



2020 Charles Schwab Challenge Pre-Tournament Notes

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Dates: June 8-14, 2020

Where: Fort Worth, Texas

Course: Colonial Country Club (70/7,209)

Defending champion: Kevin Na

Purse: \$7,500,000 (\$1,350,000/winner)

FedExCup: 500 points to the winner

Field size: 148

Format: 72-hole stroke play

Things to Know

- The Charles Schwab Challenge marks the PGA TOUR’s return to competition after a 12-week hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- The 91-day gap between the cancellation of THE PLAYERS Championship and the first round of the Charles Schwab Challenge represents the longest unscheduled break from PGA TOUR competition since WWII
- Each of the top-five players in the Official World Golf Ranking are in the field, highlighted by reigning FedExCup champion and World No. 1 Rory McIlroy
- 101 players in the field have won on the PGA TOUR, the most of any tournament outside of THE PLAYERS Championship in the FedExCup era
- Sergio Garcia is the only player since 1990 to earn his first PGA TOUR victory at the Charles Schwab Challenge

Brief COVID-19/PGA TOUR timeline (full timeline attached to notes)

- March 12 (a.m.) – No fans in attendance from second round of THE PLAYERS Championship through the Valero Texas Open
- March 12 (p.m.) – Events canceled across all Tours through the Valero Texas Open
- March 17 – Cancellation of four additional events: RBC Heritage, Zurich Classic of New Orleans, Wells Fargo Championship, AT&T Byron Nelson
- April 6 – Wyndham Championship, FedExCup Playoffs pushed back one week; cancellation of The Open Championship; rescheduled dates of the Masters Tournament, U.S. Open and PGA Championship
- April 17 – Moved scheduled resumption date at Charles Schwab Challenge from May 18-24 to June 8-14; shifted several other events around; cancellation of the Barbasol Championship, RBC Canadian Open; released fall portion of 2020-21 schedule
- May 28 – Cancellation of the John Deere Classic, plan to fill that week on the schedule with a new tournament
- June 2 – Workday agrees to serve as title sponsor for an official TOUR event (July 6-12, Muirfield Village Golf Club)
- June 8 – Tournament week begins at the Charles Schwab Challenge (91 days since cancellation of THE PLAYERS)

Notes on the Field

- 101 PGA TOUR winners, the most of any tournament outside of THE PLAYERS Championship in the FedExCup era (previous: 98, 2007 Wells Fargo Championship)
- All five of the top five in the Official World Golf Ranking, the first such field at the event in the OWGR era (1986-present) and the first on TOUR since 2020 The Genesis Invitational
- Each player ranked ninth or higher in the FedExCup standings (No. 10 Hideki Matsuyama is not in the field)
- 14 past Charles Schwab Challenge winners: Keith Clearwater (1987), Tom Lehman (1995), David Frost (1997), Olin Browne (1999), Sergio Garcia (2001), Rory Sabbatini (2007), Phil Mickelson (2000, 2008), Steve Stricker (2009), Zach Johnson (2010, 2012), Chris Kirk (2015), Jordan Spieth (2016), Kevin Kisner (2017), Justin Rose (2018), Kevin Na (2019)
- Seven of 11 FedExCup champions: Jim Furyk (2010), Bill Haas (2011), Billy Horschel (2014), Jordan Spieth (2015), Justin Thomas (2017), Justin Rose (2018), Rory McIlroy (2016, 2019)

A look back at the 2019 Charles Schwab Challenge

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Kevin Na	70	62	69	66	267 (-13)
2	Tony Finau	64	68	71	68	271 (-9)
T3	C.T. Pan	68	67	68	69	272 (-8)

T3	Andrew Putnam	69	70	67	66	272 (-8)
T5	Jonas Blixt	67	64	74	68	273 (-7)

- Kevin Na won his third PGA TOUR title in his 392nd career start
- Second-round 62 was his third round of 62 or better at the event (did so twice in 2018), becoming the first player to reach that mark in tournament history
- Jordan Spieth finished T8, recording back-to-back top-10s on TOUR for the first time in over a year

Charles Schwab Challenge and the FedExCup

- 23rd official FedExCup event in the 2019-20 season
- 11 of the 13 winners of the event have advanced to the season-ending TOUR Championship in the FedExCup era (Chris Kirk/2015, Kevin Na/2019 did not)
- In 2018, Justin Rose became the first player to win the event and go on to win the FedExCup in the same season

Current FedExCup standings

- The top 10 in the FedExCup at the conclusion of the PGA TOUR Regular Season will be recognized through the Wyndham Rewards Top 10 program and be well-positioned entering the FedExCup Playoffs
- Each player currently No. 9 or higher is within reach of the No. 1 position this week
- Sungjae Im took the lead after the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, becoming the third-youngest player to take over the FedExCup lead (21 years, 344 days)

Pos.	Player	Points	Wins	Top-10s	Pts. Behind	Starts	Projected Bonus
1	Sungjae Im	1,458	1	5	-	14	\$2 million
2	Justin Thomas	1,403	2	5	55	8	\$1.5 million
3	Rory McIlroy	1,179	1	6	279	6	\$1.2 million
4	Brendon Todd	1,110	2	3	348	14	\$1.1 million
5	Webb Simpson	1,083	1	4	375	5	\$1 million
6	Patrick Reed	1,077	1	4	381	8	\$850,000
7	Marc Leishman	1,059	1	3	399	9	\$700,000
8	Lanto Griffin	1,026	1	3	432	16	\$600,000
9	Sebastián Muñoz	1,006	1	3	452	15	\$550,000
10	Hideki Matsuyama	869	0	4	589	11	\$500,000

World No. 1 and reigning FedExCup champion Rory McIlroy

World No. 1

- Holds the No. 1 position in the Official World Golf Ranking for the 101st week, recently becoming the third player in history (est. 1986) to reach 100 weeks (Tiger Woods/683, Greg Norman/331)
- Five wins when entering the week No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking: 2012 Dell Technologies Championship, 2012 BMW Championship, 2014 PGA Championship, 2015 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, 2015 Wells Fargo Championship
- Last World No. 1 to win the Charles Schwab Challenge: Adam Scott (2014)
- Last World No. 1 to win on TOUR: Brooks Koepka (2019 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational)

Strong Play in 2019-20

- No. 3 in the FedExCup standings with one win (WGC-HSBC Champions) and five additional top-fives in six starts
- Currently leads the PGA TOUR in the following statistical categories:

Statistic	Value
Scoring Average	68.437
Par-5 Scoring Average	4.40
Scrambling	70.40%
Top-10s	6

- With a T5 at the 2020 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, became the second player since 2000 with top-fives in seven or more consecutive starts on TOUR (Tiger Woods holds the longest streak in that span at 11)

Tournament	Finish
2020 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard	T5

2020 WGC-Mexico Championship	5th
2020 The Genesis Invitational	T5
2020 Farmers Insurance Open	T3
2019 WGC-HSBC Champions	Win
2019 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP	T3
2019 TOUR Championship	Win

Tournament Debut

- Making his tournament debut at the Charles Schwab Challenge
- Two of his 18 career victories have come in tournament debuts (2010 Wells Fargo Championship, 2019 RBC Canadian Open)
- In his most recent tournament debut on TOUR, finished T3 at the inaugural ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP during the fall portion of the 2019-20 season

Defending champion Kevin Na (FedExCup No. 11, World No. 30)

- Making 14th start at the Charles Schwab Challenge, where he owns five top-10 finishes (T7/2007, T9/2009, T10/2015, 4th/2018, Won/2019)
- Owns four rounds of 63 or better at the Charles Schwab Challenge, most of any player at this event since 1983 (61/R4/2018, 62/R2/2019, 62/R1/2018, 63/R1/2007)
- One of five players with a win in each of the last three TOUR seasons (Justin Thomas, Rory McIlroy, Patrick Reed, Tiger Woods)
- Only player to successfully defend title at Charles Schwab Challenge: Ben Hogan (1953)

Jon Rahm (FedExCup No. 21, World No. 2)

- Two top-fives in three starts at the event (T2/2017, T5/2018)
- Three-time PGA TOUR winner (2017 Farmers Insurance Open, 2018 The American Express, 2019 Zurich Classic of New Orleans with Ryan Palmer)
- Four top-10s in five starts during the 2019-20 season, highlighted by a runner-up at the Farmers Insurance Open and T3 at the WGC-Mexico Championship

Brooks Koepka (FedExCup No. 213, World No. 3)

- Limited to five starts to date during the 2019-20 season due to knee injury (withdrew from THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES on October 18 and did not return until The Genesis Invitational in February)
- In his only start at the event, shot a pair of 63s (R2, R4) to finish runner-up in 2018
- Marks the only start of his PGA TOUR career at which he recorded multiple sub-65 scores
- Seven-time TOUR winner and four-time major champion (2017 U.S. Open, 2018 U.S. Open, 2018 PGA Championship, 2019 PGA Championship)

Justin Thomas (FedExCup No. 2, World No. 4)

- One of two players with multiple wins during the 2019-20 season (THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, Sentry Tournament of Champions), along with Brendon Todd
- Making tournament debut (PGA TOUR wins in tournament debuts: 2015 CIMB Classic, 2017 THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES)
- 49 career top-10s on the PGA TOUR

Dustin Johnson (FedExCup No. 111, World No. 5)

- Two top-10s in four starts during the 2019-20 season (T7/Sentry Tournament of Champions, T10/The Genesis Invitational)
- Making third start at the Charles Schwab Challenge (T74/2008, T14/2014)
- 20-time PGA TOUR winner (tied for 34th all-time)
- In search of first victory of the season; active streak of wins in 12 straight seasons to start his career is the fourth-longest of all-time (17/Jack Nicklaus, 17/Arnold Palmer, 14/Tiger Woods)

FedExCup leader Sungjae Im (World No. 23)

- Took over the FedExCup lead after a third-place result at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard
- At age 21 years, 344 days, became the third player to hold the FedExCup lead before turning 22 and the second this season (youngest: Joaquin Niemann/after 2019 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier; second-youngest: Jordan Spieth/after 2015 Masters Tournament)
- Won his first PGA TOUR title at The Honda Classic earlier in the season

- Top-three results on TOUR in 2019-20 (4): Won/The Honda Classic, P2/Sanderson Farms Championship, 3rd/Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, T3/ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP

Tournament records

- Lowest 18-hole score: 61 (seven times; most recent: Kevin Na/R4, 2018)
- Lowest 36-hole score: 124 (David Toms/2011)
- Lowest 54-hole score: 192 (Kenny Perry/2005)
- Lowest 72-hole score: 259 (Zach Johnson/2010)
- Largest margin of victory: 8 strokes (Chandler Harper/1955)
- Playoffs: 11 (most recent: 2014/Adam Scott def. Jason Dufner)
- Best come-from-behind win: 7 strokes (Nick Price/1994)