

## Pre-Tournament Notes – Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance

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**Dates:** October 5-8, 2023

**Where:** Newburgh, Indiana

**Course:** Victoria National Golf Club (Par 72 / 7,265 yards)

**Course Designer:** Tom Fazio (1998)

**Format:** 72-hole stroke play [No Cut]

**Field:** 73 players

**Purse:** \$1,500,000 (\$270,000/winner)

**Defending Champion:** Justin Suh

### Quick Links

- [#TOURBound: Editorial Features on the 16 players already assured of PGA TOUR membership](#)
- [Tournament Media Site](#) (for tee times, transcripts, media hub access)
- [How It Works: Korn Ferry Tour Finals](#)
- [What's At Stake: Korn Ferry Tour Championship](#)
- [10 Players to Watch at Korn Ferry Tour Championship](#)
- [2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List](#) (Top 30 earn PGA TOUR cards at end of season)

### Telecast / Livestreaming Coverage Times

- Thursday, October 5 (Round 1) – 2-4 p.m. ET [Golf Channel]
- Friday, October 6 (Round 2) – 12-2 p.m. ET [Golf Channel]; 2-4 p.m. [Peacock]
- Saturday, October 7 (Round 3) – 12-2 p.m. ET [Golf Channel]; 2-4 p.m. [Peacock]
- Sunday, October 8 (Round 4) - 1-4 p.m. ET [Golf Channel]

### Things to Know / New Korn Ferry Tour Finals Structure

- The 2023 Korn Ferry Tour season concludes with the 30th playing of the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance, the 26th and final event of the season
- Upon conclusion of this week's season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance, PGA TOUR cards will be awarded to the top 30 players on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- Victoria National Golf Club hosts the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance for a fifth consecutive year, though the Tour's season-ending event will move to The Dye Course at French Lick Resort for 2024 and beyond
- Notable changes [announced in June 2022](#) and implemented for the first time this season include:
  - **Increase from 25 to 30 PGA TOUR cards** annually awarded via the Korn Ferry Tour Points List
  - **Reimagined Korn Ferry Tour Finals**
    - *Previous Finals System:* Three-event competition for 25 PGA TOUR cards between the top 75 from the Korn Ferry Tour Points List and Nos. 126-200 on the FedExCup standings
    - **2023 and Beyond Finals System:** Final four events of the season where members will compete for increased purses and points (600 points for winning one of the four Finals events, compared to 500 for winning one of the 22 preceding events) to determine the season-long points race, in addition to a progressive reduction in field sizes
  - **One season-long Korn Ferry Tour Points List** as opposed to separate points lists for the regular season and Korn Ferry Tour Finals
  - **Purse increases** to \$1.5 million for the four Korn Ferry Tour Finals events and \$1 million for the 22 preceding events, with the \$28 million season purse representing the highest single-season total in Korn Ferry Tour history

## Bubble Watch

PGA TOUR cards will be awarded to the top 30 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List following the conclusion of this week's season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance.

Players ranked Nos. 26-44 are separated by 100 points, roughly a top-seven finish this week (solo-seventh is worth 100 points in the Finals). Players ranked Nos. 30-39 are separated by 53 points, roughly a top-19 finish this week (solo 19th is worth 53 points in the Finals).

Rank	Player	Points	Wins	Top-10s
26	Carter Jenkins	817	--	5
27	Joe Highsmith	813	--	3
28	Chase Seiffert	812	--	4
29	Shad Tuten	812	--	5
30	Jackson Suber	800	--	4
<b>TOP 30 EARN PGA TOUR CARD</b>				
31	Roger Sloan	793	1	1
32	Wilson Furr	789	--	4
33	Trace Crowe	788	1	3
34	Josh Teater	756	--	3
35	Mac Meissner	755	--	2
36	Rhein Gibson	755	1	4
37	Matt McCarty	755	--	4
38	Cody Blick	754	--	2
39	Brett Drewitt	747	--	5
40	Logan McAllister	744	--	5

## Field Notes (as of 10/3/2023)

- Of the 21 champions from the first 25 events this season, 19 of those winners are in this week's field:
  - **Pierceson Coody** (two wins), **Chan Kim** (two wins), **Ben Kohles** (two wins), **Paul Barjon**, **Ricky Castillo**, **Trace Crowe**, **Adrien Dumont de Chassart**, **Jorge Fernández Valdés**, **Rhein Gibson**, **Scott Gutschewski**, **Rico Hoey**, **Spencer Levin**, **Chandler Phillips**, **Ben Silverman**, **David Skinns**, **Roger Sloan**, **Jimmy Stanger**, **Alejandro Tosti**, **Norman Xiong**
- Three-time winner **Pierceson Coody**, two-time winner **Chan Kim**, and four-time winner **Ben Kohles** are bidding to become the 13th player in history to earn the Three-Victory Promotion, which grants an immediate promotion to the PGA TOUR; they would [become eligible for the 2023 FedExCup Fall](#)
- Field includes 13 players currently inside the top 200 of the Official World Golf Ranking: **Alejandro Tosti** (No. 100), **Pierceson Coody** (No. 106), **Chan Kim** (No. 124), **Rico Hoey** (No. 131), **Ben Silverman** (No. 143), **Ben Kohles** (No. 146), **Norman Xiong** (No. 158), **Jake Knapp** (No. 172), **Max Greyserman** (No. 180), **Chris Gotterup** (No. 182), **Jacob Bridgeman** (No. 191), **Parker Coody** (No. 192), **Adrien Dumont de Chassart** (No. 198)

## PGA TOUR University Class of 2023

- Three of the top 10 finishers from the 2023 PGA TOUR University Ranking qualified for this week's Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance:
  - No. 3 **Adrien Dumont de Chassart** (Illinois) – *declared #TOURBound; won professional and Korn Ferry Tour debut in June, recorded top-10s in each of first six Korn Ferry Tour starts (tied Korn Ferry Tour record for consecutive top-10s)*
  - No. 8 **Patrick Welch** (Oklahoma) – *stands No. 74 on Korn Ferry Tour Points List, earned fully exempt status for 2024 Korn Ferry Tour season*
  - No. 9 **Ricky Castillo** (Florida) – *stands No. 52 on Korn Ferry Tour Points List, won professional and Korn Ferry Tour debut in June, earned fully exempt status for 2024 Korn Ferry Tour season*
- The top five finishers from the 2023 PGA TOUR University Ranking earned fully exempt status on the Korn Ferry Tour through the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Finals (which grants entry to its field based off the Korn Ferry

Tour Points List), as well as an exemption to Final Stage of 2023 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry – where the top five finishers and ties earn PGA TOUR cards – and the ability to accept unlimited PGA TOUR sponsor exemptions for the remainder of 2023 and 2024

- Finishers Nos. 6-10 from the 2023 PGA TOUR University Ranking earned conditional status for the remainder of the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour season, as well as fully exempt status for the 2023 PGA TOUR Canada season, an exemption to Second Stage of 2023 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry, and exempt status through the Latin America Swing of the 2024 PGA TOUR Americas season
- **Adrien Dumont de Chassart** and **Ricky Castillo**, who finished No. 3 and No. 9 in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2023, respectively, both [won their professional and Korn Ferry Tour debuts in back-to-back events](#) to earn fully exempt status for the remainder of the 2023 season
  - Dumont de Chassart won the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX (Sunday, June 11), followed by Castillo’s win a week later at the Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics (Sunday, June 18), as Castillo defeated Dumont de Chassart and Kyle Jones in a playoff
    - Castillo’s win upended Dumont de Chassart’s bid to become the second player in Korn Ferry Tour history to win their first two starts on Tour (Ben Kohles/2012)

### 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance Recap (September 1-4)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Justin Suh	66	69	64	68	267 (-21)
2	Austin Eckroat	68	65	68	68	269 (-19)
T3	Eric Cole	66	68	68	68	270 (-18)
	Harry Hall	69	65	71	65	270 (-18)

- Justin Suh earned his first PGA TOUR-sanctioned victory to finish No. 1 on the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, which earned him fully exempt status on TOUR for 2023, as well as exemptions for the 2023 PLAYERS Championship and U.S. Open
- Austin Eckroat and Eric Cole solidified PGA TOUR cards with their respective finishes, with both earning PGA TOUR membership for the first time

### Past Champions

Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Margin
2022	Justin Suh	66	69	64	68	267 (-21)	2
2021	Joseph Bramlett	70	68	65	65	268 (-20)	4
2020	Brandon Wu	67	69	69	65	270 (-18)	1
2019	Tom Lewis	68	66	66	65	265 (-23)	5
2018	Denny McCarthy	64	65	67	65	261 (-23)	4
2017	Jonathan Byrd	64	65	64	67	260 (-24)	4
2016	CANCELLED						
2015	Emiliano Grillo	66	64	67	69	266 (-14)	1
2014	Derek Fathauer	65	66	67	68	266 (-14)	1
2013	Chesson Hadley	65	66	70	69	270 (-10)	2
2012	Justin Bolli	65	71	67	65	268 (-16)	2
2011	Ken Duke	72	68	70	68	278 (-10)	2
2010	Brendan Steele	66	71	65	73	275 (-13)	Playoff
2009	Matt Every	70	63	67	67	267 (-21)	3
2008	Matt Bettencourt	68	67	63	69	267 (-17)	1
2007	Richard Johnson	66	64	67	67	264 (-20)	1
2006	Craig Kanada	73	64	72	66	275 (-13)	1
2005	David Branshaw	71	65	69	71	276 (-12)	2
2004	Nick Watney	69	64	71	69	273 (-15)	3
2003	Chris Couch	66	67	65	72	270 (-18)	3
2002	Patrick Moore	71	69	66		206 (-10)	2

2001	Pat Bates	71	72	72	69	284 (-4)	3
2000	Spike McRoy	74	64	65	69	272 (-16)	5
1999	Bob Heintz	68	68	75	72	283 (-5)	Playoff
1998	Bob Burns	73	69	67	74	283 (-5)	3
1997	Steve Flesch	69	68	68	73	278 (-10)	4
1996	Stewart Cink	66	71	71	73	281 (-7)	4
1995	Allen Doyle	72	68	72	71	283 (-5)	Playoff
1994	Mike Schuchart	69	67	68	73	277 (-7)	1
1993	David Duval	69	68	72	68	277 (-7)	1

### Tournament Scoring Records

- Low 18-Hole Score: 59, Sam Saunders (2017, Round 1, Atlantic Beach Country Club)
- Low 36-Hole Score: 125, Sam Saunders (2017, Atlantic Beach Country Club)
- Low 54-Hole Score: 193, Jonathan Byrd (2017, Atlantic Beach Country Club)
- Low 72-Hole Score: 260, Jonathan Byrd (2017, Atlantic Beach Country Club)
- Largest Margin of Victory: 5, Spike McRoy (2000) and Tom Lewis (2019)
- Playoffs: 3 (last in 2010)

### Course Information – Victoria National Golf Club

- Years Hosted Korn Ferry Tour Championship: 2019-present
- Course Record: 62, Sam Stevens (2022, Round 3), Ben Martin (2022, R2), Camilo Villegas (2022, R2)
- Scoring Average (2022): 70.643 / -0.547
- Toughest Hole (2022): No. 9, Par 5, 558 yards – 4.460 / -0.540
- Easiest Hole (2022): No. 14, Par 4, 471 yards – 4.222 / +0.222

### Last Time on Tour – Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship (September 21-24)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Norman Xiong	69	67	71	67	274 (-10)
T2	Joe Highsmith	72	67	70	69	278 (-6)
	Curtis Luck	72	70	70	66	278 (-6)
	Chris Petefish	67	70	71	70	278 (-6)
5	Jake Knapp	67	73	71	68	279 (-5)

- **Norman Xiong** earned his first win of the season and second Korn Ferry Tour victory in the last 15 months, thus securing his first PGA TOUR card
- Three additional players – **Jake Knapp**, Nicholas Lindheim, and **Chandler Phillips** – were declared #TOURBound and are assured of PGA TOUR membership for 2024, with Knapp and Phillips earning their first TOUR cards
- **Joe Highsmith**’s career-high finish moved him from No. 48 to No. 27 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- **Curtis Luck** closed in 5-under 66, the low round of the final round, and rose from No. 61 to No. 47 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List with his second top-10 of the season and his best finish on Tour since winning the 2020 Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship
- **Chris Petefish** recorded his second runner-up finish of the 2023 season and rose from No. 55 to No. 44 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- **Joey Garber** (T7) and **Patrick Welch** (T24) both moved inside the top 75 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List and earned fully exempt status for the 2024 season, as well as a spot in this week’s Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance