



2021 Masters Tournament pre-tournament notes

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Dates: April 5-11, 2021

Where: Augusta, Georgia

Course: Augusta National Golf Club (36-36—72/7,475)

Field size: 88

Defending champion: Dustin Johnson

FedExCup: 600 points (winner)

Format: 72-hole stroke play

Things to Know

- The Masters Tournament returns to traditional month of April after being played in November 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Second of three tournaments (Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, U.S. Open) to be contested twice in the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season
- World No. 1 Dustin Johnson defends title as he seeks his 25th PGA TOUR victory
- Currently No. 2 in the Official World Golf Ranking and FedExCup standings, Justin Thomas has improved his finish at the Masters in each start since his tournament debut
- Jordan Spieth, who won his first PGA TOUR title since 2017 at last week's Valero Texas Open, seeks fourth major championship victory and second at the Masters
- Bryson DeChambeau enters the Masters with the FedExCup lead for the second time this season
- Rory McIlroy can become the sixth player to complete the career Grand Slam

A look back at the 2020 Masters Tournament

Pos.	Name	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Dustin Johnson	65	70	65	68	268 (-20)
T2	Cameron Smith	67	68	69	69	273 (-15)
T2	Sungjae Im	66	70	68	69	273 (-15)
4	Justin Thomas	66	69	71	70	276 (-12)
T5	Rory McIlroy	75	66	67	69	277 (-11)
T5	Dylan Frittelli	65	73	67	72	277 (-11)

- Dustin Johnson won 24th PGA TOUR title and second major championship (2016 U.S. Open)
- At 20-under 268, Johnson set Masters Tournament scoring record for 72 holes, breaking previous record of 270 (Tiger Woods/1997, Jordan Spieth/2015); also tied opening 54-hole scoring record (16-under 200)
- Johnson became the eighth player (ninth instance) to win the Masters after finishing runner-up the year prior
- For the first time in his major championship career, Johnson converted 54-hole lead/co-lead to victory (1-for-5)
- Johnson's final-round 68 was his 11th consecutive under-par score at the Masters, breaking Tiger Woods' record for longest streak in tournament history (Woods' streak: R3/2000 – R4/2002)
- Cameron Smith (67-68-69-69) became first player to record four scores in the 60s at the Masters

Dustin Johnson returns to Augusta National in title defense

- In search of 25th PGA TOUR victory, which would move him to T23 on the all-time victory list (currently T26)
- In search of third major championship (2016 U.S. Open, 2020 Masters Tournament)
- Last player to win consecutive majors: Jordan Spieth (2015 Masters Tournament, 2015 U.S. Open)
- After failing to finish in the top 10 in any of his first five starts at Augusta National Golf Club, has five consecutive top-10s at the Masters (T6/2015, T4/2016, T10/2018, T2/2019, Won/2020)
- Holds the No. 1 spot in the Official World Golf Ranking entering the Masters for the fourth time in the last five years (No. 2 in 2019; regained the No. 1 position after the Masters)
- In November, became the first World No. 1 to win the Masters since Tiger Woods in 2002 and first to win a major championship since Rory McIlroy at the 2014 PGA Championship
- Has at least one win in each of his 14 PGA TOUR seasons, tying Tiger Woods for the third-longest streak to begin a career in TOUR history (longest: 17, Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer)
- Ninth start of the 2020-21 season, with victory at the Masters in November one of four top-10 finishes

- Enters the week No. 6 in the FedExCup standings

Notes on the field

- 29 of the top 30 in the FedExCup standings (all but No. 27 Charley Hoffman), led by top-ranked Bryson DeChambeau
- All of the top 50 players in the Official World Golf Ranking, the first such event since the 2019 Masters
- Eight FedExCup champions: Vijay Singh (2008), Henrik Stenson (2013), Billy Horschel (2014), Jordan Spieth (2015), Justin Thomas (2017), Justin Rose (2018), Rory McIlroy (2016, 2019), Dustin Johnson (2020)
- Three amateurs: Joe Long, Charles Osborne, Tyler Strafaci
- 18 past champions: Fred Couples, Sergio Garcia, Dustin Johnson, Zach Johnson, Bernhard Langer, Sandy Lyle, Phil Mickelson, Larry Mize, Jose Maria Olazabal, Patrick Reed, Charl Schwartzel, Adam Scott, Vijay Singh, Jordan Spieth, Bubba Watson, Mike Weir, Danny Willett, Ian Woosnam
- Six players making tournament debut: Joe Long, Robert MacIntyre, Carlos Ortiz, Charles Osborne, Tyler Strafaci, Will Zalatoris

FedExCup and the Masters Tournament

- 28th event of the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Season (was the 10th event of the season in November)
- The winner of the Masters Tournament has qualified for the TOUR Championship in 10 of the prior 13 seasons it has been played since the inception of the FedExCup
- Jordan Spieth is the only player to win the Masters Tournament and go on to win the FedExCup in the same season (2015)

Additional Player Notes

FedExCup leader Bryson DeChambeau

- Won his first major championship title at the U.S. Open in September
- Best result at the Masters came as an amateur in 2016 (T21); most recently finished T34 in 2020 (18 strokes behind champion Dustin Johnson)
- Held a share of the 18-hole lead at the 2019 Masters Tournament before finishing T29
- Only player with multiple wins during the 2020-21 season (U.S. Open, Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard)

Four-time major champion Brooks Koepka

- Four-time major champion (2017 U.S. Open, 2018 U.S. Open, 2018 PGA Championship, 2019 PGA Championship)
- With a win, would become the 20th player all-time to win five major championships
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- Finished T2 in 2019 for best finish in five starts at the event; most recently finished T7 in 2020

Two-time FedExCup champion Rory McIlroy

- Four-time major champion (2011 U.S. Open, 2012 PGA Championship, 2014 Open Championship, 2014 PGA Championship)
- Can become the sixth player to complete the career Grand Slam with a win and first to do so since Tiger Woods completed it at the 2000 Open Championship (others: Gene Sarazen, Ben Hogan, Gary Player, Jack Nicklaus)

Players to complete the career Grand Slam

Player	Masters win(s)	PGA Champ win(s)	U.S. Open win(s)	The Open win(s)
Tiger Woods	2019 2005 2002 2001 1997	2007 2006 2000 1999	2008 2002 2000	2006 2005 2000
Jack Nicklaus	1986 1975 1972 1966 1965 1963	1980 1975 1973 1971 1963	1980 1972 1967 1962	1978 1970 1966

Gary Player	1978 1974 1961	1972 1962	1965	1974 1968 1959
Ben Hogan	1953 1951	1948 1946	1953 1951 1950 1948	1953
Gene Sarazen	1935	1933 1923 1922	1932 1922	1932

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- Six top-10s in last seven starts at the Masters (T8/2014, 4th/2015, T10/2016, T7/2017, T5/2018, T21/2019, T5/2020)
- Ranks T45 all-time with 18 PGA TOUR wins; would move into a tie for 39th with a victory (players with 19: Ben Crenshaw, Ernie Els, Doug Ford, Hubert Green, Tom Kite, Bill Mehlhorn)

2020 PGA Championship winner Collin Morikawa

- Four-time TOUR winner, the most by a player currently under 25 (2019 Barracuda Championship, 2020 Workday Charity Open, 2020 PGA Championship, 2021 World Golf Championships-Workday Championship at The Concession)
- With his win at The Concession, joined Tiger Woods as the only players to win a major and WGC before turning 25
- Seventh player to win four (or more) PGA TOUR events, including a major championship, under the age of 25 (Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus, Jordan Spieth, Rory McIlroy, Justin Thomas, Jerry Pate)
- Three top-10s in 11 starts this season (T7/Sentry Tournament of Champions, T7/Sony Open in Hawaii, Won/WGC-Workday Championship)
- Finished T44 in Masters debut in 2020

2015 Masters and 2021 Valero Texas Open champion Jordan Spieth

- Winner of last week's Valero Texas Open, his 12th PGA TOUR victory
- Became the fifth player in the last 40 years to reach 12 wins before turning 28, joining Phil Mickelson, Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy, Justin Thomas
- Win at the Valero Texas Open came in his 83rd start since his last win at The 2017 Open Championship, a span of 1,351 days
- Four top-three finishes in seven starts at the Masters (T2/2014, Won/2015, T2/2016, T11/2017, 3rd/2018, T21/2019, T46/2020)
- Seeking fourth major championship win (2015 Masters Tournament, 2015 U.S. Open, 2017 The Open Championship)
- Last player to win on TOUR the week before winning a major: Rory McIlroy (2014 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational, 2014 PGA Championship)

2021 PLAYERS Championship winner Justin Thomas

- Has improved in each start since his debut at the Masters (T39/2016, T22/2017, T17/2018, T12/2019, 4th/2020)
- Making 12th start of the season; has a win (THE PLAYERS), a runner-up (T2/ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP @ SHERWOOD) and a third-place finish (3rd/Sentry Tournament of Champions)
- Top-10s in both prior major championships this season (T8/2020 U.S. Open, 4th/2020 Masters)
- Enters the week No. 2 in both the FedExCup standings and Official World Golf Ranking

Additional player notes

- With his T2 finish in 2020, **Sungjae Im** became the third-youngest player to finish in the top five at the Masters; only Jordan Spieth (2014, 2015) and Tiger Woods (1997) did so at a younger age
- Three-time Masters champion **Phil Mickelson** is among the players in the field that could break Julius Boros' record as oldest major champion (48 years, 4 months, 18 days/1968 PGA Championship)

- World No. 3 **Jon Rahm** has finished in the top 10 in each of the last three years at the Masters (4th/2018, T9/2019, T7/2020)
- With his T2 finish in 2020, **Cameron Smith** (67-68-69-69) became first player in Masters Tournament history with four scores in the 60s; making fifth start at the Masters (T55/2016, T5/2018, T51/2019, T2/2020)

Tournament Records

- Low 18-hole score: 63 (Nick Price/R3/1986, Greg Norman/R1/1996)
- Low 36-hole total: 130 (Jordan Spieth/2015)
- Low 54-hole total: 200 (Jordan Spieth/2015; Dustin Johnson/2020)
- Low 72-hole total: 268 (Dustin Johnson/2020)
- Largest margin of victory: 12 strokes (Tiger Woods/1997)
- Playoffs: 15 (most recent: Sergio Garcia def. Justin Rose, 2017)
- Wire-to-wire winners: 4 (most recent: Jordan Spieth/2015)
- Youngest winner: Tiger Woods, 1997 (21 years, 3 months, 14 days)
- Oldest winner: Jack Nicklaus, 1986 (46 years, 2 months, 23 days)