



### 2020 Travelers Championship Pre-Tournament Notes

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**Dates:** June 22-28, 2020

**Where:** Cromwell, Connecticut

**Course:** TPC River Highlands (35-35—70/6,841)

**Defending champion:** Chez Reavie

**Purse:** \$7,400,000/\$1,332,000 (winner)

**FedExCup:** 500 points to the winner

**Field size:** 156

**Format:** 72-hole stroke play

### Things to Know

- Chez Reavie looks to become the second player to successfully defend Travelers Championship title
- World No. 9 Patrick Cantlay, who shot a 60 as an amateur at the 2011 Travelers Championship, will make his first start since the resumption of the season
- A three-time All-American at Pepperdine, Sahith Theegala will make professional debut; tournament continues history of offering sponsor exemptions to rising stars
- Five players, including FedExCup leader Webb Simpson and World No. 4 Brooks Koepka, withdrew before the start of the tournament due to COVID-19-related concerns

### Notes on the Field

- Eight of the top 10 and 22 of the top 30 in the FedExCup standings, led by No. 2 Justin Thomas
- Seven of the top 10 in the Official World Golf Ranking, led by No. 1 Rory McIlroy
- 10 past champions of the Travelers Championship: Phil Mickelson (2001, 2002), J.J. Henry (2006), Hunter Mahan (2007), Stewart Cink (1997, 2008), Marc Leishman (2012), Kevin Streelman (2014), Russell Knox (2016), Jordan Spieth (2017), Bubba Watson (2010, 2015, 2018), Chez Reavie (2019)
- Eight different FedExCup champions: Vijay Singh (2008), Jim Furyk (2010), Brandt Snedeker (2012), Billy Horschel (2014), Jordan Spieth (2015), Justin Thomas (2017), Justin Rose (2018), Rory McIlroy (2016, 2019)

### A look back at the 2019 Travelers Championship

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Chez Reavie	65	66	63	69	263 (-17)
T2	Keegan Bradley	65	66	69	67	267 (-13)
T2	Zach Sucher	64	65	71	67	267 (-13)
4	Vaughn Taylor	68	66	69	65	268 (-12)

- Chez Reavie won his second PGA TOUR title
- Reavie's victory came 3,983 days after his first (2008 RBC Canadian Open), the 11th-longest span between first and second TOUR wins since 1900
- Following a 7-under 63 in round three, Reavie held a six-shot lead (largest 54-hole lead in Travelers Championship history)

### Travelers Championship and the FedExCup

- 25th official event of the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season
- 10 of the 13 winners of the event in the FedExCup era have advanced to the season-ending TOUR Championship
- The last five winners have all finished 10th or better in the final FedExCup standings
- No player has ever won the Travelers Championship and 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 ranked sixth or higher is within reach of the No. 1 position this week
- Webb Simpson moved to the No. 1 position for the first time since the 2013-14 season with his win at last week's RBC Heritage

Pos.	Player	Points	Wins	Top-10s	Pts. Behind	Starts	Projected Bonus
1	Webb Simpson	1,583	2	5	--	7	\$2 million
2	Justin Thomas	1,543	2	7	40	10	\$1.5 million
3	Sungjae Im	1,526	1	6	57	16	\$1.2 million
4	Rory McIlroy	1,213	1	6	370	8	\$1.1 million
5	Patrick Reed	1,165	1	5	418	10	\$1 million
6	Brendon Todd	1,110	2	3	473	16	\$850,000
7	Daniel Berger	1,091	1	5	492	11	\$700,000
8	Marc Leishman	1,059	1	3	524	10	\$600,000
9	Sebastián Muñoz	1,034	1	3	549	17	\$550,000
10	Lanto Griffin	1,026	1	3	557	18	\$500,000

### Additional Player Notes

#### Justin Thomas (FedExCup No. 2, World No. 3)

- Two wins on the season, his 11<sup>th</sup> (THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES) and 12<sup>th</sup> (Sentry Tournament of Champions) career PGA TOUR titles
- Closed with an 8-under 63 at last week's RBC Heritage to finish T8
- Making his sixth consecutive start at the Travelers Championship and seventh overall
- Best finish at the event: T3/2016
- Final-round 8-under 62 in 2016 marks his lone sub-par score in the final round at TPC River Highlands

#### Rory McIlroy (FedExCup No. 4, World No. 1)

- 18-time PGA TOUR winner (most recent: 2019 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions)
- Making third Travelers Championship appearance (T17/2017, T12/2018)
- Did not finish outside the top five in six starts prior to the suspension of play
- In two starts since competition resumed, finished T32 at the Charles Schwab Challenge and T41 at last week's RBC Heritage

#### Jon Rahm (FedExCup No. 25, World No. 2)

- Three-time PGA TOUR winner scheduled to make third Travelers Championship appearance (T64/2015, T25/2016)
- Collected four top-10s in five starts prior to the suspension of play
- In two starts since competition resumed, missed the cut at the Charles Schwab Challenge and finished T33 at last week's RBC Heritage

#### Bubba Watson (FedExCup No. 52, World No. 46)

- Three-time Travelers Championship winner (2010, 2015, 2018)
- Second-most wins all-time at the Travelers Championship; one behind Billy Casper (4)
- Win in 2010 was his first of 12 career PGA TOUR wins
- Of 48 rounds at the Travelers Championship, 41 have produced scores of par or better
- Finished T7 at the Charles Schwab Challenge in the first tournament back from the suspension of play (third top-10 of the season)

#### Dustin Johnson (FedExCup No. 103, World No. 6)

- Making his fourth appearance at Travelers Championship (T34/2008, WD/2009, T31/2014)
- Seeks his 21<sup>st</sup> title and 99<sup>th</sup> top-10 finish on the PGA TOUR
- In two starts since the TOUR returned to competition, missed the cut at the Charles Schwab Challenge and finished T17 at last week's RBC Heritage

- Carded four scores in the 60s at the RBC Heritage, doing so in a PGA TOUR event for the first time since the 2019 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational

#### **Phil Mickelson (FedExCup No. 95, World No. 66)**

- Making his seventh start at the Travelers Championship
- Among 44 PGA TOUR titles are the 2001 and 2002 Travelers Championship
- Only player in Travelers Championship history to successfully defend a title
- Five-time major champion seeks his first TOUR title since the 2019 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
- World Golf Hall of Fame Member turned 50 last week (June 16)

#### **Notable sponsor exemptions**

- Tournament has a long history of providing sponsor exemptions to top collegiate players or those that have recently turned professional
- Since 2007, players including Webb Simpson, Rickie Fowler, Morgan Hoffmann, Patrick Cantlay, Justin Thomas, Bryson DeChambeau and Jon Rahm have been granted exemptions by the tournament
- In 2019, Viktor Hovland (professional debut), Matthew Wolff (professional debut) and Collin Morikawa all received sponsor exemptions at the Travelers Championship before going on to win on TOUR in the next 12 months
- This week, three-time Pepperdine All-American and 2020 Ben Hogan Award winner Sahith Theegala will make his professional debut playing on a sponsor exemption
- 2019 SEC Player of the Year Will Gordon (Vanderbilt) will make his eighth career start on TOUR; enters the week with 134 non-member FedExCup points highlighted by a T10 at The RSM Classic

#### **Pre-tournament withdrawals**

- Cameron Champ withdrew after testing positive for COVID-19 on Tuesday
- Graeme McDowell withdrew out of an abundance of caution after his caddie, Ken Comboy, tested positive for COVID-19
- Brooks Koepka withdrew out of an abundance of caution after his caddie, Ricky Elliott, tested positive for COVID-19
- Webb Simpson withdrew out of an abundance of caution after a family member of his tested positive for COVID-19
- Chase Koepka withdrew out of an abundance of caution after playing a practice round with his brother, Brooks, and McDowell

#### **Miscellaneous tournament notes**

- Jim Furyk's final-round 58 in 2016 is the lowest 18-hole score in PGA TOUR history
- 17 players have picked up their first TOUR win at the Travelers Championship: Ken Duke (2013), Marc Leishman (2012), Freddie Jacobson (2011), Bubba Watson (2010), Hunter Mahan (2007), J.J. Henry (2006), Brent Geiberger (1999), Olin Browne (1998), Stewart Cink (1997), Billy Ray Brown (1991), Mark Brooks (1988), Mac O'Grady (1986), Phil Blackmar (1985), Tim Norris (1982), Don Bies (1975), Charles Sifford (1967), Bob Toski (1953)

#### **Tournament records**

- Lowest 18-hole score: 58 (Jim Furyk/R4/2016)
- Lowest 36-hole score: 126 (Justin Rose/2010)
- Lowest 54-hole score: 193 (Tim Norris/1982, Mark Calcavecchia/2000)
- Lowest 72-hole score: 258 (Kenny Perry/2009)
- Largest margin of victory: 7 strokes (Sam Snead/1955)
- Playoffs: 23 (most recent: 2017/Jordan Spieth def. Daniel Berger)
- Best come-from-behind win: 7 strokes (Brad Faxon/2005)