

PRE-TOURNAMENT NOTES 2023 FEDEX ST. JUDE CHAMPIONSHIP



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

August 7-13 • 1st of 3 FedExCup Playoffs events Memphis, Tennessee

TPC Southwind - Par 70 - 7,243 yds.

Purse \$20 million - Winner \$3.6 million + 2,000 FedExCup pts.

70 players • 72-hole stroke play • no cut

2022 champion Will Zalatoris

BROADCAST SCHEDULE (ET)

	ESPN+	GOLF	CBS
R1	8 a.m6 p.m.	2-6 p.m.	
R2	8 a.m6 p.m.	2-6 p.m.	
R3	8 a.m6 p.m.	1-3 p.m.	3-6 p.m.
R4	8 a.m6 p.m.	12-2 p.m.	2-6 p.m.

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2022-23 PGA TOUR SEASON

Barracuda Championship Akshay Bhatia	
The Open ChampionshipBrian Harman	
Barbasol ChampionshipVincent Norrman	
Genesis Scottish Open Rory McIlroy (2)	
John Deere Classic Sepp Straka	
Rocket Mortgage ClassicRickie Fowler	
Travelers Championship Keegan Bradley (2)	
U.S. OpenWyndham Clark (2)	
RBC Canadian Open Nick Taylor	
the Memorial TournamentViktor Hovland	
Charles Schwab ChallengeEmiliano Grillo	
PGA Championship Brooks Koepka	
AT&T Byron Nelson Jason Day	
Wells Fargo ChampionshipWyndham Clark	
Mexico Open at Vidanta Tony Finau (2)	
Zurich Classic of New Orleans Davis Riley/Nick Hardy	
RBC Heritage Matt Fitzpatrick	
Masters TournamentJon Rahm (4)	
Valero Texas OpenCorey Conners	
Corales Puntacana Championship Matt Wallace	
WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play Sam Burns	
Valspar Championship	
THE PLAYERS ChampionshipScottie Scheffler (2)	
Puerto Rico Open	
Arnold Palmer Invitational Kurt Kitayama	
The Honda ClassicChris Kirk	
The Genesis Invitational Jon Rahm (3)	
WM Phoenix OpenScottie Scheffler	
AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-AmJustin Rose	
Farmers Insurance OpenMax Homa (2)	
The American Express Jon Rahm (2)	
Sony Open in HawaiiSi Woo Kim	
Sentry Tournament of ChampionsJon Rahm	
The RSM Classic	
Cadence Bank Houston OpenTony Finau	
World Wide Technology ChampionshipRussell Henley	
Butterfield Bermuda Championship Seamus Power	
THE CJ CUP in South CarolinaRory McIlroy	
ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIPKeegan Bradley	
Shriners Children's OpenTom Kim	
Sanderson Farms Championship Mackenzie Hughes	
Fortinet ChampionshipMax Homa	
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TOP STORYLINES

The FedExCup Playoffs begin at the FedEx St. Jude Championship, with the top 70 players in the FedExCup standings through the Wyndham Championship qualifying for the Playoffs (down from 125 in 2009-2022). The top 50 players after the first Playoffs event will advance to the BMW Championship and qualify for all eight Signature Events on the PGA TOUR schedule in 2024.

Jon Rahm enters the FedExCup Playoffs as the No.1 player in the FedExCup standings for the first time in his PGA TOUR career. Rahm has four wins this season and earned a bonus of \$4 million for being No.1 in the Comcast Business TOUR TOP 10. This is Rahm's seventh season on TOUR and he has advanced to the TOUR Championship in each of the previous six. He has also won on TOUR in seven straight seasons, the longest active streak of any player that has won in 2022-23 (Justin Thomas won in each season from 2015-16 through 2021-22 and can extend his streak in the FedExCup Fall).

World No. 1 **Scottie Scheffler** is second in the FedExCup standings, trailing Rahm by 173.780 points. In nine starts in the Playoffs, Scheffler has recorded four top-five finishes, highlighted by a runner-up at the 2022 TOUR Championship. Scheffler's Official Money total of \$19,138,342 is the highest in a single season in PGA TOUR history. Scheffler, who won THE PLAYERS Championship in March, would become the second player to win THE PLAYERS and the FedExCup in the same year and first since Rory McIlroy in 2019.

Three-time FedExCup Champion **Rory McIlroy** (2016, 2019, 2022) enters the week No. 3 in the FedExCup standings, winning twice during the Regular Season (THE CJ CUP in South Carolina, Genesis Scottish Open). McIlroy recorded his sixth career victory in the FedExCup Playoffs at the 2022 TOUR Championship, tying Dustin Johnson for the most of any player. No player has ever won the FedExCup in back-to-back seasons. McIlroy enters the Playoffs with par-or-better scores in his last 20 rounds on TOUR, the longest active streak of any player. His last over-par score came in the final round of the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday (3-over 75; held a share of the 54-hole lead).

Matt Kuchar is the only player that has qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs in each season since the inception of the FedExCup in 2007. Adam Scott qualified in each season from 2007-2022 but finished the Regular Season No. 72 in the standings. Kuchar, who won the first Playoffs event in 2010, has four top-10s this season, his most in a season since he recorded eight (including two wins) in 2018-19 and advanced to the TOUR Championship.

Brian Harman is making his first start since winning the 2023 Open Championship, his third PGA TOUR title and first major championship victory. The win at The Open was Harman's first on TOUR since the 2017 Wells Fargo Championship, snapping a streak of 167 starts without a win. Harman enters the Playoffs No. 6 in the FedExCup standings, qualifying for the FedExCup Playoffs for the 12th consecutive season. He has advanced to the TOUR Championship twice in his career (2017, 2022).

Six rookies qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs and five of the six enter the week outside the top 50 in the standings. The only rookie in the top 50 of the FedExCup standings is **Eric Cole**, whose best result came at The Honda Classic (lost in a playoff). The race for the Arnold Palmer Award (PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year) extends through the FedExCup Fall. The only other player in the field that qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs for the first time is **Nick Hardy**, who earned his first career PGA TOUR title at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans with partner Davis Riley. **Rookies to qualify for the 2023 FedExCup Playoffs**

Pos.	Player	Top-10s	Wins
40	Eric Cole	3	0
52	Thomas Detry	3	0
53	Taylor Montgomery	4	0
64	Sam Stevens	3	0
68	Vincent Norrman	3	1
70	Ben Griffin	1	0

WINNERS

FedEx St. Ju	de Championship (FedExCup era)
2022	Will Zalatoris
2021	Tony Finau
2020	Dustin Johnson
2019	Patrick Reed
2018	Bryson DeChambeau
2017	Dustin Johnson
2016	Patrick Reed
2015	Jason Day
2014	Hunter Mahan
2013	Adam Scott
2012	Nick Watney
2011	Dustin Johnson
2010	Matt Kuchar
2009	Heath Slocum
2008	Vijay Singh
2007	Steve Stricker
	FedExCup
	Rory McIlroy
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bold in field

ADDITIONAL STORYLINES

Lucas Glover is the only player that entered the Wyndham Championship outside the top 70 in the standings and went on to qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs, moving from No. 112 to No. 49 with his victory. Glover finished T3 at the 2022 FedEx St. Jude Championship and finished last season No. 42 in the FedExCup standings. He last advanced to the TOUR Championship in 2019.

Sepp Straka finished runner-up at the 2022 FedEx St. Jude Championship, falling to Will Zalatoris in a playoff. With a win (John Deere Classic) and two runner-up finishes (P2/Sanderson Farms Championship, T2/The Open Championship) on the season, Straka enters the week No. 15 in the FedExCup standings. The last player to lose in a playoff and win that event the following season was Ryuji Imada at the 2008 AT&T Classic. Zalatoris withdrew prior to the start of the 2023 Masters Tournament and has not competed on TOUR since undergoing back surgery shortly after the Masters. His last start on TOUR came at the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play (T59).

Hideki Matsuyama has qualified for the TOUR Championship in each of the last nine seasons, the longest active streak of any player. Matsuyama enters the week No. 57 in the FedExCup standings, with the top 50 advancing to next week's BMW Championship.

Rickie Fowler enters the week No. 9 in the FedExCup standings and has not advanced past the first Playoffs event since making it to the TOUR Championship in 2019 (missed the Playoffs in 2021). Fowler's victory at the Rocket Mortgage Classic snapped a streak of more than four years without a win on TOUR (first since the 2019 WM Phoenix Open).

There were 11 first-time winners in the FedExCup Regular Season, with eight of them qualifying for the Playoffs. **Wyndham Clark** is the only one of the 11 that earned a second victory this season, following up his maiden win at the Wells Fargo Championship with his first major championship at the U.S. Open. Clark enters the week No. 5 in the FedExCup standings.

First-time winners in 2022-23

(**bold** in Playoffs)

Player Tournament Lee Hodges 3M Open

Akshay Bhatia

Vincent Norrman

Wyndham Clark
Davis Riley
Nick Hardy
Matt Wallace

Barracuda Championship

Wells Fargo Championship

Wells Fargo Championship

Zurich Classic of New Orleans

Corales Puntacana Championship

Taylor Moore Valspar Championship

Kurt Kitayama Arnold Palmer Invitational presented Mastercard

Nico Echavarria Puerto Rico Open
Adam Svensson The RSM Classic

There are 15 different countries represented in the 70-player field, with England and Canada (five each) tied for the most players of any country outside the United States. Four different players from Canada have won on TOUR this season, the most in a single season on record (1983-present): **Mackenzie Hughes** (Sanderson Farms Championship), **Adam Svensson** (The RSM Classic), **Corey Conners** (Valero Texas Open) and **Nick Taylor** (RBC Canadian Open). The fifth Canadian in the field is **Adam Hadwin**.

The youngest player in the field is 21-year-old **Tom Kim**, who is making his second appearance in the FedExCup Playoffs. **Matt Kuchar** is the oldest player in the field at 45.

2022 LEADERBOARD

Pos. Player R1 R2 R3 R4 Total Will Zalatoris 71 63 65 66 265 (-15) 1 2 Sepp Straka 64 66 68 67 265 (-15) T3 Lucas Glover 65 68 69 66 268 (-12) T3 Brian Harman 66 66 69 67 268 (-12) T5 7 players 269 (-11)

STRENGTH OF FIELD STATISTICS

Top 10 FedExCup	10	Jon Rahm (1)
Top 70 FedExCup	70	
Top 10 OWGR	9	Scottie Scheffler (1)
Top 50 OWGR	39	
PGA TOUR winners	49	Rory McIlroy (24)
Past champions	3	. Most recent: Tony Finau (2021)
FedExCup Champions.	4	Defending: Rory McIlroy (2022)
PLAYERS winners	6 . Most	recent: Scottie Scheffler (2023)
Major winners	13	Most: Rory McIlroy (4)