



2023 Story Ideas – Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship

GENERAL INFORMATION

NATIONWIDE CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL CHAMPIONSHIP – AT A GLANCE

The Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship is held annually at The Ohio State University Golf Club, Scarlet Course. The tournament offers free admission and is one of four Korn Ferry Tour Finals events that help determine which players will earn PGA TOUR membership each season. The top 30 players in the season-long standings at the conclusion of the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Championship will earn PGA TOUR membership for the 2024 season.

For the first time since 2013 on the Korn Ferry Tour, there are no longer separate point standings for pre-Finals and Finals events, but rather a cumulative standings structure. A Finals event is no longer a competition for TOUR cards between the top 75 on the Korn Ferry Tour and Nos. 126-200 in the FedExCup standings. Beginning this year, “Finals” refers to the final four events of the season, where Korn Ferry Tour members compete for increased purses and points allocation.

The four Finals events – which includes the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship – feature \$1.5 million purses and award 600 points to each winner. The 2023 Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship is the third of the four Finals events, featuring a field of 120 players. The fields for the Finals will be progressively reduced, starting with 156 players for event No. 1, 144 players for event No. 2 and finishing with 75 players in the final event. The preceding 22 events on the schedule will have a minimum purse of \$1 million – a 67% increase from 2021 to 2023 – and award 500 points to the winner.

The field for the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship will compete in 72 holes of stroke play, with a cut to the top-60 players and ties after 36 holes. Golf Channel will broadcast tournament coverage from Thursday’s opening round to the trophy presentation on Sunday.

Since its inception in 2007, the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship has raised more than \$22 million in support of pediatric cancer at Nationwide Children’s Hospital, the tournament’s primary charity beneficiary.

Dates: September 18–24, 2023

Venue: The Ohio State University Golf Club, Upper Arlington, Ohio

Website: <https://ncc-golf.com/>

Twitter: @NCHC_Golf

Instagram: @nchcgolf

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NationwideChildrensChampionship/>

Hash Tag(s): #NCHC

Golf course architect: Allister Mackenzie

Yardage/Par: 7,444 / Par 71

Defending Champion: David Lingmerth

Past Champions

David Lingmerth (2022)	62-66-71-68	267 (-17)
Adam Svensson (2021)	67-68-65-67	267 (-17)



Curtis Luck (2020)	68-66-68-71	273 (-11)
Scottie Scheffler (2019)	70-68-67-67	272 (-12)
Robert Streb (2018)	65-68-68-71	272 (-12)
Peter Uihlein (2017)	69-69-67-65	270 (-14)
Grayson Murray (2016)	69-67-68-68	272 (-12)
Andrew Loupe (2015)	71-70-68-70	279 (-5)
Justin Thomas (2014)	67-69-72-70	278 (-6)
S.Y. Noh (2013)	68-65-70-69	272 (-12)
Ben Kohles (2012)	66-69-67-70	272 (-12)
Harris English (2011)	66-66-68-70	270 (-14)
D.J. Brigrman (2010)	66-72-72-64	274 (-10)
Derek Lamely (2009)	71-69-68-65	273 (-11)
Bill Lunde (2008)	67-72-67-73	279 (-5)
Daniel Summerhays (2007)	68-69-72-69	278 (-6)

Format: 72-hole stroke-play with cut after 36 holes

Field and Size: 120 Korn Ferry Tour Professionals

Purse: \$1,500,000

Winner's Share: \$270,000

Broadcast: Golf Channel

THE SCHEDULE (WITH BROADCAST TIMES) *Schedule times and events subject to change*

NOTE: The 2023 tournament is open to the public from Thursday, September 21 to Sunday, September 24

THURSDAY, September 21

First Round of Competition

- Gates open: 7:00 a.m.
- First Shot to Fight Cancer: 7:10 a.m.
- First Tee Time: 7:40 a.m.
- Last Tee Time:

Daily Activities (open to the public)

- Birdie Time is Miller Time at Pub Thirteen
- Play Yellow Putting Challenge at the Practice Ground: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Broadcast

Golf Channel: 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

REPLAY-Golf Channel: 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, September 22

Second Round of Competition

- Gates open: 7:00 a.m.
- First Tee Time:
- Last Tee Time:

Daily Activities (open to the public)

- Birdie Time is Miller Time at Pub Thirteen
- Food Trucks at Pub Thirteen
- Play Yellow Putting Challenge at the Practice Ground: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Broadcast

Golf Channel: 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.



SATURDAY, September 23

Third Round of Competition

- Gates open: 7:00 a.m.
- First Tee Time:
- Last Tee Time:
- Junior Clinic on the Driving Range: 2:30 p.m.
- Free Graeter's Ice Cream compliments of Nationwide

Daily Activities (open to the public)

- Birdie Time is Miller Time at Pub Thirteen
- Food Trucks at Pub Thirteen
- Play Yellow Putting Challenge at the Practice Ground: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Broadcast

Golf Channel: 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, September 24

Final Round of Competition

- Gates open: 7:00 a.m.
- First Tee Time:
- Last Tee Time:
- Free Pancake Breakfast: 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Awards presentation following play, including Last Putt to Cure Cancer ceremony

Daily Activities (open to the public)

- Birdie Time is Miller Time at Pub Thirteen
- Food Trucks at Pub Thirteen
- Play Yellow Putting Challenge at the Practice Ground: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Broadcast

Golf Channel: 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

REPLAY-Golf Channel: 2:00 a.m. – 4:00 a.m.

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB

BORN TO HOST... Through the great foresight of L.W. St. John, (OSU Athletic Director, 1912-1947) The Ohio State University can claim two golf courses considered by many to be masterpieces in classical golf course architecture. The Scarlet course is rated as one of the top collegiate courses in the nation. Dr. Alister MacKenzie, a world-renowned golf course architect, submitted the original routing plans to L.W. St. John on January 6, 1931, and construction of the Scarlet course was overseen by famed architect Perry Maxwell. The Scarlet course was completed in 1938 and the Gray course was finished later in 1940.

The dedication ceremony was held on May 18, 1940, when Bob Kepler, (golf coach from 1938-1965) Chick Evans, Blanche Sohl, and Patty Berg played 18 holes on the Scarlet course. Patty Berg, one of the four charter members of the LPGA Hall of Fame, returned to OSU in 1990 to conduct a clinic at the annual OSU Pro-Am Tournament.



In the 1930's only a handful of universities had golf facilities and most of those were eastern schools. Building two golf courses when the country was in the middle of the Great Depression was quite an accomplishment. The labor for the construction of the golf course was provided under a government subsidized program known as the Works Progress Administration, a program designed to create jobs during the depression.

Few schools can boast the proud association The Ohio State University has enjoyed with the game of golf. With the many outstanding players and professionals spawned at this great facility, the name Ohio State has become synonymous with collegiate golf. The list of prominent players from Ohio State is headlined by golf's greatest champion Jack Nicklaus who was a First Team All American for the Buckeyes and the NCAA individual champion in 1961.

BUCKEYES ON TOUR

- Ryan Armour
- John Cook
- Julie Ellis-Sams
- Mollie Fankhauser
- Stephen Gangluff
- Suzy Green-Roebuck
- Will Grimmer
- Kevin Hall
- Allison Hanna-Williams
- Bo Hoag
- Rosie Jones
- Craig Kanada
- Cathy Kratzert-Gerring
- Amy Langhals
- Summerset Lovett
- Meg Mallon
- Jerry McGee
- Gary Nicklaus
- Jack Nicklaus
- Tom Nieporte
- Chris Perry
- Steve Runge
- Joey Sindelar
- Chris Smith
- Ed Sneed
- Rod Spittle
- Cheryl Stacy
- Lisa Strom-Fernandes
- Ted Tryba
- Tom Weiskopf

In 1941, Ohio State made history when it hosted the first ever women's collegiate golf championship on the Scarlet course. In 1982, Ohio State hosted the final Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) Division I National Championship. In 1991, Ohio State hosted the NCAA Women's Championship, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the national tournament for women on the



course on which it was conceived. The women's program later went on to host the 1997 and 2006 tournaments as well. The Scarlet course has also played host to 10 men's National Championships. Over the years the Ohio State Scarlet course has been the site of several U.S. Open qualifiers, U.S. Amateur qualifiers and the 1977 USGA Junior Championship.

In 2005 and 2006 the Scarlet course underwent a major restoration project overseen by former Buckeye legend Jack Nicklaus. Jack concentrated on restoring the course to the way Alister MacKenzie originally intended it to play. The bunkers were redesigned to appear more like the classic MacKenzie designs at his numerous other courses. The course was also lengthened to play more than 7,400 yards and the par was changed to 71. The driving range was also enlarged, and a short-game practice area was built for both varsity golf teams as well as another one for the members of the club.

The Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship has been hosted on the Scarlet Course since its inception in 2007.

SUGGESTIONS:

- Tour the course hole by hole, previewing the bunkers, sloping greens and other hazards the players may come across.
- Interview the course superintendent, Dennis Bowsher, regarding preparations to the golf course for the seventeenth playing of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship.
- Interview Head Golf Professional, Brian Kelly, regarding how the Korn Ferry Tour players attack the course compared to the average player.
- Interview players that competed on the Scarlet Course while in college.

THE SEVENTEENTH PLAYING OF THE NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Volunteers, fans, and the Korn Ferry Tour professionals are excited to build on the success of the tournament now entering its seventeenth year at The Ohio State University Golf Club.

The tournament offers FREE general admission and is open to the public from Thursday, September 21 to Friday, September 24.

The playing field for the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship includes an elite roster of 120 players, collectively representing 65 Korn Ferry Tour victories and seven PGA TOUR victories.

From the beginning, the pediatric cancer program at Nationwide Children's Hospital has been the primary beneficiary of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship. The 2022 Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship raised a total of \$3,316,205 for central Ohio charitable organizations, including \$3,106,585 for pediatric cancer research and treatment at Nationwide Children's Hospital. This marks the largest single-season charitable donation raised for the hospital in the 16-year history of the Korn Ferry Tour Finals event. It's also the second year in a row the event has exceeded the \$3 million mark. Since its inception in 2007, the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship has donated more than \$22.3 million in support of the hospital's pediatric cancer program.

PROS FORE PATIENTS

The Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship's Pros Fore Patients is a special program designed to celebrate the tournament's support of Nationwide Children's Hospital and the more than \$22.3 million that has been raised for pediatric cancer treatment and research since the tournament began in 2007.



Pros Fore Patients highlights Patient Champions from Nationwide Children's with challenging conditions and diseases, including pediatric cancer. The Pros Fore Patients campaign provides these brave Patient Champions and their families the opportunity to meet and interact with Korn Ferry Tour players from the tournament's field of competitors in a number of special activities, including a putting challenge, hitting stations, interactive games, face painting, balloon art and more. The Patient Champions and their families, along with the Tour professionals, also pay it forward by creating care packages that are delivered to inpatients at Nationwide Children's Hospital during tournament week.

The 2023 Pros Fore Patients event will take place on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

The event is located at the Volunteer Center tent complex adjacent to the main tournament entrance and putting green. Note: The activities will take place on the driving range, putting green and outside the Volunteer Center. The care packages will be assembled inside the Volunteer Center.

New this year, media will have the opportunity to compete against the patient champions and Korn Ferry Tour players in a media putting competition during the event.

There will be opportunities to interview Patient Champions and their families, Nationwide Children's Hospital and Tournament Officials along with Korn Ferry Tour pros and their spouses/significant others. Photo and video opportunities to capture Patient Champions interacting with Tour professionals during the scheduled activities and Care Package assembly.

SUGGESTIONS:

- Interview the Korn Ferry Tour players about why they chose to participate in Pros Fore Patients...
- Interview and photo/video opportunities with Patient Champions and their families
- Join in the activities, including the creation of the care packages

CHARITY TICKET PROGRAM

In addition to free general admission, the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship's Charity Ticket Program presented by Columbia Gas and the NiSource Charitable Foundation allows for participating charity organizations to receive \$10 for each of their charity tickets presented at tournament entrance gates, Thursday through Sunday (one ticket per person, per day).

For a full list of participating charities, go to ncc-golf.com/charity-ticket-program/

FIRST SHOT TO FIGHT CANCER

The Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship's First Shot to Fight Cancer is the manner by which the tournament customarily begins its professional competition. It is a tradition that helps boost the spirits of all patients being treated for cancer and brings hope to the countless families affected by the disease. It also serves as a reminder of the most important reason the tournament is staged.

The First Shot to Fight Cancer ceremony will begin at 7:10 a.m. on Thursday, September 21, immediately prior to the tournament's first starting time. Professional tee times for Thursday and Friday start at 7:40 a.m. on tee Nos. 1 and 10.



Hitting the First Shot to Fight Cancer at the 2023 Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship will be 16-year-old "Patient Champion," Reid Zupanc of Delaware, Ohio.

In autumn of 2011, four-year old Reid was excused from school for a routine visit with his ear, nose, and throat (ENT) specialist. As he prepared to have a second set of ear tubes placed in both eardrums, his mom, Lani, noticed an unusual bump on the top of Reid's head. Although small, it was still a cause for concern. Lani informed the ENT specialist that she had told their pediatrician about the unusual bump months ago. The pediatrician had assured her it was a fatty cyst that would go away with time. To be certain, the ENT decided to schedule a surgery to remove the cyst and have it tested by pathology.

"A month later, the doctor called to tell us that the bump was benign," says Lani. "We were so relieved!"

A few months after receiving the benign diagnosis, the bump reappeared on both ends of the incision. Five months later, several bumps appeared in different areas on Reid's head. The bumps were retested by a different doctor. The results showed the bumps were not at all benign; they were tumors. Reid was diagnosed with a vascular cancer called Epithelioid Hemangioendothelioma in August 2011. This rare cancer affects the lining of the blood vessels in the liver and lungs. Reid's cancer was even more rare due to the area of its initial growth. Reid immediately began treatment at Nationwide Children's Hospital. He endured six months of chemotherapy and more than 15 surgeries, including: tumor and lymph node removals, a skin graft, and a lung biopsy.

Reid has remained positive and "full of life" throughout his fight with cancer. Today, Reid is stable and follows up with his oncologist every few months to monitor his health. He is currently in his junior year of high school and is taking college courses. After graduation, he plans to study Neuropathology at the University of London.

During the 2023 First Shot to Fight Cancer ceremony, Reid Zupanc will be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship from Nationwide. The scholarship is a SURPRISE for Reid and his family until the ceremony.

SUGGESTIONS:

Interview the 2023 First Shot to Fight Cancer patient champion, Reid Zupanc, about his experience at the event and his experience with Nationwide Children's Hospital.

- Interview Nationwide Children's Hospital representatives regarding the charitable impact received to date and expected from the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship in 2023.
- Interview Reid and Nationwide representatives regarding the special scholarship

ECONOMIC IMPACT AND EXPOSURE FOR THE REGION

- Since its inception in 2007, the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship has raised more than \$22 million in support of pediatric cancer at Nationwide Children's Hospital.
- Exposure... With 12 hours of live television coverage for Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, a national and international spotlight shines on Nationwide Children's Hospital and the surrounding region during tournament week.
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STAYING CONNECTED AT THE NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship will permit fans to bring their mobile phones and devices in the tournament as part of the Korn Ferry Tour mobile device policy (see below).

Patrons may capture video, audio and photographs at the tournament on any day of the tournament throughout the tournament site (including, for clarity, competition areas on competition days), consistent with all posted rules and instructions of TOUR and/or tournament staff. However, you may only use such content for personal, non-commercial purposes (e.g., for your personal social media accounts), and you may not distribute such content on a live or near-live basis (no live streaming) or use such content to create a real-time, stroke-by-stroke or hole-by-hole account of the tournament. Further, you shall not use or authorize others to use any such content or other Reproduction for any commercial or promotional purpose, or for or in connection with a media outlet (directly or indirectly) unless you and the media outlet have received an official media credential for the tournament from the TOUR. Upon reasonable request by TOUR, at TOUR's cost and expense, you will sign any documents necessary to effect TOUR's ownership of all Reproductions. Without limiting the foregoing, you shall not collect, transmit, distribute, publish or sell any scoring, statistical, competition or other data at or from the tournament for purposes of any betting or gambling-related activity. For security purposes, you consent to the reasonable inspection of your person and property before entering the tournament, which may include metal detection. No standalone photo or video cameras (outside of mobile devices) on competition days (allowed practice days only), coolers, ladders, signs, firearms, explosive devices, etc. will be permitted onto the tournament grounds. Mobile devices are permitted to the extent they are on silent and used in accordance with this license and the posted Mobile Device Policy.

The Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship has implemented several initiatives to make sure fans stay connected and improve their experience on site.

- The Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship's website (www.ncc-golf.com) features a fully responsive design that enables fans to access the site on any device and on all platforms. The site features the latest news, comprehensive tournament information, links to live scoring and more.
- Digital Pairings Guide: Fans can conveniently scan QR Codes located throughout the golf course to view daily pairings and important event information.
- The PGA TOUR's official App offers live scoring, video, PGA TOUR Radio and more. The app is available for iPhone, iPad, and Android platforms.
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SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

- Follow us on Twitter: @NCHC_Golf
- Follow us on Instagram: @nchcgolf
- Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/NationwideChildrensChampionship/

SUGGESTIONS:

- Show how the policy can enhance spectators' on-course experience, for example, allowing them to conduct business while at the course, connect with other friends on site, stay in touch with the leaderboard and follow the tournament on social media: @NCHC_Golf on Twitter, @nchcgolf on Instagram and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NationwideChildrensChampionship/



- Give your readers/viewers a “Cell Phone Etiquette 101” class.
- Interview tournament officials regarding the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship digital pairings guide

PARKING 101

The Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship offers convenient parking solutions for fans attending the tournament. Public parking is available at 1129 Carmack Rd. Columbus, Ohio 43221. Fans can follow tournament parking signs to the “Carmack 5” parking lot, located off Lane Avenue and SR 315. Carmack 5 will be the second right off Carmack Road. Shuttles will run from one hour before the first tee time to one hour after play ends. **PARKING IS FREE.**

FROM CLEVELAND

Take I-71 south to 270 west to 315 south. From SR 315 south, exit at North Broadway. Head west on North Broadway. North Broadway will dead end and you will turn right onto Kenny Road. Take Kenny Road to the first light and turn left onto Tremont Road. The entrance to the golf course will be your first right.

FROM CINCINNATI

Take I-71 to 315 north, exit at North Broadway. Head west on North Broadway. North Broadway will dead end and you will turn right onto Kenny Road. Take Kenny Road to the first light and turn left onto Tremont Road. The entrance to the golf course will be your first right.

FROM INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Take I-70 east to 315 north, exit at North Broadway. Head west on North Broadway. North Broadway will dead end and you will turn right onto Kenny Road. Take Kenny Road to the first light and turn left onto Tremont Road. The entrance to the golf course will be your first right.

FROM WHEELING, WVA

Take I-70 west to 315 north, exit at North Broadway. Head west on North Broadway. North Broadway will dead end and you will turn right onto Kenny Road. Take Kenny Road to the first light and turn left onto Tremont Road. The entrance to the golf course will be your first right.

SUGGESTIONS:

- Give your viewers/readers a step-by-step guide on how to get to the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship, where to park and tips for the best times to arrive.

YOUTH INITIATIVES

Junior Clinic

On Saturday, September 23 at 2:30 p.m. the Junior Clinic will be hosted on the Driving Range at Ohio State University Golf Club, giving kids from First Tee – Central Ohio and the local Columbus community the opportunity to come out and learn from Korn Ferry Tour professionals. The program will give kids the opportunity to hear tips and advice from the pros, ask questions and see the pros in action on the range.

SUGGESTIONS:



- Interview the professionals participating in the clinic about how old they were when/how they started playing golf and why they enjoy participating in events like these.
- Interview attending families and kids about the event and what they learned.
- Interview leadership from First Tee – Central Ohio
- Interview tournament officials about why they value hosting the Junior Clinic and engaging with youth at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship.

NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHAMPIONSHIP FAN GUIDE

Provide your readers/viewers with a one-stop guide of everything to do at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, from where to get the best food, best shade, best drinks and how to stay connected while they're on the course.

Your guidebook could include (our staff can offer suggestions/info on each):

- The 411 about the seventeenth playing of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship
- The schedule of events
- What the fans can experience aside from the thrilling competition. There's something for everyone.
- The elite field
- The Ohio State University Golf Club – Scarlet Course hole-by-hole descriptions
- Event week activities
- The volunteers, the heartbeat of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship
- Autograph hunting – best practices
- Best food and drink deals
- What NOT to bring
- Where and how to use your mobile phone
- Best views of the golf course and the action

SUGGESTIONS:

- Tour the course and produce segments on each bullet
- Feature fan experiences at the 2023 Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship
- Conduct fan surveys

FAN DESTINATIONS /DAILY ACTIVITIES

Pub 13 / Birdie Time is Miller Time

Pub 13, the go-to fan destination at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, is located on the par-3 13th hole and features the best in food, drinks and fun at the tournament. The tented venue will feature food trucks throughout the week, games such as ping pong and cornhole, and a sports bar atmosphere, including college and NFL football displayed on Pub 13's TVs throughout the weekend. When a player makes a birdie on hole No. 13, a shot clock will begin, allowing fans to purchase drink specials for 13 minutes.

New! In 2023, the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship will offer exclusive Pub 13 merchandise, featuring a logo that highlights the popular venue.



SUGGESTIONS:

- Set up a camera in Pub 13 to capture reactions when a player makes a birdie.
- Interview fans about their favorite ways to spend a day at the tournament, whether they like to follow the action or camp out at Pub 13.
- Interview tournament officials about how Pub 13 has grown over the years and the new merchandise and logo.

Play Yellow Putting Challenge

Thursday-Sunday, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., located at the Practice Green

Test your putting skills! Visit the Play Yellow Putting Challenge at the Practice Green and putt for the chance to come out on top each day and win a prize pack. On Sunday our four daily winners will compete for a chance to win a cash prize. The money raised by the Play Yellow Putting Challenge benefits Nationwide Children's Hospital.

SUGGESTIONS:

- Challenge a fan to compete against you in the Play Yellow Putting Challenge or test your own skills and see how you fair against the crowds.
- Interview a tournament official about the tournament's philanthropic mission and why they partner with Play Yellow to further support Nationwide Children's Hospital.
- Attend the tournament on Sunday to cover the final showdown of the top four amateur putters from the previous days as they compete for the ultimate prize pack.

Free Graeter's Ice Cream compliments of Nationwide

Fans can grab free Graeter's Ice Cream on Saturday, September 23 located near the clubhouse, compliments of Nationwide.

Free Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday, September 24 from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. one of the tournament's fan favorite events returns as patron can try their hand at catching pancakes straight from the griddle during the free pancake breakfast by the driving range.

VOLUNTEERS – THE HEARTBEAT OF THE NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The more than 350 people who volunteer their time to the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship are an integral part of the event's success, both during tournament week and in the tournament's ability to support charities. The volunteers support every element of the tournament from tracking statistics, greeting guests and feeding fans to keeping the grounds beautiful throughout the week and much more.

The Nationwide Children's Hospital volunteers work countless hours both leading up to and during tournament week. Without their hard work, the tournament would not be possible, nor would the charity dollars the tournament annually generates.

SUGGESTIONS:



- Be a volunteer for the day – or a few hours! We can arrange for you to experience a variety of jobs as a way to illustrate just what it takes to put this event
- Interview the oldest and youngest volunteer at the event
- Interview volunteers that have worked every Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship since it started in 2007

NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHAMPIONSHIP TRIVIA

Give your readers/viewers a chance to test their knowledge about the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship. We can provide a variety of fun facts for you to utilize as a daily "Did You Know?" segment or quiz for prizes or try your own luck against a few fans at the golf course.

AUTOGRAPH HUNTING

These days, there is a definite modus operandi to getting your favorite player's signature on whatever item it may be – hat, golf ball, your shirt, etc. What's the best way to accomplish the feat? Give your readers/viewers the inside information so they can get the autograph of the next big star on the PGA TOUR.

SUGGESTIONS:

- Search out the best places to get autographs and share those with your readers/viewers, including autograph alley, located adjacent to the Media Center behind Hole No. 18 green.
- Follow a group of energetic young fans to find out their different strategies. What works and what doesn't?
- Follow one particular kiddo and challenge him/her to hunt down autographs from the top names in the field.
- Find out from players the strangest thing they've ever been asked to sign.
- Even professional golfers are fans. Who have the players in the field sought out for an autograph?

FIELD OF COMPETITORS

The playing field for the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship includes an elite roster of 120 players, collectively representing 65 Korn Ferry Tour wins, seven PGA TOUR wins and \$54,343,376 in Korn Ferry Tour earnings. Additionally, the field contains 27 PGA Tour Canada wins and 30 from PGA Tour Latinoamérica.

Please visit <https://ncc-golf.com/tournament-info/field-pairings/> for a complete 2023 field list.

GOLF ETIQUETTE

- Stay quiet and stand still when the players are about to hit the ball
- "Hands in the air" means to stop and be quiet while golfers are playing their shots
- Stay behind the rope at all times



- Help patrons be considerate of each other and kneel or sit down whenever possible, to allow better viewing for those behind you
- For your own safety, follow the directions of the tournament marshals

Any misconduct, illegal activity, intoxication, use of illegal substance, or violation of any rule or instruction of tournament representatives is prohibited and shall be grounds for forfeiture of your ticket & for your removal from the premises. Spectators will be subject to expulsion and the loss of ticket privileges for the following breaches of etiquette:

- Making rude, vulgar, or other inappropriate comments or gestures
- Verbal or physical harassment of players, volunteers, officials, or spectators
- Distracting a player or any disruption of play
- Behavior that is unruly, disruptive, unsafe, or illegal in nature
- Failing to follow the instruction of a championship official, volunteer, or security personnel

SUGGESTED GOLF ATTIRE

Appropriate casual golf wear with comfortable walking shoes (soft spikes only). Spectators should have the following items on hand:

- Wind breaker
- Hat/visor
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Umbrella

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