



PRE-TOURNAMENT NOTES 2023 FORTINET CHAMPIONSHIP



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

September 11-17 • First of seven FedExCup Fall events
Napa, California
Silverado Resort (North Course) • Par 72 • 7,123 yds.
Purse \$8.4 million • Winner \$1,512,000 + 500 FedExCup pts.
156 players • 72-hole stroke play
Defending champion Max Homa (2021, 2022)

BROADCAST SCHEDULE (ET)

	ESPN+	GOLF
R1	10 a.m.-9 p.m.	6-9 p.m.
R2	10 a.m.-9 p.m.	6-9 p.m.
R3		6-9 p.m.
R4		6-9 p.m.

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2022-23 PGA TOUR SEASON

FedExCup Fall	
The RSM Classic
Butterfield Bermuda Championship
World Wide Technology Championship	.....
ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP	.....
Shriners Children's Open	.....
Sanderson Farms Championship	.....
Fortinet Championship	.....
FedExCup Playoffs	
TOUR Championship	..... Viktor Hovland (3)
BMW Championship	..... Viktor Hovland (2)
FedEx St. Jude Championship	..... Lucas Glover (2)
FedExCup Regular Season	
Wyndham Championship	..... Lucas Glover
3M Open	..... Lee Hodges
Barracuda Championship	..... Akshay Bhatia
The Open Championship	..... Brian Harman
Barbasol Championship	..... Vincent Norrman
Genesis Scottish Open	..... Rory McIlroy (2)
John Deere Classic	..... Sepp Straka
Rocket Mortgage Classic	..... Rickie Fowler
Travelers Championship	..... Keegan Bradley (2)
U.S. Open	..... Wyndham Clark (2)
RBC Canadian Open	..... Nick Taylor
the Memorial Tournament	..... Viktor Hovland
Charles Schwab Challenge	..... Emiliano Grillo
PGA Championship	..... Brooks Koepka
AT&T Byron Nelson	..... Jason Day
Wells Fargo Championship	..... Wyndham Clark
Mexico Open at Vidanta	..... Tony Finau (2)
Zurich Classic of New Orleans	..... Davis Riley/Nick Hardy
RBC Heritage	..... Matt Fitzpatrick
Masters Tournament	..... Jon Rahm (4)
Valero Texas Open	..... Corey Conners
Corales Puntacana Championship	..... Matt Wallace
WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play	..... Sam Burns
Valspar Championship	..... Taylor Moore
THE PLAYERS Championship	..... Scottie Scheffler (2)
Puerto Rico Open	..... Nico Echavarria
Arnold Palmer Invitational	..... Kurt Kitayama
The Honda Classic	..... Chris Kirk
The Genesis Invitational	..... Jon Rahm (3)
WM Phoenix Open	..... Scottie Scheffler
AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am	..... Justin Rose
Farmers Insurance Open	..... Max Homa (2)
The American Express	..... Jon Rahm (2)
Sony Open in Hawaii	..... Si Woo Kim
Sentry Tournament of Champions	..... Jon Rahm
The RSM Classic	..... Adam Svensson
Cadence Bank Houston Open	..... Tony Finau
World Wide Technology Championship	..... Russell Henley
Butterfield Bermuda Championship	..... Seamus Power
THE CJ CUP in South Carolina	..... Rory McIlroy
ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP	..... Keegan Bradley
Shriners Children's Open	..... Tom Kim
Sanderson Farms Championship	..... Mackenzie Hughes
Fortinet Championship	..... Max Homa
<i>Italics</i> First-time PGA TOUR winners	

TOP STORYLINES

The 2023 Fortinet Championship is the first event of the FedExCup Fall, a group of seven tournaments played after the TOUR Championship that finalizes eligibility for the 2024 PGA TOUR Season. Nos. 1-50 in the FedExCup standings through the TOUR Championship are locked in their positions while Nos. 51 and beyond carry their FedExCup points over. Nos. 51-60 through the FedExCup Fall will qualify for two Signature Events in 2024: AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and The Genesis Invitational.

Winners of events during the FedExCup Fall receive the same benefits of winners of Full-Field Events during the Regular Season, including 500 FedExCup points, Official World Golf Ranking points, a two-year PGA TOUR exemption (exempt thru 2025) and invitations to The Sentry, THE PLAYERS Championship, Masters Tournament and PGA Championship.

Although players in the top 50 are not earning FedExCup points, their points are not redistributed; for example, if Max Homa (No. 6) finishes solo-second and Mackenzie Hughes (No. 51) finishes solo-third, Hughes receives the usual 190 points for third place, not the 300 points for second place.

Looking for a three-peat: World No. 7 Max Homa, the highest-ranked player in the field, is in search of his third consecutive victory at the Fortinet Championship. The last player to win the same PGA TOUR event in three consecutive years is Steve Stricker at the John Deere Classic in 2009, 2010 and 2011. Homa is the sixth player to compete on TOUR this season as the two-time defending champion and three of the previous five finished in the top 10.

Players to compete on TOUR this season as two-time defending champion

Player	Tournament	Result
Patrick Cantlay	BMW Championship	T15
Rory McIlroy	RBC Canadian Open	T9
K.H. Lee	THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson	T50
Sam Burns	Valspar Championship	6th
Viktor Hovland	World Wide Technology Championship	T10

Six players in the field qualified for the BMW Championship: Max Homa (No. 6 in the FedExCup standings), Sahithi Theegala (No. 31), Andrew Putnam (No. 35), Eric Cole (No. 43), Brendon Todd (No. 47) and Cam Davis (No. 48).

11 other players in the field qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs: Mackenzie Hughes (No. 51), Nick Hardy (No. 52), Taylor Montgomery (No. 53), Stephan Jaeger (No. 56), Beau Hossler (No. 58), Sam Ryder (No. 61), J.J. Spaun (No. 62), Sam Stevens (No. 65), Matt Kuchar (No. 66), Mark Hubbard (No. 67) and Matt NeSmith (No. 70).

Five players in the field have won a tournament this season: Akshay Bhatia (Barracuda Championship), Nico Echavarria (Puerto Rico Open), Nick Hardy (Zurich Classic of New Orleans), Max Homa (2022 Fortinet Championship, Farmers Insurance Open) and Mackenzie Hughes (2022 Sanderson Farms Championship).

Rookie of the year race: The Jack Nicklaus Award (PGA TOUR Player of the Year) and Arnold Palmer Award (PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year) will be voted on after the FedExCup Fall. Eric Cole is the only rookie that advanced to the BMW Championship, while five others qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs (Thomas Detry, Taylor Montgomery, Sam Stevens, Vincent Norrman, Ben Griffin). Cole, Montgomery and Stevens lead a group of 24 rookies in the field, which includes Special Temporary Members Ryan Gerard and Peter Kuest.

500th start: Aaron Baddeley is making his 500th start on the PGA TOUR, becoming the first player to reach that milestone since Lucas Glover at the 2023 Valero Texas Open. Baddeley is also making his 16th start at the Fortinet Championship, tied with Chris Stroud for the most in tournament history. He has one top-10 at the event (T4/2018) and got into the field last year as an Open Qualifier (T36).

WINNERS

2022	.....	Max Homa
2021	.....	Max Homa
2020	Stewart Cink
2019	Cameron Champ
2018	Kevin Tway
2017	Brendan Steele
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2015	Emiliano Grillo
2014	Sangmoon Bae
2013	Jimmy Walker
2012	Jonas Blixt
2011	.....	Bryce Molder
2010	.....	Rocco Mediate
2009	.....	Troy Matteson
2008	.....	Cameron Beckman
2007	.....	Mike Weir

bold in field

ADDITIONAL STORYLINES

Justin Thomas returns to the Fortinet Championship: Thomas is making his sixth start at the Fortinet Championship and first since 2019. He has finished in the top 10 in each of his last three appearances at the event (T3/2015, T8/2016, T4/2019). At No. 71 in the FedExCup standings through the Wyndham Championship, Thomas missed the FedExCup Playoffs for the first time in his career in 2023. He won on the PGA TOUR in each of the previous seven seasons and can extend his streak to eight with a win this week, which would be the longest active streak on TOUR. Among players in the field, Thomas has the most PGA TOUR wins (15), is the only past FedExCup Champion (2017) and is the most recent PLAYERS Championship winner (2021) and major winner (2022 PGA Championship).

Ryder Cup: There are two players in the field that will compete in the Ryder Cup (September 29-October 1), both for the United States: Max Homa and Justin Thomas. Homa is making his Ryder Cup debut after going 4-0-0 in his Presidents Cup debut in 2022. Thomas will make his third consecutive appearance in the event. The United States will also be represented by Captain Zach Johnson and Vice Captain Stewart Cink. Homa and Cink have combined to win the last three titles at the Fortinet Championship (Cink/2020, Homa/2021, Homa/22).

Kisner returns: Four-time PGA TOUR winner Kevin Kisner is making his first start on TOUR since withdrawing during the first round of the 2023 Travelers Championship. Kisner has made 15 starts this season, with his best result coming at The RSM Classic (T29).

PGA TOUR University: 2023 NCAA Division I National Championship winner Fred Biondi is making his first start as a professional on the PGA TOUR. Biondi, from the University of Florida, finished No. 2 in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2023 and has made nine starts on the Korn Ferry Tour since turning professional in May, with his best result coming at the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX (T31). Biondi missed the cut at the 2022 U.S. Open in his only start on TOUR as an amateur. A native of Sao Paulo, Biondi competes under the flag of Brazil. The last PGA TOUR member from Brazil was Lucas Lee, who made 16 starts during the 2015-16 season.

PGA TOUR Canada: Hayden Springer, who won two of the final three PGA TOUR Canada events of the season, earned a sponsor exemption by finishing the season No. 1 in the Fortinet Cup standings. Springer, the 2023 PGA TOUR Canada Player of the Year, earns fully exempt status on the Korn Ferry Tour for 2024 and an exemption into the final stage of PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry. This is Springer's fourth start on the PGA TOUR and first since the 2021 U.S. Open (MC). He got into the 2016 FedEx St. Jude Classic via the Open Qualifier at age 19 (MC).

Duplicate events: As part of the PGA TOUR's return to a calendar-based schedule in 2024, all seven events in the FedExCup Fall will be played twice as part of the 2022-23 season. The last PGA TOUR season that had events played multiple times was 2020-21, when the 2020 Corales Puntacana Championship, Masters Tournament and U.S. Open were moved to the fall of 2020 due to COVID-19.

2022 LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Max Homa	65	67	72	68	272 (-16)
2	Danny Willett	68	64	72	69	273 (-15)
3	Taylor Montgomery	68	71	72	64	275 (-13)
T4	Byeong Hun An	66	68	71	71	276 (-12)
T4	Justin Lower	63	71	69	73	276 (-12)
T6	Rickie Fowler	67	72	69	69	277 (-11)
T6	Nick Taylor	67	75	67	68	277 (-11)
T6	Sahith Theegala	67	69	71	70	277 (-11)

STRENGTH OF FIELD STATISTICS

Top 10 FedExCup	1.....	Max Homa (9)
Top 50 FedExCup	6.....	
Top 10 OWGR	1.....	Max Homa (7)
Top 50 OWGR	4.....	
PGA TOUR winners	84.....	Justin Thomas (15)
Past champions	6.....	Defending: Max Homa (2021, 2022)
FedExCup Champions	1.....	Justin Thomas (2017)
PLAYERS winners	3.....	Most recent: Justin Thomas (2021)
Major winners	7.....	Zach Johnson/Justin Thomas (2)

TOURNAMENT RECORDS

Category	Value	Player	Year
Low 18-hole score	61	7 players; most recent: Ricky Barnes	2018 (R2)
Low 36-hole score	128	John Mallinger	2012
Low 54-hole score	194	Troy Matteson	2009
Low 72-hole score	262	5 players; most recent: Jamie Lovemark, Rickie Fowler, Troy Matteson	2009
Holes-in-one	14	Most recent: Grayson Murray	2019
Largest 18-hole lead	3	Nick O'Hern	2012
Largest 36-hole lead	4	John Mallinger	2012
Largest 54-hole lead	4	Sangmoon Bae	2014
Largest margin of victory	2	4 players; most recent: Stewart Cink	2020
Best come from behind win	4	Brendan Steele	2016
Playoffs	5	Most recent: Kevin Tway def. Ryan Moore and Brandt Snedeker	2018
Wire-to-wire winners	1	Rocco Mediate	2010