



**2020 Wyndham Championship Pre-Tournament Notes** 

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Dates: August 10-16, 2020

Where: Greensboro, North Carolina

Course: Sedgefield Country Club (35-35-70/7,131 yards)

Field size: 156

**Defending champion:** J.T. Poston **Purse:** \$6,400,000 (\$1,152,000/winner) **FedExCup:** 500 points to the winner

Format: 72-hole stroke play

#### Things to know

- The Wyndham Championship is the final event before the start of the 2020 FedExCup Playoffs
- J.T. Poston is attempting to join Sam Snead (1949-50, 1955-56) as only players to successfully defend title at the event
- Webb Simpson, the highest ranked player in the field, seeks fourth consecutive top-three finish at the event
- The top 10 in the FedExCup at the conclusion of the PGA TOUR Regular Season will share a \$10 million bonus pool through the Wyndham Rewards Top 10 program
- In each of the last five years, at least two players have gone from outside the top 125 entering the Wyndham Championship to qualifying for the FedExCup Playoffs
- The winning score at the Wyndham Championship has been below 260 four years in a row

# Wyndham Championship and the FedExCup

- This is the final opportunity for players outside the top 125 in the standings to qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs, and for those inside to improve their position (bubble information below)
- 34 players have entered the Wyndham Championship outside the top 125 and gone on to qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs
- Five of 13 winners of the Wyndham Championship during the FedExCup era have advanced to the season-ending TOUR Championship (most recent: Si Woo Kim, 2016)
- No player has ever won the Wyndham Championship and the FedExCup in the same season
- J.T. Poston finished 32<sup>nd</sup> in the final 2018-19 FedExCup standings following his win
- Nine players have advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs in each season since the inception of the FedExCup in 2007 (Charley Hoffman, Charles Howell III, Matt Kuchar, Phil Mickelson, Ryan Moore, Justin Rose, Adam Scott, Brandt Snedeker, Bubba Watson)

#### Wyndham Rewards Top 10

- The top 10 in the FedExCup at the conclusion of the PGA TOUR Regular Season will share a \$10 million bonus pool through the Wyndham Rewards Top 10 program
- The following players are committed to compete in the Wyndham Championship and are currently inside the Wyndham Rewards Top 10: Webb Simpson (#3), Sungjae Im (#5), Patrick Reed (#6), Brendon Todd (#9)
- The following players are in the Wyndham Championship and can move inside the Wyndham Rewards Top 10 with a good finish this week: Sebastián Muñoz, Adam Long, Harris English, Joaquin Niemann
- Brooks Koepka, who claimed the top spot in the Wyndham Rewards Top 10 last season, is committed to play in the Wyndham Championship; currently No. 92 in the FedExCup standings

Pos.	Player	Points	Wins	Top-10s	<b>Points Behind</b>	Starts	Projected 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	1,744	2	6	714	11	\$1.2 million
4	Bryson DeChambeau	1,657	1	9	801	14	\$1.1 million
5	Sungjae Im	1,561	1	6	897	22	\$1.0 million
6	Patrick Reed	1,353	1	6	1,105	16	\$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	21	\$550,000
10	Jon Rahm	1,295	1	5	1,163	12	\$500,000

#### FedExCup Playoffs Bubble

Pos.	Player	Points	Points Behind No. 125	In field?
122	Fabian Gomez	274		Yes
123	Bo Hoag	270		Yes
124	Russell Knox	267		Yes
125	Charl Schwartzel	266		Yes
126	Bronson Burgoon	255	11	Yes
127	Chase Seiffert	254	12	Yes
128	Nick Watney	253	13	Yes
129	Zach Johnson	250	16	Yes
130	Kyle Stanley	246	20	Yes
131	Shane Lowry	245	21	Yes
132	Matt Wallace	244	22	Yes
133	Rafa Cabrera Bello	241	25	Yes
134	Sergio Garcia	238	28	Yes
135	Jhonattan Vegas	235	31	Yes

### A look back at the 2019 Wyndham Championship

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	J.T. Poston	65	65	66	62	258 (-22)
2	Webb Simpson	64	65	65	65	259 (-21)
3	Byeong Hun An	62	65	66	67	260 (-20)
4	Viktor Hovland	66	66	64	65	261 (-19)
5	Si Woo Kim	66	65	68	64	263 (-17)

- J.T. Poston became first player since 1974 to win a stroke-play event without a bogey
- Poston equaled lowest final-round score by a winner at the event and picked up first TOUR victory in his 77<sup>th</sup> career start
- Players who moved into the Top 125 to qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs: Patton Kizzire, Andrew Landry
- Players who fell out of the Top 125 in the FedExCup: Robert Streb, Alex Noren
- Brooks Koepka won the top prize in the Wyndham Rewards Top 10 (\$2 million) and Aon Risk Reward Challenge (\$1 million)

# More on J.T. Poston's win at the 2019 Wyndham Championship

- Notched the seventh win (fifth player) of the event by a native of North Carolina, joining Raymond Floyd (1979), Davis Love III (1992, 2006, 2015), Scott Hoch (2001), Webb Simpson (2011)
- Equaled Davis Love III (1992) for the lowest final-round score by a winner at the event (62)
- Became first player since Lee Trevino (1974 Zurich Classic of New Orleans) to win without a bogey in a 72-hole stroke-play event; Note: Jonas Blixt and Cameron Smith won the 2017 Zurich Classic of New Orleans (team format) without a bogey
- Won in his third start at the Wyndham Championship (Won/2019, MC/2018, T50/2017)

## A look at the 2020 Wyndham Championship field

- Highest-ranked players in the FedExCup standings: Webb Simpson (3), Sungjae Im (5), Patrick Reed (6), Brendon Todd (9)
- Six past FedExCup champions: Jim Furyk (2010), Bill Haas (2011), Brandt Snedeker (2012), Billy Horschel (2014), Jordan Spieth (2015), Justin Rose (2018)
- Highest-ranked players in the Official World Golf Ranking: Webb Simpson (6), Brooks Koepka (7), Patrick Reed (9)

#### **Player Notes**

#### Webb Simpson (No. 3 FedExCup, No. 6 OWGR)

- One of four players with multiple victories this season (Waste Management Phoenix Open, RBC Heritage)
- Earned first career victory at the 2011 Wyndham Championship
- Owns seven top-10 finishes in 11 starts at the event, finishing top-six in five of last six starts (2019/2, 2018/T2, 2017/3, 2015/T6, 2014/T5)

#### Brooks Koepka (No. 92 FedExCup, No. 7 OWGR)

- Making first start at Wyndham Championship since 2015 (2014/T38, 2015/T6)
- Entered the top 125 in the FedExCup standings for the first time this season with a runner-up at the WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational two weeks ago

In his bid to earn his third straight PGA Championship title, carded a final-round 4-over 74 to finish T29 last week

## Jordan Spieth (No. 94 FedExCup, No. 60 OWGR)

- 2015 FedExCup champion looking to improve his FedExCup position of 94<sup>th</sup> and qualify for the TOUR Championship for the first time since 2017
- Making third career start the event; lost to Patrick Reed in a playoff at the 2013 Wyndham Championship
- In search of 12<sup>th</sup> career win and first since The 2017 Open Championship

## Justin Rose (No. 103 FedExCup, No. 17 OWGR)

- 10-time PGA TOUR winner and 2018 FedExCup champion
- Moved from outside the top 125 to No. 103 in the FedExCup, with a ninth-place finish at the PGA Championship last week
- Competing at the Wyndham Championship for the first time since 2009

### **Trends**

Dating back to the beginning of the 2015-16 season, there have been 10 winning scores of 259 or better on the PGA TOUR, with four coming at the Wyndham Championship

Score	Player	Tournament
253	Justin Thomas	2017 Sony Open in Hawaii
257	Michael Kim	2018 John Deere Classic
258	J.T. Poston	2019 Wyndham Championship
258	Rory McIlroy	2019 RBC Canadian Open
258	Matt Kuchar	2019 Sony Open in Hawaii
258	Henrik Stenson	2017 Wyndham Championship
259	Joaquin Niemann	2019 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier
259	Brandt Snedeker	2018 Wyndham Championship
259	Francesco Molinari	2018 Quicken Loans National
259	Si Woo Kim	2016 Wyndham Championship

## Players earning victory No. 1 at Wyndham Championship

In addition to being the final event in the Regular Season, the Wyndham Championship has also served as a springboard to future success for many TOUR players. Here's a look at a few of the notable first-time winners at the Wyndham Championship:

- 2018 PLAYERS Championship winner Webb Simpson (2011)
- 2018 Masters Tournament winner Patrick Reed (2013)
- 2017 PLAYERS Championship winner Si Woo Kim (2016)
- 2012 FedExCup champion Brandt Snedeker (2007)

## History of player movement following the Wyndham Championship

Players moving inside the top 125 following the Wyndham Championship by year				
Year	No.	In	Out	
2019	2	Patton Kizzire (T13)	Robert Streb (MC)	
		Andrew Landry (T19)	Alex Noren (T60)	
2018	2	Nick Taylor (T8)	Martin Piller (MC)	
		Harris English (T11)	Tyrone van Aswegen (MC)	
2017	4	Rory Sabbatini (T4)	David Hearn (T64)	
		Martin Flores (T7)	Zac Blair (T80)	
		Harold Varner (T10)	Seamus Power (T83)	
		J.J. Henry (T16)	Daniel Summerhays (MC)	
2016	2	Kyle Stanley (T14)	Matt Jones (MC)	
		Shawn Stefani (T14)	Whee Kim (MC)	
2015	5	Davis Love III (Win)	Brian Stuard (MC)	
		Jason Gore (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Nicholas Thompson (MC)	
		Jonas Blixt (T10)	Jamie Donaldson (DNP)	
		Camilo Villegas (T26)	Will MacKenzie (DNP)	
		Ryo Ishikawa (T31)	Scott Stallings (DNP)	
2014	1	Sangmoon Bae (T14)	Nicholas Thompson (T70)	
2013	0	Only time the top 125 remained the same following the event		
2012	1	Heath Slocum (T31)	Jhonattan Vegas (MC)	
2011	3	Ernie Els (T30)	Cameron Beckman (MC)	

		Padraig Harrington (T47)	Matt Jones (MC)
		William McGirt (T52)	David Mathis (MC)
2010	1	Scott Piercy (T8)	Chris Stroud (MC)
2009	5	Kevin Stadler (T2)	Rich Beem (63 <sup>rd</sup> )
		Jeff Maggert (T13)	Matt Jones (69 <sup>th</sup> )
		Chris Riley (T13)	Charles Warren (MC)
		David Mathis (T17)	Andres Romero (DNP)
		Todd Hamilton (T24)	Tom Watson (DNP)
2008	5	Rich Beem (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Marco Dawson (WD)
		J.J. Henry (T4)	Gavin Coles (MC)
		Martin Laird (T4)	Todd Hamilton (MC)
		Justin Bolli (T15)	Tag Ridings (MC)
		Lee Janzen (T15)	Brett Rumford (MC)
2007	3	Jeff Overton (T2)	Marco Dawson (MC)
		Shigeki Maruyama (T7)	Glen Day (MC)
		Andres Hansen (T11)	Lee Janzen (MC)

# Players who have moved into the top 125 following the Wyndham Championship multiple times (1)

• J.J. Henry (2008, 2017)

# Players who have moved out of the top 125 following the Wyndham Championship multiple times (3)

- Marco Dawson (2007, 2008)
- Matt Jones (2009, 2011, 2016)
- Nicholas Thompson (2014, 2015)

# Players who have moved into and out of the top 125 following the Wyndham Championship

- Rich Beem (in, 2008; out, 2009)
- Todd Hamilton (in, 2009; out, 2008)
- Lee Janzen (in, 2008; out, 2007)
- David Mathis (in, 2009; out, 2011)

## **Wyndham Championship Scoring records**

- Low 18-hole score: 59 (Brandt Snedeker, R1/2018)
- Low 72-hole score: 258 (Henrik Stenson, 2017; J.T. Poston, 2019)
- Highest margin of victory: 10 (Sam Snead, 1950)
- Best come-from-behind victory: 7 (three times; most recent: Jim Gallagher, Jr., 1995)