



2019 Hero World Challenge pre-tournament notes

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Dates: December 1-7, 2019

Where: Albany (New Providence, Bahamas)

Par/Yards: 72/7,309

2018 champion: Jon Rahm

Purse: \$3,500,000/\$1,000,000 (winner)

FedExCup: N/A

Format: 72-hole stroke play

Field: 18

Things to know

- Five-time winner and tournament host Tiger Woods set to compete before leading the United States team at next week's Presidents Cup in Australia
- 11 of the 12 members of the U.S. Presidents Cup team are in the field
- Jon Rahm, the field's highest ranked player in the Official World Golf Ranking, returns to defend 2018 title
- Competition will conclude on Saturday to accommodate Presidents Cup participants' travel to Australia

A look back at the 2018 Hero World Challenge

- In tournament debut, Jon Rahm won the Hero World Challenge by four shots over Tony Finau
- Justin Rose played his final five holes in 4-under to finish third
- Henrik Stenson recorded his fifth top-five in six starts at the event
- Tournament host and five-time champion Tiger Woods finished 17th

Field notes to know

- Five past champions: Tiger Woods (2001, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2011), Jordan Spieth (2014), Bubba Watson (2015), Rickie Fowler (2017), Jon Rahm (2018)
- Four FedExCup champions: Tiger Woods (2007, 2009), Jordan Spieth (2015), Justin Thomas (2017), Justin Rose (2018)
- Two 2019-20 tournament winners: Justin Thomas (THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES), Tiger Woods (ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP)
- Dustin Johnson withdrew prior to the start of the tournament and was replaced in the field by Chez Reavie (making tournament debut)

Player notes

Tiger Woods

- Tournament host and five-time winner (2001, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008)
- Has five runner-up finishes in addition to five wins (most recent: 2013)
- Finished 17th in 2018 with rounds of 73-69-72-73
- Will serve as the second playing captain in Presidents Cup history next week after using one of his four initial Captain's Picks to select himself
- Captured 82nd PGA TOUR victory at the 2019 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP, tying Sam Snead for the most all-time
- Will enter the new year at No. 12 in the FedExCup standings

Jon Rahm

- Won 2018 Hero World Challenge in his tournament debut
- At No. 3, is the highest ranked player in the field in the Official World Golf Ranking

- Did not make a start in the fall portion of the 2019-20 PGA TOUR schedule
- Finished tied for 12th in the final 2018-19 FedExCup standings; earned a victory at the 2019 Zurich Classic of New Orleans with partner Ryan Palmer, one of 12 top-10s on the season

Justin Thomas

- Making third start at the Hero World Challenge (11th/2017, T12/2018)
- Won 11th PGA TOUR title at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES in the fall portion of the 2019-20 schedule, winning on TOUR for the fifth consecutive season
- Will make second appearance for the United States at next week's Presidents Cup

Miscellaneous player notes

- 11 of the 12 players representing the United States at next week's Presidents Cup are in the field (only Dustin Johnson is not)
- **Patrick Cantlay** finished T5 in his Hero World Challenge debut in 2018 and lost in a playoff in his most recent start on the PGA TOUR (defeated by Kevin Na at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open)
- **Henrik Stenson** has finished in the top five in five of his six starts at the Hero World Challenge (4th/2006, T5/2007, 2nd/2014, 2nd/2016, 17th/2017, 4th/2018)
- **Chez Reavie** is the only player in the field making his tournament debut

Tournament records and history

- 18-hole score: 61 (**Rickie Fowler**/R4/2017)
- 72-hole score: 262 (**Jordan Spieth**/2014)
- Margin of victory: 10 (**Jordan Spieth**/2014)
- Come-from-behind victory: 12 (**Tom Lehman**/2000)
- Playoffs: 2 (most recent: 2013/**Zach Johnson** def. **Tiger Woods**)

Hero World Challenge/ONE Bahamas Fund

- As part of ongoing relief and rebuilding efforts following Hurricane Dorian, the Hero World Challenge announced that additional donations will be made to the ONE Bahamas Fund through a charity challenge to the players
- The tournament will make a donation of \$500 for each birdie, \$1,000 for each eagle and \$2,500 for each hole-in-one made during competition rounds
- The ONE Bahamas Fund was created to support relief and rebuilding efforts in The Bahamas and to support its residents who were affected by Hurricane Dorian
- Founders Justin Timberlake, Tiger Woods, NEXUS Luxury Collection, Royal Bank of Canada and members from the Albany community collectively pledged \$6 million as a challenge gift, matching donations by the public dollar-for-dollar for the next \$6 million – with a goal of raising a minimum of \$12 million