



Pre-Tournament Notes – Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard

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Dates: February 10-13, 2022

Where: Bogota, Colombia

Host Course: Country Club de Bogota – Lagos (Par 71 – 7,237 yards)

Course Designer: John Van Kleeck (1946)

Satellite Course: Country Club de Bogota – Pacos (Par 70 – 6,249 yards)

Course Designer: John Van Kleeck (1948)

Field: 156 players

Defending Champion: Mito Pereira (2020)

Purse: \$750,000 (\$135,000/winner)

Format: 72-hole stroke play

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What to Know

- On January 31, 2022, Country Club de Bogota Championship announced a new partnership with Astara to serve as the event's title sponsor for the 2022 playing of the event, formally making the tournament the Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard
- This will mark the 12th playing of the event, with Country Club de Bogota hosting every iteration
- This is the fourth and final international tournament, as well as the fourth tournament on the 26-event 2022 Korn Ferry Tour schedule
 - Twenty-five PGA TOUR cards will be awarded to the top 25 players in the Korn Ferry Tour standings following the conclusion of the 23-event regular season at the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna (August 11-14)
 - Another 25 PGA TOUR cards will be awarded through the three-event Korn Ferry Tour Finals at the conclusion of the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance (September 1-4)
- Colombians in this week's field include Korn Ferry Tour members **Nicolas Echavarría** (Medellin, Colombia native), **Marcelo Rozo** (Bogota native), and **Ivan Camilo Ramirez** (Bucaramanga, Colombia resident)
- The Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard returns for the first time since February 6-9, 2020, as the COVID-19 pandemic hiatus led to the cancellation of international play in 2021 and an unprecedented 46-event schedule for the 2020-21 season
- Past champions **Mark Anderson** (2019) and **Ben Taylor** (2018) are in the field
- Reigning champion Mito Pereira set the 72-hole tournament scoring record with a 20-under 263 in 2020
 - Pereira broke the 72-hole tournament scoring record previously established by 2021 FedExCup champion Patrick Cantlay, who won the event in 2013 with an 18-under 266
 - Pereira went on to win twice more during the 2020-21 season, earning the coveted Three-Victory Promotion and an immediate move up to the PGA TOUR
- Four players who recorded top-10s at the 2020 Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard are back in the field this week:
 - **John Chin** (3), **Patrick Fishburn** (T4), **Brett Drewitt** (T6), **John VanDerLaan** (T6), **Trevor Cone** (T9)

Field Notes (as of 2/8/22)

- Field includes 41 past Korn Ferry Tour winners with 51 total wins, led by 10 players with two wins apiece
- Field includes eight past PGA TOUR winners with 11 total victories, led by **Sangmoon Bae**, **Fabián Gómez**, and **D.J. Trahan** with two wins apiece
- **Seonghyeon Kim**, a 23-year-old native of South Korea, sits at No. 187 in the Official World Golf Ranking and is the only player in the field ranked inside the top 200
- Field includes six winners from the 2020-21 season: **Tyson Alexander**, **Roberto Díaz**, **Brett Drewitt**, **Evan Harmeling**, **David Kocher**, and **Curtis Luck**
- Four of the five players who earned Korn Ferry Tour membership via the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Latinoamérica Order of Merit – No. 1 **Brandon Matthews**, No. 3 **Conner Godsey**, No. 4 **Alvaro Ortiz**, No. 5 **MJ Maguire** – are in the field
- Four open qualifiers gained entry into the field at two sites Wednesday, January 26 – **Justin Doeden**, **Blake Dyer** (co-medalist), **Andres Gallegos** (co-medalist), **Chip McDaniel** (medalist)

2020 Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard Recap (February 6-9)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Mito Pereira	65	66	68	64	263 (-20)
2	Ben Kohles	66	67	67	65	265 (-18)
3	John Chin	64	66	68	68	266 (-17)
T4	Patrick Fishburn	69	65	69	64	267 (-16)
	Camilo Villegas	64	65	69	69	267 (-16)

- Entering the final round, eventual champion **Mito Pereira** was four strokes off the lead; he carded a final-round 7-under 64 and earned his first Korn Ferry Tour title, breaking the tournament's 72-hole scoring record previously held by Patrick Cantlay (18-under 265 in 2013) in the process
 - The victory marked the first of three wins for Pereira in the 2020 Korn Ferry Tour season.
- Pereira eagled the 72nd hole, the par-5 18th, to win by two strokes
- Runner-up Ben Kohles, who finished two strokes behind Pereira, earned a PGA TOUR card following the 2020-21 season, as he finished No. 23 in the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points Standings
- **John Chin** posted his highest Korn Ferry Tour finish since a pair of solo seconds in 2018; he backed up the solo third with a solo second the following week at the 2020 LECOM Suncoast Classic
- Colombian and four-time PGA TOUR winner Camilo Villegas held a share of the 18- and 36-hole leads; he finished the week T4 at 16-under par following after back-to-back 69s on the weekend
- **Patrick Fishburn** logged a career-high finish, which he later matched with a T4 at the 2021 Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna
- **John VanDerLaan** ended the third round with the best 54-hole performance in tournament history, a 17-under 195; he shot a 2-over 73 Sunday and finished T6 at 15-under par

Past Champions

Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Margin
2020	Mito Pereira	65	66	68	64	263 (-20)	2
2019	Mark Anderson	62	71	66	67	266 (-17)	4
2018	Ben Taylor	67	66	68	68	269 (-15)	6
2017	Ethan Tracy	69	69	68	65	271 (-13)	Playoff
2016	Sebastián Muñoz	69	66	66	71	272 (-12)	1
2015	Patrick Rodgers	69	67	66	65	267 (-17)	Playoff
2014	Alex Cejka	68	68	63	--	199 (-14)	3
2013	Patrick Cantlay	67	68	65	66	266 (-18)	4
2012	Skip Kendall	70	67	66	71	274 (-10)	1
2011	Brenden Pappas	67	66	---	--	133 (-9)	1
2010	Steve Pate	70	66	66	71	273 (-11)	Playoff

Host Course Information – Country Club de Bogota (Lagos)

- Scoring Average (2020): 70.303 / -0.697
- Toughest Hole (2020): No. 2, Par 4, 525 yards – 4.237 / +0.237
- Easiest Hole (2020): No. 8, Par 5, 555 yards – 4.546 / -0.454

Satellite Course Information – Country Club de Bogota (Pacos)

- Scoring Average (2020): 67.955 / -2.045
- Toughest Hole (2020): No. 2, Par 3, 191 yards – 3.256 / +0.256
- Easiest Hole (2020): No. 12, Par 5, 550 yards – 4.442 / -0.558

Tournament Scoring Records

- Low 18-Hole Score: 61, Doug Ghim (2019, Round 2, Pacos) and Xinjun Zhang (2019, Round 1, Pacos)
- Low 36-Hole Score: 129, John VanDerLaan (2020) and Camilo Villegas (2020)
- Low 54-Hole Score: 195, John VanDerLaan (2020)
- Low 72-Hole Score: 263, Mito Pereira (2020)
- Largest Margin of Victory: 6, Ben Taylor (2018)

Last Week on Tour – The Panama Championship (February 3-6)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Carson Young	68	65	71	68	272 (-8)
T2	Brandon Matthews	68	67	69	69	273 (-7)
	Jimmy Stanger	64	69	70	70	273 (-7)
	Carl Yuan	65	69	71	68	273 (-7)

- **Carson Young** earned his first Korn Ferry Tour victory in his 10th career start on Tour and third as a member; he played bogey-free golf and made three birdies across his final 17 holes for a one-stroke win
- Although 15 players totaled more birdies and eagles than Young (14), his six bogeys were tied for the fewest number of bogeys or worse recorded by anyone in the field
- Young's previous career-high finish in a Korn Ferry Tour event was T50 at the 2019 Visit Knoxville Open
- **Brandon Matthews**, winner of the 2020-21 PGA TOUR Latinoamérica Order of Merit, posted a career-high finish, topping his T7 from the 2018 Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation; he was the only player in the field who recorded sub-par rounds both Saturday and Sunday
- **Carl Yuan** matched his career-high finish with his fourth T2 across the last two seasons, and it was his second top-three finish of the 2022 season
- **Jimmy Stanger** matched his career-high finish, equaling his T2 from the 2020 NV5 Invitational presented by First Midwest Bank, where he shared T2 with 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour graduate Will Zalatoris and finished one stroke behind the champion and eventual 2020-21 graduate, Curtis Thompson
- **Zack Fischer** (T5) logged the fifth top-five finish of his Korn Ferry Tour career and first since a solo third at the 2016 WinCo Foods Portland Open; he was the 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament Final Stage medalist
- Monday qualifier **Quade Cummins** (T15) earned a spot in this week's event with his top-25

About Korn Ferry Tour

Founded (1990), owned and operated by the PGA TOUR, the Korn Ferry Tour identifies and develops golf's next stars, preparing them to compete and win on the game's biggest stage. The Korn Ferry Tour, which has served as a path to the PGA TOUR since its inception, began providing 50 PGA TOUR cards annually in 2013. Each season, the top 25 players secure PGA TOUR cards via the Korn Ferry Tour's regular season, and an additional 25 players secure promotion through the Korn Ferry Tour Finals.

With 600 PGA TOUR titles, 25 major championships and six FedExCup champions, Korn Ferry Tour alumni make up over 80 percent of the PGA TOUR's current membership. To learn more about the PGA TOUR, the Korn Ferry Tour and to follow the season-long quest for a PGA TOUR card, visit PGATOUR.com or follow the Korn Ferry Tour on social media.