



2020 Sentry Tournament of Champions
(12th of 49 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Kapalua, Maui, HI
The Plantation Course

January 2-5, 2020 **Purse: \$6,700,000 (\$1,340,000)**
Par/Yards: 36-37—73/7,596 **FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)**

First-Round Notes – Thursday, January 2, 2020

Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 80. Wind N/NE 16-22 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Joaquin Niemann	66 (-7)
Justin Thomas	67 (-6)
Matt Kuchar	68 (-5)
Rickie Fowler	68 (-5)

Things to Know

- In his first start at the Sentry Tournament of Champions, Joaquin Niemann collected seven birdies en route to his second 18-hole lead on the PGA TOUR
- In his eighth start, Matt Kuchar opened with a bogey-free 5-under 68, marking his 95th career bogey-free round on the PGA TOUR
- Rickie Fowler made 16 of 16 putts from inside 10 feet, marking the first time in 12 career rounds at The Plantation Course at Kapalua where Fowler made every putt from inside 10 feet
- Defending champion Xander Schauffele opened 4-under 69 as he tries to become the first player since 2009-10 to go back-to-back at the event

First-Round Lead Notes

- 11 First-round leaders/co-leaders at the Sentry Tournament of Champions to win
Most recent: Dustin Johnson/2013 (54-hole event)
- 1 First-round leader/co-leader to win this season: Tiger Woods/ZOZO Championship

Joaquin Niemann (66/-7)

Age: 21 (11/7/1998)

Joined TOUR: 2018

Entering the week

#8	FedExCup
#58	OWGR
0	Starts at Sentry Tournament of Champions
49	PGA TOUR starts
1	PGA TOUR win
9	Top-10s on PGA TOUR
6	PGA TOUR starts in 2019-20

- Hit 11/15 fairways, 17/18 greens and required 29 putts en route to a bogey-free 7-under 66 including seven birdies
- Shared the lead after the first round at the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide in 2018 (finished T6)
- The last time he led/co-led after any round on the PGA TOUR was at the 2019 A Military at The Greenbrier; he shared the second-round lead and led by two strokes after round three en route to a six-shot victory
- Qualified for the field with win at the 2019 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier
- Making first start at the event

Miscellaneous Notes

- Defending champion **Xander Schauffele** (T5) opened with a 4-under 69 in his third consecutive start at the Sentry Tournament of Champions; opened with 1-under 72 in two prior starts
- 2017 Sentry Tournament of Champions winner **Justin Thomas** (2) notched six birdies en route to a 6-under 67; qualified for the event with his victory at the 2019 BMW Championship
- **Matt Kuchar** (T3) opened with a bogey-free 5-under 68, marking his 95th career bogey-free round on the PGA TOUR
- **Rickie Fowler** (T3) made 16 of 16 putts from inside 10 feet, marking the first time in 12 career rounds at The Plantation Course at Kapalua where Fowler made every putt from inside 10 feet
- Two-time winner of the event (2013, 2018), **Dustin Johnson** (T16), made 166' 1" of putts en route to his 1-under 72, marking his second most feet of putts made in a round on the PGA TOUR
- **Patrick Reed** (T16), the 2015 Sentry Tournament of Champions winner, opened with a 1-under 72; qualified for the event with win at THE 2019 NORTHERN TRUST
- **Niemann** and **Fowler** were the only two players to make every putt from inside 10 feet in round one (both went 16 of 16)

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Matt Kuchar (68), Joaquin Niemann (66), Justin Thomas (67), Xander Schauffele (69)

First-round Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.735	35.971	71.706	---