz won at El Bosque Country Club. Like Bryan, Ortiz went on to win three times on the Korn Ferry Tour that season and earned a 'Battlefield Promotion' of his own. Past champions Michael Putnam (2013), Lee Williams (2012), Erik Compton (2011), Jamie Lovemark (2010) and Jarrod Lyle (2008) all went on to earn PGA TOUR cards for the following season. Throughout the event's history, four tournament winners have gone on to be named Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year during the season of their victory (Wesley Bryan – 2016, Carlos Ortiz – 2014, Michael Putnam – 2013 and Jamie Lovemark – 2010).

Tournament History

This year marks the 12th playing of the El Bosque Mexico Championship by INNOVA. The event has gone to a playoff twice in tournament history with Jamie Lovemark and Troy Merritt winning in 2010 and 2009, respectively. During the inaugural event in 2008, Lyle set the tournament scoring record finishing the week at 17-under 267. The 2008 tournament was contested at Tres Marias Golf Club in Morelia, Mexico. That season, Lyle carded a final-round 63 to win, the lowest

final-round score by a winner in tournament history. Starting in 2009, the tournament was held at El Bosque Country Club. The event returns to the Korn Ferry Tour schedule this year after not being contested in 2019.

Local Players in the Field

Several players from Mexico are set to compete in the field this week. Roberto Díaz, who enters the week ranked seventh in The 25, will be making his sixth start at El Bosque Country Club. Díaz, a native of Veracruz, Mexico, has made the cut in each of his previous five starts. Joining Díaz in the field will be 39-year-old José de Jesús Rodríguez. The Irapuato, Mexico, native has played in every edition of the El Bosque Mexico Championship. In 2010, Rodríguez finished the week solo-fourth at 10-under 278. He went on to finish T6 and T7 in 2013 and 2008, respectively.

Joining Díaz and Rodríguez in the field is Sebastián Vázquez. The 29-year-old enters the week ranked 66th in The 25 and will be making his eighth start in Mexico. In 2016, Vázquez earned his best result at El Bosque Country Club after finishing the week T5 at 13-under 275. Oscar Fraustro, who is originally from Mexico City, Mexico, will be making his 12th start in Mexico this week. Last season, the University of South Florida product made 11 cuts in 22 starts on the Korn Ferry Tour.

Other players from Mexico competing this week include Isidro Benitez, Juan Carlos Benitez, Rodolfo Cazaubón, Diego Cordova, Raul Cortes, Armando Favela, JD Fernandez, Andres Garcia, Patricio Guerra, Alvaro Ortiz, Raul Pereda, Gonzalo Rubio, Gerardo Ruiz, Juan Carlos Serrano, Aaron Terrazas and Luis Felipe Torres.

Year	Champion	Scores	To Par	Margin
2018	Martin Trainer	67-70-68-69 – 274	-14	2
2017	Matt Atkins	68-69-66-68 – 271	-17	3
2016	Wesley Bryan	68-63-71-67 – 269	-19	4
2015	Wes Roach	67-71-65-68 – 271	-17	4
2014	Carlos Ortiz	74-67-66-68 – 275	-13	2
2013	Michael Putnam	64-72-73-66 – 275	-13	2
2012	Lee Williams	69-67-68-70 – 274	-14	1
2011	Erik Compton	68-70-68-65 – 271	-17	2
2010	Jamie Lovemark*	65-71-72-68 – 276	-12	Playoff
2009	Troy Merritt*	69-68-67-69 – 273	-15	Playoff
2008	Jarrold Lyle	68-69-67-63 – 267	-17	5

*Playoff Victory

Event not contested in 2019

Course Information

El Bosque Country Club has proven to be one of the harder courses on the Korn Ferry Tour and is consistently ranked in the top-10 most difficult. In 2018, the 7,762-yard layout ranked as the eighth-hardest course on Tour with a scoring average of 72.094. Three holes were among the top 50 hardest on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2018, including Nos. 3, 6 and 9. The 528-yard ninth ranked as the 12th-hardest hole on Tour in 2018. The par-4 was responsible for 111 bogeys and 40 double bogeys or worse. During the 2018 season, the par-4 sixth and par-3 third ranked as the 15th and 44th most difficult holes, respectively.

During the 2009 season, El Bosque Country Club ranked as the third-hardest course on the Korn Ferry Tour with a scoring average of 73.049. The next season, the club ranked as the second most difficult with a scoring average of 73.139. At 7,762 yards, El Bosque Country Club is one of the longest courses on the Korn Ferry Tour. TPC Colorado, which plays to 7,991 yards, was the only course on the Korn Ferry Tour that played longer than 7,700 yards in 2019.

By the Numbers: El Bosque Country Club**Hardest hole (2018):** No. 9* (par 4, 528 yards) – 4.365 average, 111 bogeys, 40 double bogeys or worse**Easiest hole (2018):** No. 8 (par 5, 546 yards) – 4.479 average, 44 eagles, 225 birdies**Tournament Record (18 holes):** 63 (-9), 2018 – Connor Godsey – Second Round, 63 (-9), 2016 – Wesley Bryan – Second Round, 63 (-9), 2011 – Casey Wittenberg – Second Round, 63 (-8), 2008 – Jarrod Lyle – Final Round****Tournament Record (72 holes):** 267 (-17), 2008 – Jarrod Lyle

*Indicates the hole is in the top 50 toughest holes of 2018

**2008 event contested at Tres Marias Golf Club

Top Five to Watch

- **Davis Riley** – The 23-year-old enters the week atop The 25 with 644 points. In five starts this season, Riley has recorded three top-25s and a win.
- **Greyson Sigg** – The Korn Ferry Tour rookie has made the cut in all five starts this season. Sigg, who ranks 11th in The 25, is the only player this season to finish inside the top-25 in all five events.
- **Dylan Wu** – Wu has made the cut in all five starts this season and finished T2 at The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay. The 23-year-old enters the week ranked ninth in The 25 and in search of his first Korn Ferry Tour title.
- **David Kocher** – The University of Maryland product has made the cut in four out of five starts in 2020. Kocher earned his best result of the season at the LECOM Suncoast Classic after finishing the week T4.
- **Roberto Díaz** – The 33-year-old returns to his home country in search of his first Korn Ferry Tour title. Díaz has recorded four top-25s in five starts this season and currently ranks seventh in The 25.

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	644
2.	Mito Pereira	644
3.	Andrew Novak	630
4.	Jared Wolfe	477
5.	John Chin	546

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 21st Tour start.
4. *Country Club de Bogota Championship* – Mito Pereira carded a final-round 64 to claim his first Korn Ferry Tour victory at the Country Club de Bogota Championship. Entering the 72nd hole tied at the top, Pereira sunk a long eagle putt to clinch the two-stroke victory.
5. *LECOM Suncoast Classic* – Andrew Novak birdied each of his last two holes, including a 10-foot putt at the last, to win the LECOM Suncoast Classic last week by one shot over John Chin. He finished at 23-under 265 at Lakewood National Golf Club in his first career Korn Ferry Tour victory.

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, or follow the Tour on social media via Instagram (@KornFerryTour), Twitter (@KornFerryTour) and Facebook (facebook.com/KornFerryTour).