



GENESIS INVITATIONAL

2022 The Genesis Invitational (16th of 47 events in the 2021-22 PGA TOUR Season)

Pacific Palisades, California
The Riviera Country Club

February 17-20, 2022
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,322

FedExCup Points: 550 (winner)
Purse: \$12,000,000 (\$2,160,000 winner)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, February 17, 2022

Weather: Sunny and breezy. High of 69. Wind NW 5-10 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Joaquin Niemann	63 (-8)
Scottie Scheffler	66 (-5)
Jordan Spieth	66 (-5)
Cameron Young	66 (-5)
Max Homa	66 (-5)

Things to Know

- Joaquin Niemann’s opening 63 ties the lowest first-round score in The Genesis Invitational history
- Chilean holds the 18-hole lead/co-lead for the fourth time in his career and is 0-for-3 to date converting to victory
- A week after earning his first PGA TOUR victory Scottie Scheffler sits T2, three shots off the lead
- Defending champion Max Homa makes eagle on No. 10 and sits T2

First-Round Lead Notes

- 4 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win The Genesis Invitational since 2000 (most recent: J.B. Holmes/2019)
- 2 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2021-22 (most recent: Tom Hoge/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)

Joaquin Niemann (1st/-8)

Category	Entering the week
Age	23 (November 7, 1998)
FedExCup	53
OWGR	32
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	100-1-19
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2021-22	7-0-2
Starts – wins – top-10s at The Genesis Invitational	3-0-0

- Opening 63 ties the lowest first-round score in tournament history

Year	Player
1969	Charlie Sifford
1982	Terry Mauney
1985	Lanny Wadkins
1990	Michael Allen
2007	Padraig Harrington
2009	Phil Mickelson
2016	Camilo Villegas
2019	J.B. Holmes
2022	Joaquin Niemann

- Making fourth consecutive start at The Genesis Invitational (T44/2019, MC/2020, T43/2021)
- Leads the field in birdies (9), tying career-high (third instance, most recent: 2021 Sentry Tournament of Champions/R4)
- Holds the 18-hole lead/co-lead for the fourth time in his career and is 0-for-3 to date converting to victory (most recent: 2021 Sony Open in Hawaii/T2)
- Earned his first career PGA TOUR victory at the 2019 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier

- Has two top-10s in seven starts this season (T5/World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba, T6/Farmers Insurance Open)

Miscellaneous Notes

- A week after earning his first PGA TOUR victory at the WM Phoenix Open, **Scottie Scheffler** (T2/-5), 2018 Genesis Invitational Collegiate Showcase winner, makes his fourth event start (MC/2018, T30/2020, T20/2021); currently projected to take the No. 1 spot in the FedExCup for the first time in his career
- Making his 10th appearance at The Genesis Invitational (best: T4/2015), **Jordan Spieth** (T2/-5) seeks his 13th career PGA TOUR title and first since 2021 Valero Texas Open
- PGA TOUR rookie **Cameron Young** (T2) opens with a 5-under 66 in his tournament debut
- Defending champion and Valencia, California native **Max Homa** sits three shots back; last player to win consecutive Genesis Invationals was Phil Mickelson (2008-09)
- **Collin Morikawa** (T6/-4) is making third start at the event (T26/2020, T43/2021) and seeks fourth top-10 in as many starts this season
- Following his fourth-place finish in last year's Genesis Invitational, **Cameron Smith** is T6 after a 4-under 67
- Charlie Sifford Memorial Exemption recipient **Aaron Beverly** birdied his opening hole (No. 1) before posting an 82 in his PGA TOUR debut
- **Matt Fitzpatrick** withdrew prior to the first round and was replaced by TOUR rookie **Alex Smalley** (T22/-2)
- **Wyndham Clark** was a DQ following round one for signing an incorrect scorecard