



2021 Shriners Children's Open
(3rd of 47 events in the 2021-22 PGA TOUR Season)

Las Vegas, Nevada
 TPC Summerlin

October 7-10, 2021
 Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,255

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
 Purse: \$7 million (\$1.26 million winner)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, October 7, 2021

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 84. Wind S 8-16 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Sung Kang	61 (-10)
Sungjae Im	63 (-8)
Charley Hoffman	63 (-8)
Chad Ramey	63 (-8)

Things to Know

- Sung Kang opens with a 61, one stroke shy of his career-low round on the PGA TOUR (60, R2/2016 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)
- Kang ties Matt Jones (2021 The Honda Classic) for the lowest first-round score on the PGA TOUR since the start of the 2020-21 season
- This marks Kang's third 18-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR and first since his rookie season (2011)
- After a 7-under 64, 2020 runner-up Matthew Wolff (T5) has now carded a score in the 60s in all nine rounds he has played at the Shriners Children's Open

First-Round Lead Notes

- 2 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Shriners Children's Open since it became a 72-hole event in 2004 (Ryan Moore/2012, Rod Pampling/2016)
- 0 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2021-22

Sung Kang (1st/-10)

Category	Entering the week
Age	34 (June 4, 1987)
FedExCup	72
OWGR	283
Career PGA TOUR starts	223
Career PGA TOUR wins	1
Career PGA TOUR top-10s	15
PGA TOUR starts in 2021-22	2
PGA TOUR wins in 2021-22	0
PGA TOUR top-10s in 2021-22	0
Starts at Shriners Children's Open	5
Wins at Shriners Children's Open	0
Top-10s at Shriners Children's Open	0

- Holds the third 18-hole lead/co-lead of his PGA TOUR career and first since his rookie season of 2011 (T51/2011 Farmers Insurance Open, T7/2011 Sanderson Farms Championship)
- Opens with 61, tying the second-lowest score of his PGA TOUR career:
 - 60, 2016 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am (R2)
 - 61, 2021 Shriners Children's Open (R1)**
 - 61, 2019 AT&T Byron Nelson (R2; went on to win)
- Ties Matt Jones (2021 The Honda Classic) for the lowest first-round score on the PGA TOUR since the start of the 2020-21 season; Jones went on to win after opening that event with a 61

- Sixth start at the Shriners Children's Open; missed the cut in his first three appearances (2012, 2016, 2018) before recording a T29 in 2019 and T43 in 2020
- Third start of the 2021-22 season (T47/Fortinet Championship, T65/Sanderson Farms Championship)
- Finished the 2020-21 season No. 178 in the FedExCup standings but retained PGA TOUR membership via his win at the 2019 AT&T Byron Nelson (two-year exemption was extended an additional season due to COVID-19)

Matthew Wolff (T5/-7)

- Lost in a playoff at the 2020 Shriners Children's Open
- Fifth consecutive under-par score on TOUR, his longest streak since the start of the 2020-21 season; last streak of five or more: R1/2020 PGA Championship through R2/2020 THE NORTHERN TRUST (6 rounds)
- Has now carded a score in the 60s in all nine rounds he has played at the Shriners Children's Open (scoring average: 66.00)
2021 (TBD): 64
2020 (P2): 68-66-61-66
2019 (T18): 67-69-68-65

Miscellaneous Notes

- This is the sixth time in tournament history (est. 1983) a player has posted 61 or better in the opening round, most of any TOUR event in that span
2021: Sung Kang, 61 (TBD)
2016: Rod Pampling, 60 (Won)
2013: J.J. Henry, 60 (T15)
2013: Andres Romero, 61 (MC)
2012: Ryan Moore, 61 (Won)
1999: Craig Barlow, 61 (T19)
- **Sungjae Im** (T2/-8) records five consecutive birdies (Nos. 12-16), one shy of his career-long streak on TOUR (6, R2/2021 THE PLAYERS Championship)
- Making his 16th start at the Shriners Children's Open, **Charley Hoffman** (T2/-8) opens with a 63, his lowest score in 46 rounds at the event
- PGA TOUR rookie **Chad Ramey** (T2/-8) cards a 29 on the back nine, the first sub-30 nine-hole score on the PGA TOUR this season
- Reigning Masters Tournament champion **Hideki Matsuyama** stands T10 after a 65, his lowest first-round score on TOUR since the 2019 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP (65)
- **Louis Oosthuizen** (-6), the highest-ranked player in the field at No. 8 in the Official World Golf Ranking, is making his second start at the event (T19/2020)
- PGA TOUR rookie **Hayden Buckley** (T17/-5) makes a hole-in-one at the par-3 17th (176 yards, 8-iron); the ace marks the first of Buckley's career on TOUR (17th round)
- Defending champion and two-time Shriners Children's Open winner **Martin Laird** cards a 67 (T31); he opened with 63 (2009) and 65 (2020) in his two victories

Course Statistics

	Toughest Hole	Easiest Hole
R1:	Par-4 3 rd (4.090)	Par-5 9 th (4.375)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	33.868	34.500	68.368	-

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (17): Sungjae Im (63), Chesson Hadley (64), Matt Jones (64), Adam Schenk (64), Matthew Wolff (64), Louis Oosthuizen (65), Taylor Pendrith (65), Nick Taylor (65), Hayden Buckley (66), Harry Higgs (66), Tom Hoge (66), William McGirt (66), Mito Pereira (66), James Hahn (67), Kevin Yu (67), Martin Trainer (68), Aaron Wise (68)