



Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship

Ohio State University Golf Club – Scarlet Course | Columbus, Ohio | August 20 – 23, 2020

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Quick Facts

Golf Course: Ohio State University Golf Club – Scarlet Course (Par 71, 7,444 yards)

Course Designer: Alister MacKenzie (1938), Redesign: Jack Nicklaus (2005)

Purse: \$1,000,000 (Winner: \$180,000 / 600 points)

Field Overview (as of August 18)

- 50 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 73 victories
- Eight PGA TOUR winners with 15 victories
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TELEVISION TIMES: *All listed times are local time zone (EDT).*

Thursday 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Friday 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Korn Ferry Tour Championship Series

The Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship has traditionally served as one of the Korn Ferry Tour Finals events, one of three tournaments at the conclusion of each Korn Ferry Tour season that awards the top-25 players within the Finals their PGA TOUR cards. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 season has been combined with the 2021 season, postponing PGA TOUR promotion until the end of the 2021 season. In 2020, the three-event Korn Ferry Tour Finals has been replaced by the Korn Ferry Tour Championship Series.

Similar to the traditional Korn Ferry Tour Finals, the Korn Ferry Tour Championship Series will continue to have elevated purses and points. But instead of competing for PGA TOUR cards, the Korn Ferry Tour Championship Series centers around two main incentives:

- The top-10 players in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings at the conclusion of the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance will earn entry into the PGA TOUR's additional events (also known as opposite-field events) during the 2020-21 season. The top-10 players on the current points list are:
 - Will Zalatoris (1464 pts.)
 - Davis Riley (1419)
 - Lee Hodges (1225)
 - Taylor Pendrith (1118)
 - Paul Barjon (968)

- Dylan Wu (905)
 - Mito Pereira (903)
 - Chad Ramey (889)
 - David Lipsky (875)
 - Jared Wolfe (831)
- The top-five players (not otherwise exempt) on a three-tournament points list encompassing last week's Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco, Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship and Korn Ferry Tour Championship will receive exemptions into the 2020 U.S. Open at Winged Foot.
 - The top-5 players in the U.S. Open exemption standings through last week's Albertsons Boise Open are Stephan Jaeger (600 pts.), Dan McCarthy (270), Brandon Wu (270), Nicholas Lindheim (135) and Justin Lower (135).

With U.S. Open exemptions and entry into the PGA TOUR's additional events on the line, the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship will continue to provide dramatic storylines down the stretch at The Ohio State University Golf Club, Scarlet Course.

Tournament History

This week will mark the 14th edition of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship. The event has seen plenty of drama and an abundance of PGA TOUR stars take on the Ohio State University Golf Club's Scarlet Course. Last season, Scottie Scheffler fired back-to-back rounds of 67 over the weekend to take home the title. After his win, Scheffler went on to earn Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year honors. This season on the PGA TOUR, Scheffler has made 15 cuts in 20 starts and finished T4 at the PGA Championship two weeks ago.

In 2018, Robert Streb held off his good friend Peter Malnati in a playoff to take the title. Many of golf's biggest stars have competed in Ohio throughout the years including Jimmy Walker, Jason Day, Rickie Fowler, Jordan Spieth, Tony Finau, Patrick Reed and Xander Schauffele. In 2014, Justin Thomas captured his first Korn Ferry Tour title at the Scarlet Course, kick-starting a career that already includes 13 PGA TOUR wins.

The event has been won by amateur participants twice in tournament history. Daniel Summerhays, who took home the inaugural title in 2007, became the first amateur to win a Korn Ferry Tour tournament defeating Chris Nallen and Chad Collins by two strokes. Four years later, Harris English became the second amateur to win in Columbus. The University of Georgia product's 2011 victory is still the most recent amateur win on the Korn Ferry Tour today.

Past Champions

Year	Champion	Scores	To Par	Margin
2019	Scottie Scheffler	70-68-67-67 – 272	-12	2
2018	Robert Streb*	65-68-68-71 – 272	-12	Playoff
2017	Peter Uihlein	69-69-67-65 – 270	-14	1
2016	Grayson Murray	69-67-68-68 – 272	-12	1
2015	Andrew Loupe	71-70-68-70 – 279	-5	2
2014	Justin Thomas*	67-69-72-70 – 278	-6	Playoff
2013	Seung-Yul Noh	68-65-70-69 – 272	-12	5
2012	Ben Kohles*	66-69-67-70 – 272	-12	Playoff
2011	Harris English	66-66-68-70 – 270	-14	1
2010	D.J. Brigrman	66-72-72-64 – 274	-10	1
2009	Derek Lamely*	71-69-68-65 – 273	-11	Playoff
2008	Bill Lunde	67-72-67-73 – 279	-5	1
2007	Daniel Summerhays	68-69-72-69 – 278	-6	2

*Playoff Victory

Local Players in the Field

Justin Lower leads the contingent of local players in the field this week. Lower grew up in Akron, Ohio, and attended Malone University in Canton, Ohio. He lists the Cleveland Indians, Cavaliers and Browns as his favorite sports teams. Lower's earliest golf memory is watching Tiger Woods play at the World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational at Firestone Country Club.

Joining Lower in the field this week is Chase Johnson of Barberton, Ohio. Johnson played collegiately at Kent State University before turning professional. Earlier this season, Johnson fired a final-round 63 at the TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes and finished the week in solo-second.

Also in the field this week is Columbus, Ohio, native Kyle Reifers. Both of Reifers' parents are accomplished amateur players, evidenced by both winning Ohio State Amateurs (the same tournament their son won in 2004). His father, Randy, played golf at DePauw University and is a member of the Ohio Golf Hall of Fame. Reifers attended Watterson High School in Columbus before attending Wake Forest University.

Course History

The Scarlet Course at Ohio State University Golf Club provides players a stern test. The par-71 layout has ranked in the top-10 most difficult courses on Tour each of the past seven seasons. Winning scores have fluctuated from 5-under to 14-under throughout the tournament's history. During the 2014 season, the Scarlet Course ranked as the most difficult track on the Korn Ferry Tour and last year ranked as the sixth toughest. In 2019, the par-4 11th hole ranked as the 28th most difficult hole on Tour and played to a scoring average of 4.270. In addition to the Korn Ferry Tour, the course plays home to the Ohio State University golf program, and in 2019, was ranked the seventh best campus course in the country by Golfweek.

By the Numbers: Ohio State University Golf Club – Scarlet Course

Hardest hole (2019): No. 11 (par 4, 473 yards) – 4.270 average, 125 bogeys, eight double bogeys

Easiest hole (2019): No. 12 (par 5, 562 yards) – 4.517 average, 16 eagles, 194 birdies

Tournament Record (18 holes): 63 (-8), Jonathan Kaye (2010, Rd. 1), James Scheck (2011, Rd. 3), Trevor Murphy (2012, Rd. 1), Derek Fathauer (2014, Rd. 4)

Tournament Record (72 holes): 270 (-14), Harris English (2011), Peter Uihlein (2017)

Top Five to Watch

- **Will Zalatoris** – Zalatoris held on to the top spot in The 25 after a T18 in Boise last week. In 13 starts this season, the Wake Forest University product has recorded 11 top-25s.
- **Davis Riley** – Riley enters the week ranked second in The 25 and in search of a Three-Victory Promotion to the PGA TOUR. The 23-year-old is fresh off a T11 result last week in Boise.
- **Brandon Wu** – Wu earned the best finish of his young Korn Ferry Tour career with a T2 last week in Boise. In four starts this season, the Stanford University alum has recorded two top-10s.
- **Justin Lower** – Lower earned a T4 result last week in Boise after carding rounds of 63-66 on the weekend. The Ohio native will feel right at home this week in Columbus.
- **Stephan Jaeger** – Jaeger carded a final-round 68 en route to winning his fifth Korn Ferry Tour title last week at the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco. The 31-year-old enters the week ranked 12th in The 25.

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.
6. *El Bosque Mexico Championship by INNOVA* – David Kocher survived a three-man playoff to claim his first Korn Ferry Tour victory. The 23-year-old defeated Paul Barjon and Chad Ramey on the first playoff hole to capture the title at El Bosque Country Club.
7. *Korn Ferry Challenge at TPC Sawgrass* – Three months after beginning competition at THE PLAYERS Championship before the cancellation, Luke List returned to TPC Sawgrass and eventually edged a tight leaderboard at 12-under to win the Korn Ferry Challenge at TPC Sawgrass.
8. *The King & Bear Classic at World Golf Village* – Chris Kirk erased a final-round four-stroke deficit to win The King & Bear Classic at World Golf Village. After taking six months off from golf as he worked through alcohol abuse and depression, Kirk returned to the winner’s circle for the first time since 2015.
9. *Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank* – Kyle Jones held off local favorite Daniel Summerhays and Paul Haley II to win the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank. Jones clinched the win with a birdie on the second playoff hole at Oakridge Country Club.
10. *TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes* – Will Zalatoris broke through with his first professional win with a one-stroke victory at the TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes. A final-round 3-under 69 was enough to hold off Chase Johnson by one stroke and springboard Zalatoris to the top spot on the Korn Ferry Tour points list for the first time in his career.
11. *TPC San Antonio Challenge at the Canyons* – A day after matching Fred Couples’ competitive course record (62) on moving day, David Lipsky capped off an incredible week with a final-round 66 to finish four strokes clear of the field at 25-under 263 at the TPC San Antonio Challenge at the Canyons.
12. *TPC San Antonio Championship at the Oaks* – Davis Riley became the first player this season to win twice on Tour with a two-stroke win at the TPC San Antonio Championship at the Oaks. Riley posted a final-round 5-under 67 on Saturday and finished at 16-under for the week to top Paul Barjon and Taylor Pendrith.
13. *Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper* – Max McGreevy carded a bogey-free, 8-under 64 on Sunday to win the Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper by one stroke at 21-under 267. McGreevy held off José de Jesús Rodríguez, who finished the week in solo-second at 20-under 268.
14. *Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna* – Seth Reeves carded a final-round 7-under 64 to rise from T27 to begin the day to his first Korn Ferry Tour victory at 11-under 273, edging five players by a stroke at the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna.
15. *WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz* – Entering the final round tied for the lead, Lee Hodges carded an even-par 71 to hang on for a two-stroke victory at the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz. The win was Hodges’ first as a professional and earned him a U.S. Open exemption by virtue of moving inside the top five of the points standings.
16. *Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco* – Stephan Jaeger carded a final-round 68 to take home his fifth Korn Ferry Tour title at the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco. With the victory, Jaeger became one of 13 players to win five or more times on the Korn Ferry Tour.

Revised 2020 Korn Ferry Tour Season schedule:

- June 8-14: Korn Ferry Challenge at TPC Sawgrass, TPC Sawgrass (Dye’s Valley), Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida
- June 15-20: The King & Bear Classic at World Golf Village, The King & Bear GC at World Golf Village, St. Augustine, Florida (Saturday finish)
- June 22-28: Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank, Oakridge CC, Farmington, Utah
- June 29-July 5: TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes, TPC Colorado, Berthoud, Colorado
- July 6-12: TPC San Antonio Challenge at the Canyons, TPC San Antonio (Canyons Course), San Antonio, Texas

- July 13-18: TPC San Antonio Championship at the Oaks, TPC San Antonio (Oaks Course), San Antonio, Texas (Saturday finish)
- July 20-26: Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper, Highland Springs CC, Springfield, Missouri
- July 27-August 2: Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna, The Club at Indian Creek, Omaha, Nebraska
- August 3-9: WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz, Pumpkin Ridge GC (Witch Hollow), North Plains, Oregon
- August 10-16: Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco, Hillcrest CC, Boise, Idaho
- August 17-23: Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, Ohio State University GC (Scarlet Course), Columbus, Ohio
- August 24-30: Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance, Victoria National GC, Newburgh, Indiana
- August 31-September 6: Lincoln Land Championship presented by LRS, Panther Creek CC, Springfield, Illinois
- September 7-13 : Evans Scholars Invitational, Chicago Highlands Club, Westchester, Illinois
- September 21-27: Wichita Open Supporting Wichita's Youth, Crestview CC, Wichita, Kansas
- September 28-October 4: Savannah Golf Championship, The Landings Club (Deer Creek), Savannah, Georgia
- October 5-11: Orange County National Championship presented by Knight 39, Orange County Golf Center & Lodge (Panther Lake), Winter Garden, Florida

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).