



BMW CHAMPIONSHIP



2020 BMW Championship pre-tournament notes

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Dates: August 24-30, 2020

Where: Olympia Fields, Illinois

Course: Olympia Fields Country Club-North (35-35—70, 7,366 yards)

Field size: 69

Defending champion: Justin Thomas

Purse: \$9,500,000 (\$1,710,000/winner)

FedExCup: 1,500 points to the winner

Format: 72-hole stroke play

Things to Know

- The BMW Championship determines the 30 players who will qualify for the Playoffs finale, the TOUR Championship
- The BMW Championship will be contested at Olympia Fields Country Club (North) for the sixth time and 100 years since the first playing in 1920; Winners of the BMW Championship at Olympia Fields include Jock Hutchinson (1920), Walter Hagen (1927), Macdonald Smith (1933), Jack Nicklaus (1968) and Bruce Crampton (1971)
- The 2003 U.S. Open marks the last PGA TOUR event held at Olympia Fields; Four players in the 2020 BMW Championship field competed in the 2003 U.S. Open, won by Jim Furyk: Tiger Woods (T20), Charles Howell III (T53), Paul Casey (MC), Adam Scott (MC)
- World No. 1 and two-time BMW Championship winner Dustin Johnson leads the FedExCup by 92 points over Justin Thomas as he seeks first FedExCup title
- Defending BMW Championship winner Justin Thomas (No. 2) seeks his second FedExCup title in four seasons
- Five-time BMW Championship winner Tiger Woods (No. 57) likely needs a fourth-place finish or better to advance to the TOUR Championship
- Six players played their way into the BMW Championship following THE NORTHERN TRUST: Alex Noren, Harry Higgs, Russell Henley, Robby Shelton, Jason Kokrak, Louis Oosthuizen
- Due to schedule changes related to COVID-19, FedExCup points available during the three Playoffs events reduced from four times standard Regular Season events to three times (winner receives 1,500 points)

Notes on the field

- 69 of the top 70 in the FedExCup standings (No. 3 Webb Simpson is not in the field)
- 24 of the top 30 in the Official World Golf Ranking, led by No. 1 Dustin Johnson, No. 2 Jon Rahm, No. 3 Justin Thomas, No. 4 Rory McIlroy and No. 5 Collin Morikawa
- Four FedExCup champions: Tiger Woods (2007, 2009), Billy Horschel (2014), Rory McIlroy (2016, 2019), Justin Thomas (2017)
- Seven past champions of the BMW Championship (FedExCup era): Tiger Woods (2007, 2009), Dustin Johnson (2010, 2016), Rory McIlroy (2012), Billy Horschel (2014), Jason Day (2015), Marc Leishman (2017), Justin Thomas (2018)
- Seven players making their FedExCup Playoffs debut remain in the top 70 (**bold** indicates PGA TOUR rookie): **Scottie Scheffler** (14), Lanto Griffin (15), **Viktor Hovland** (24), **Harry Higgs** (48), Matthew Fitzpatrick (60), Robby Shelton (62) and **Maverick McNealy** (67)
- Nine of the 10 winners since the season resumed in June (Daniel Berger, Dustin Johnson (2), Bryson DeChambeau, Collin Morikawa (2), Jon Rahm, Michael Thompson, Richy Werenski, Justin Thomas, Jim Herman)
- Nine players are inside the top 70 who did not qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs in 2019: Daniel Berger (4), Harris English (6), Brendon Todd (13), Tyler Duncan (32), Tom Hoge (43), Richy Werenski (44), Brendan Steele (45), Alex Noren (47) and Jim Herman (63)

The BMW Championship and the FedExCup

- The top 30 players in the FedExCup standings following the BMW Championship advance to the TOUR Championship
- Three players played their way into the TOUR Championship in 2019: Hideki Matsuyama, Lucas Glover, Jason Kokrak
- On three occasions a player won the BMW Championship en route to winning the FedExCup (Tiger Woods in 2007 and 2009, Billy Horschel in 2014)
- Ranked No. 69 in 2011, Geoff Ogilvy is the lowest ranked player to advance to the TOUR Championship
- Current FedExCup standings below:

Pos.	Player	Points	Wins	Top-10s	Points Behind	Starts
1	Dustin Johnson	2,571	2	5	-	12
2	Justin Thomas	2,479	3	9	92	16
3	Webb Simpson	2,163	2	8	408	13
4	Daniel Berger	1,917	1	7	654	15
5	Collin Morikawa	1,902	2	6	669	19
6	Harris English	1,767	0	6	804	18
7	Bryson DeChambeau	1,657	1	9	914	15
8	Sungjae Im	1,633	1	7	938	24
9	Jon Rahm	1,580	1	6	991	13
10	Patrick Reed	1,447	1	7	1,124	18

Players on the TOUR Championship bubble

Pos.	Player	Points
25	Cameron Champ	951
26	Cameron Smith	936
27	Adam Long	934
28	Kevin Streelman	923
29	Tony Finau	907
30	Billy Horschel	893
31	Joaquin Niemann	878
32	Tyler Duncan	806
33	Matthew Wolff	771
34	Mark Hubbard	771
35	Byeong Hun An	765

Players who moved into top 70 at THE NORTHERN TRUST

From	To	Player	TNT result
78	47	Alex Noren	T8
72	48	Harry Higgs	T11
101	61	Russell Henley	T8
81	62	Robby Shelton	T13
90	66	Jason Kokrak	T13
99	70	Louis Oosthuizen	T13

13 rookies in the FedExCup era (since 2007) have qualified for the TOUR Championship. In 2020, two rookies are currently ranked inside the top 30: Scottie Scheffler (14) and Viktor Hovland (24)

- 2019 – Sungjae Im (19)
- 2018 – Aaron Wise (24)
- 2017 – Xander Schauffele (3), Patrick Cantlay (29)
- 2016 – Emiliano Grillo (11), Si Woo Kim (17)
- 2015 – Daniel Berger (11)
- 2013 – Jordan Spieth (7)
- 2012 – John Huh (29)
- 2011 – Keegan Bradley (20)
- 2009 – Marc Leishman (20)
- 2008 – Andres Romero (28)
- 2007 – Brandt Snedeker (20)

A look back at the 2019 BMW Championship (Medinah Country Club)

Pos.	Name	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Justin Thomas	65	69	61	68	263 (-25)
2	Patrick Cantlay	66	67	68	65	266 (-22)
3	Hideki Matsuyama	69	63	73	63	268 (-20)
4	Tony Finau	67	66	68	69	270 (-18)
T5	Jon Rahm	68	69	66	69	272 (-16)
T5	Brandt Snedeker	66	71	67	68	272 (-16)

- At the 2019 BMW Championship Justin Thomas earned the 10th title of his PGA TOUR career, defeating Patrick Cantlay by three strokes at Medinah Country Club. His third-round 61 marked his fourth score of 61 or better on the PGA TOUR. With the victory, Thomas claimed the No. 1 spot in the FedExCup, entering the TOUR Championship in the top spot.

Player Notes

Dustin Johnson (No. 1 FedExCup, No. 1 OWGR)

- Won 22nd PGA TOUR title, and second of this season, at THE NORTHERN TRUST by 11 strokes; Marked fifth FedExCup Playoffs title, tied for most all-time (with Rory McIlroy)
- With 2020 Travelers Championship victory and THE NORTHERN TRUST win, marks his sixth multiple-win season on TOUR; has never collected more than two wins in a season
- Has collected at least one victory in 13 consecutive seasons
- Seeks to qualify for his 12th TOUR Championship; owns record for most seasons qualifying for TOUR Championship by a player in FedExCup era (11); Best finish in the FedExCup is second (2016)
- Makes 11th start at the BMW Championship with two victories among four top-10 finishes (1st/2010, T6/2012, T7/2015, 1st/2016)

Justin Thomas (No. 2 FedExCup, No. 3 OWGR)

- Claimed the No. 1 spot in the 2020 Wyndham Rewards Top 10 by entering the Playoffs at No. 1 in the FedExCup
- Only player with three victories this season (THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, Sentry Tournament of Champions, World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational)
- Looks to join Nick Price, Jack Nicklaus, Billy Casper and Sam Snead as back-to-back winners of BMW Championship since World War II
- Makes sixth start at the BMW Championship (T13/2015, T32/2016, T47/2017, T12/2018, 1st/2019)
- Makes sixth appearance in the FedExCup Playoffs (32nd/2015, 12th/2016, 1st/2017, 7th/2018, 3rd/2019)

Daniel Berger (No. 4 FedExCup, No. 13 OWGR)

- Owns four top-three finishes in PGA TOUR's Return to Golf, the most of any player; includes win at Charles Schwab Challenge, the first event when the season resumed
- Reached a career-best seven top-10 finishes in a season with a third-place finish at THE NORTHERN TRUST
- At No. 4 in the FedExCup, seeks his first start at the TOUR Championship since 2017
- Finished runner-up in 2015 BMW Championship, his first of three appearances at this event (T10/2016, T33/2017)

Collin Morikawa (No. 5 FedExCup, No. 5 OWGR)

- One of five multiple winners this season with victories at the Workday Charity Open and the PGA Championship
- Makes his second start at the BMW Championship (T48/2019)
- Makes second appearance in the FedExCup Playoffs after finishing No. 59 in 2019 as a rookie
- Has missed two cuts in 28 starts as a professional

Bryson DeChambeau (No. 7 FedExCup, No. 8 OWGR)

- Leads PGA TOUR in Strokes Gained: Off-the-Tee, Driving Distance, Strokes Gained: Total and Final Round Scoring Average
- Nine top-10s in 15 starts this season includes victory at Rocket Mortgage Classic
- Makes his fourth start at the BMW Championship (T33/2017, T19/2018, T48/2019)
- Makes fourth appearance in the FedExCup Playoffs (49th/2017, 3rd/2018, 12th/2019)
- Won the 2015 U.S. Amateur at Olympia Fields CC, tying the record for the fewest number of holes needed to win the title under the current format (103 holes)

Jon Rahm (No. 9 FedExCup, No. 2 OWGR)

- Owns lowest scoring average (67.50) at BMW Championship (minimum nine rounds)
- Makes his fourth start at the BMW Championship (T5/2017, T24/2018, T5/2019)
- Makes fourth appearance in the FedExCup Playoffs (5th/2017, 23rd/2018, 12th/2019)

Rory McIlroy (No. 12 FedExCup, No. 4 OWGR)

- Two-time FedExCup champion (2016, 2019) seeks to become first player to win the FedExCup in consecutive seasons
- Tied with Dustin Johnson for most wins in FedExCup Playoffs (five)
- Makes his 10th start at the BMW Championship where victory in 2012 is one of four top-10s (1st/2012, T8/2014, T4/2015, 5th/2018)
- In six starts prior to the suspension of the season: six top-fivess (including a win at WGC-HSBC Champions); in seven starts since resumption of the season: no top-10s (best finish: T11/Travelers Championship)

Tiger Woods (No. 57 FedExCup, No. 17 OWGR)

- In search of record-breaking 83rd PGA TOUR victory; tied Sam Snead with 82nd win at ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP in the fall
- Makes 19th start at the BMW Championship, an event he has won five times (1997, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2009)
- Makes ninth appearance in the FedExCup Playoffs, advancing to TOUR Championship five times while claiming the FedExCup twice (1st/2007, 1st/2009, 3rd/2012, 2nd/2013, 2nd/2018)

Additional Player Notes

- After finishing No. 149 in the FedExCup in 2019 and failing to advance to the FedExCup Playoffs for the first time in his career **Harris English**, currently No. 6, seeks to reach the TOUR Championship for the second time; comes into the BMW Championship off six consecutive top-25 finishes, including a runner-up at THE NORTHERN TRUST last week; former Georgia Bulldog won the Olympia Fields Invitational in 2009
- **Sungjae Im**, currently No. 8 in the FedExCup, is one of four players who have ranked inside the top 30 of the FedExCup in every week this season
- **Scottie Scheffler**, who posted a 12-under 59 in round two of last week's THE NORTHERN TRUST en route to a T4 finish, sits No. 14 in the FedExCup and the highest-ranked PGA TOUR rookie heading into the BMW Championship
- Wyndham Championship winner **Jim Herman** and 3M Open champion **Michael Thompson** were two (of four) players who had to improve over 100 positions in the FedExCup standings to qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs since the Return to Golf (Tom Lewis, Brooks Koepka failed to advance to BMW Championship)

Tournament Notes

- Olympia Fields Country Club hosts the BMW Championship for the sixth time, but first since 1971
- Past BMW Championship winners at Olympia Fields CC: Bruce Crampton/1971, Jack Nicklaus/1968, Macdonald Smith/1933, Walter Hagen/1927, Jock Hutchison/1920
- Low round of the week last time a PGA TOUR event was played at Olympia Fields CC: 7-under 63 by Vijay Singh in second round of 2003 U.S. Open
- Winning score at BMW Championship has been 20-under or better last five years
- International winners of BMW Championship last 30 years: Marc Leishman/Australia/2017, Jason Day/Australia/2015, Rory McIlroy/Northern Ireland/2012, Justin Rose/England/2011, Camilo Villegas/Colombian/2008, Trevor Immelman/South Africa/2006, Stephen Ames/Canada/2004, Robert Allenby/Australia/2000, Nick Price/Zimbabwe/1994 & 1993
- Back-to-back winners of BMW Championship last 100 years: Nick Price (1993, 1994), Jack Nicklaus (1967, 1968), Billy Casper (1965, 1966), Sam Snead (1949, 1950), Ralph Guldahl (1936, 1937, 1938), Walter Hagen (1926, 1927)

Tournament Records

- Low 18-hole score: 59 (Jim Furyk/R2/2013)
- Low first 36-hole total: 124 (Jason Day/2015)
- Low first 54-hole total: 193 (Jason Day/2015, Justin Rose/2018)
- Low 72-hole total: 260 (Justin Rose/2018, Keegan Bradley/2018)
- Largest margin of victory: 8 (Lloyd Mangrum/1952, Steve Stricker/1996, Tiger Woods/2009)
- Playoffs: 14 (most recent: Keegan Bradley def. Justin Rose, 2018)
- Wire-to-wire winners: 6 (most recent; Marc Leishman/2017)