



2020 THE NORTHERN TRUST Pre-Tournament Notes

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Dates: August 20-23, 2020

Where: Norton, Massachusetts

Course: TPC Boston (36-35—71/7,308 yards)

Field size: 124

Defending champion: Patrick Reed

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

FedExCup: 1,500 points to the winner

Format: 72-hole stroke play

Things to know

- TPC Boston hosts THE NORTHERN TRUST for the first time; served as venue for the second FedExCup Playoffs event from 2007 to 2018 before the Playoffs were consolidated to three tournaments in 2019; also hosted tournaments from 2003 to 2006 with wins by Adam Scott (2003) and Tiger Woods (2006) who are both in this week's field
- Two-time FedExCup champion Tiger Woods is in search of record-breaking 83rd PGA TOUR victory; Woods has four wins during the FedExCup Playoffs, tied with Dustin Johnson for second-most all-time
- Justin Thomas enters the week No. 1 in the FedExCup standings; the leader entering the FedExCup Playoffs has gone on to win the FedExCup three times (Tiger Woods/2007, Woods/2009, Jordan Spieth/2015)
- The winner of THE NORTHERN TRUST has gone on to win the FedExCup once (Vijay Singh/2008)
- Phil Mickelson, the only player to qualify for the BMW Championship in all 13 seasons since the inception of the FedExCup, is currently No. 67 in the FedExCup standings
- Due to schedule changes related to COVID-19, FedExCup points available during the three Playoffs events have been reduced from four times standard Regular Season events to three times (winner receives 1,500 points)

Notes on the field

- 124 of the top 125 in the FedExCup standings (No. 75 Vaughn Taylor is not in the field)
- Seven FedExCup champions: Tiger Woods (2007, 2009), Brandt Snedeker (2012), Billy Horschel (2014), Jordan Spieth (2015), Justin Thomas (2017), Justin Rose (2018), Rory McIlroy (2016, 2019)
- 25 of the top 25 and 40 of the top 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking, led by No. 1 Jon Rahm, No. 2 Justin Thomas and No. 3 Rory McIlroy
- 15 players making their FedExCup Playoffs debut (including eight rookies*): Cameron Davis, Matthew Fitzpatrick, Lanto Griffin, Scott Harrington*, Harry Higgs*, Bo Hoag*, Viktor Hovland*, Tom Lewis*, Maverick McNealy*, Matthew NeSmith*, Henrik Norlander, Doc Redman, Scottie Scheffler*, Robby Shelton, Xijun Zhang
- Nine players who have won at TPC Boston: Adam Scott (2003), Tiger Woods (2006), Phil Mickelson (2007), Charley Hoffman (2010), Webb Simpson (2011), Rickie Fowler (2015), Rory McIlroy (2012, 2016), Justin Thomas (2017), Bryson DeChambeau (2018)

THE NORTHERN TRUST and the FedExCup

- The top 70 players in the FedExCup standings following THE NORTHERN TRUST advance to the BMW Championship
- Four players played their way into the BMW Championship in 2019; full history of player movement can be found below
- Only Vijay Singh in 2008 has won THE NORTHERN TRUST and the FedExCup in the same season
- Patrick Reed finished T9 in the final FedExCup standings following his win in 2019
- 2019-20 Wyndham Rewards Top 10 below:

Pos.	Player	Points	Wins	Top-10s	Points Behind	Starts	Wyndham Rewards bonus
1	Justin Thomas	2,458	3	9		15	\$2 million
2	Collin Morikawa	1,902	2	6	556	18	\$1.5 million
3	Webb Simpson	1,878	2	7	580	12	\$1.2 million
4	Bryson DeChambeau	1,657	1	9	801	14	\$1.1 million
5	Sungjae Im	1,633	1	7	825	23	\$1.0 million
6	Patrick Reed	1,426	1	7	1,032	17	\$850,000
7	Daniel Berger	1,347	1	6	1,111	14	\$700,000

8	Rory McIlroy	1,327	1	6	1,131	12	\$600,000
9	Brendon Todd	1,316	2	3	1,142	22	\$550,000
10	Jon Rahm	1,295	1	5	1,163	12	\$500,000

Notable players outside the BMW Championship bubble

Pos.	Player	Points	Points Behind No. 70
88	Rickie Fowler	381	93
89	Tommy Fleetwood	380	94
97	Brooks Koepka	360	114
100	Jordan Spieth	354	120
109	Justin Rose	313	161
122	Shane Lowry	283	191

Players who entered THE NORTHERN TRUST outside the line for the next Playoffs event and went on to qualify

Year	No.	Player	Finish	Entered	After	Increase
2019-PRESENT: TOP 70 TO THE BMW CHAMPIONSHIP						
2019	4	Harold Varner III	T3	102	29	73
		Troy Merritt	T12	72	59	13
		Wyndham Clark	T18	90	68	22
		Joaquin Niemann	T30	74	70	4
2009 – 2018: TOP 100 TO THE DELL TECHNOLOGIES CHAMPIONSHIP						
2018	6	Nick Watney	T11	102	67	35
		Bronson Burgoon	T11	111	73	38
		Jhonattan Vegas	T15	123	87	36
		Scott Stallings	T28	107	94	13
		Danny Lee	T34	103	98	5
		Brian Stuard	T25	118	99	19
2017	3	Harold Varner III	T20	123	91	32
		Bubba Watson	T10	113	72	41
		David Lingmerth	T29	103	87	16
2016	5	Sung Kang	T18	122	88	34
		Derek Fathauer	T31	118	99	19
		John Huh	T31	111	90	21
		Sean O’Hair	T2	108	15	93
		Tyrone Van Aswegen	T41	104	93	11
2015	8	Camilo Villegas	T30	123	99	24
		Luke Donald	T24	119	87	32
		Spencer Levin	T16	115	80	35
		Mark Wilson	T24	114	85	29
		Carlos Ortiz	T24	112	83	29
		Zac Blair	T4	106	45	61
		Jason Dufner	T30	103	82	21
		Johnson Wagner	T45	101	92	9
2014	7	Morgan Hoffmann	T9	124	72	52
		Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano	T15	119	81	38
		Paul Casey	T22	118	85	33
		Danny Lee	T38	116	96	20
		Andres Romero	T38	110	92	18
		Stewart Cink	T15	109	77	32
		Bo Van Pelt	T13	104	73	31
2013	5	Stuart Appleby	T41	123	96	27
		Greg Chalmers	T37	122	93	29
		Erik Compton	T43	117	94	23
		Camilo Villegas	T54	110	100	10
		Martin Kaymer	T50	103	90	13
2012	6	Jason Day	T24	113	88	25
		David Hearn	T10	108	67	41

		Bob Estes	T10	103	62	41
		Tommy Gainey	T38	102	91	11
		Jonas Blixt	T46	101	97	4
		Graham DeLaet	T5	106	44	62
2011	8	William McGirt	T24	125	96	29
		Padraig Harrington	T13	124	80	44
		Ernie Els	T32	118	99	19
		Ian Poulter	T18	114	78	36
		Camilo Villegas	T6	109	51	58
		Chris Stroud	T18	106	75	31
		John Merrick	T43	104	98	6
		Bill Lunde	T32	103	85	18
2010	6	Andres Romero	T52	115	100	15
		Troy Matteson	T36	114	88	26
		Tiger Woods	T12	112	65	47
		J.P Hayes	T27	108	76	32
		Ryuji Imada	T27	107	73	34
		Kevin Streelman	T3	102	18	84
2009	4	Troy Matteson	T20	125	83	42
		Heith Slocum	Won	124	3	121
		Richard S. Johnson	T31	108	85	23
		Fredrik Jacobson	T6	107	48	59
2007, 2008: TOP 120 TO THE DELL TECHNOLOGIES CHAMPIONSHIP						
2008	15	Lee Janzen	T48	144	119	25
		Glen Day	T24	143	111	32
		Jeff Overton	T38	142	115	27
		Justin Bolli	T48	141	116	25
		Jesper Parnevik	T24	139	105	34
		Frank Lickliter II	64th	136	112	24
		J.J Henry	T55	135	110	25
		Michael Allen	T65	134	108	26
		Tim Herron	T24	133	99	34
		Ryan Palmer	T62	132	106	26
		Angel Cabrera	T19	131	93	38
		Martin Laird	T7	128	67	61
		Jason Day	T31	127	96	31
		Tim Petrovic	T38	126	97	29
		Richard S. Johnson	T68	122	95	27
2007	2	Rich Beem	T7	134	113	21
		Doug LaBelle	T41	121	120	1

Players who have moved into the cutoff following THE NORTHERN TRUST multiple times (5)

- Harold Varner III (2017, 2019)
- Camilo Villegas (2011, 2013, 2015)
- Andres Romero (2010, 2014)
- Jason Day (2008, 2012)
- Richard S. Johnson (2008, 2009)

Rookies in the FedExCup Playoffs (8)

There are eight rookies in the 2019 FedExCup Playoffs, four shy of the record set in 2017 (12). There were eight rookies in the 2019 FedExCup Playoffs, while only PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year Sungjae Im advanced the TOUR Championship

- Scott Harrington (94)
- Harry Higgs (72)
- Bo Hoag (124)
- Viktor Hovland (28)
- Tom Lewis (123)
- Maverick McNealy (58)

- Matthew NeSmith (93)
- Scottie Scheffler (24)

Others making FedExCup Playoffs debut (7)

- Cameron Davis (91)
- Matthew Fitzpatrick (51)
- Lanto Griffin (12)
- Henrik Norlander (68)
- Doc Redman (60)
- Robby Shelton (81)
- Xijun Zhang (70)

Players who have advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs each season (9)

Nine players have qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs in each season since the inception of the FedExCup in 2007. Only Phil Mickelson (No. 67) has qualified for the BMW Championship each season.

- Charley Hoffman (111)
- Charles Howell III (64)
- Matt Kuchar (63)
- Phil Mickelson (67)
- Ryan Moore (96)
- Justin Rose (109)
- Adam Scott (36)
- Brandt Snedeker (98)
- Bubba Watson (66)

A look back at 2019 THE NORTHERN TRUST

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Patrick Reed	66	66	67	69	268 (-16)
2	Abraham Ancer	67	65	68	69	269 (-15)
T3	Jon Rahm	64	68	69	69	270 (-14)
T3	Harold Varner III	67	67	68	68	270 (-14)
5	Adam Scott	68	69	69	65	271 (-13)

- Patrick Reed won his seventh PGA TOUR title and second at THE NORTHERN TRUST, becoming the seventh player with multiple victories at the event
- Reed began the week No. 50 in the FedExCup standings and moved to No. 2 entering the BMW Championship
- Four players played their way into the BMW Championship: Harold Varner III, Troy Merritt, Wyndham Clark, Joaquin Niemann

Player notes

FedExCup leader Justin Thomas (No. 2 OWGR)

- Earned No. 1 spot in the 2020 Wyndham Rewards Top 10 by entering the Playoffs as the FedExCup leader
- FedExCup leaders entering the Playoffs to win the FedExCup: Tiger Woods/2007, Woods/2009, Jordan Spieth/2015
- Won the 2017 Dell Technologies Championship at TPC Boston and went on to win the FedExCup
- 38-under par combined during the 2019 FedExCup Playoffs, best on TOUR (finished No. 3 in the FedExCup)
- Second-lowest Scoring Average (Actual) in FedExCup Playoffs history (minimum 60 rounds) at 68.70
- Has qualified for the TOUR Championship in each of the last four seasons, tied with Gary Woodland for the fifth-longest active streak on TOUR (longest: 11, Dustin Johnson)

Collin Morikawa (No. 2 FedExCup, No. 5 OWGR)

- Won PGA Championship in his most recent start, his first career major title and third PGA TOUR victory
- Two-time winner during the Regular Season (Workday Charity Open, PGA Championship)
- Making second appearance in the FedExCup Playoffs; was one of eight rookies to qualify in 2019 and finished No. 59 in the FedExCup
- Has missed one cut in 27 starts as a professional (2020 Travelers Championship)

Rory McIlroy (No. 8 FedExCup, No. 3 OWGR)

- Two-time FedExCup champion (2016, 2019), tied with Tiger Woods for the most all-time
- No player has ever won the FedExCup in consecutive seasons
- Five wins during the FedExCup Playoffs, the most all-time (2012 Dell Technologies Championship, 2012 BMW Championship, 2016 Dell Technologies Championship, 2016 TOUR Championship, 2019 TOUR Championship)
- In six starts prior to the suspension of the season: six top-fives (including a win at the WGC-HSBC Champions)
- In six starts since the resumption of the season: no top-10s (best finish: T11/Travelers Championship)

Dustin Johnson (No. 15 FedExCup, No. 4 OWGR)

- Won 21st PGA TOUR title at the 2020 Travelers Championship and finished second at the PGA Championship in his most recent start
- 11 straight appearances in the TOUR Championship, the longest active streak on TOUR
- Four-time winner in the FedExCup Playoffs, tied with Tiger Woods for second-most all-time
- 18 top-10s in the FedExCup Playoffs, tied with Adam Scott for most all-time
- Lowest aggregate score on par 5s (204-under) and most Eagles (21) in FedExCup Playoffs history
- Has never won the FedExCup but has finished in the top 10 of the standings seven times

Tiger Woods (No. 49 FedExCup, No. 16 OWGR)

- In search of record-breaking 83rd PGA TOUR victory; tied Sam Snead with his win at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP in the fall
- Won the 2006 Dell Technologies Championship at TPC Boston
- Two-time FedExCup champion (2016, 2019), tied with Rory McIlroy for the most all-time
- Four-time winner in the FedExCup Playoffs, tied with Dustin Johnson for second-most all-time
- Lowest Scoring Average (Actual) in FedExCup Playoffs history (68.43 – minimum 60 rounds)

Miscellaneous notes

- A two-time winner during the Regular Season, **Webb Simpson** enters the FedExCup Playoffs at No. 3 in the standings and has finished the season in the top 10 once (No. 2, 2011)
- World No. 1 **Jon Rahm** holds the lowest Scoring Average (Actual) during the FedExCup Playoffs since 2012 (68.57)
- **Phil Mickelson** has qualified for the BMW Championship in each season during the FedExCup era, the only player to do so, and enters the week No. 67 in the standings
- **Brooks Koepka** has finished in the top 10 of the FedExCup standings in each of the last three seasons but enters the Playoffs at No. 97
- FedExCup No. 11 **Xander Schauffele** has finished 15th or better in the FedExCup in each of his three seasons on TOUR, highlighted by his No. 2 position in 2019
- **Bryson DeChambeau** leads the PGA TOUR in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee and is second in SG: Putting since the season resumed in June; in 2018, DeChambeau won THE NORTHERN TRUST at Ridgewood Country Club and the Dell Technologies Championship at TPC Boston in consecutive weeks