



PRE-TOURNAMENT NOTES 2023 MASTERS TOURNAMENT



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

April 3-9 • 25th of 44 FedExCup Regular Season events
 Augusta, Georgia
 Augusta National Golf Club • Par 72 • 7,545 yds. (2022: 7,510 yds.)
Purse TBA • **Winner** TBA + 600 FedExCup pts.
 88 players • 72-hole stroke-play
Defending champion Scottie Scheffler

BROADCAST SCHEDULE (ET)

	ESPN	CBS
R1	3-7:30 p.m.	
R2	3-7:30 p.m.	
R3		3-7 p.m.
R4		2-7 p.m.

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2022-23 PGA TOUR SEASON

FedExCup Playoffs

TOUR Championship
 BMW Championship
 FedEx St. Jude Championship

FedExCup Regular Season

Wyndham Championship
 3M Open
 Barracuda Championship
 The Open Championship
 Barbasol Championship
 Genesis Scottish Open
 John Deere Classic
 Rocket Mortgage Classic
 Travelers Championship
 U.S. Open
 RBC Canadian Open
 the Memorial Tournament
 Charles Schwab Challenge
 PGA Championship
 AT&T Byron Nelson
 Wells Fargo Championship
 Mexico Open at Vidanta
 Zurich Classic of New Orleans
 RBC Heritage
Masters Tournament.....

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*

Italics First-time PGA TOUR winners

TOP STORYLINES

The 2023 Masters Tournament is the first major championship of the 2022-23 season and second event that offers 600 FedExCup points to the winner. In 2022, **Scottie Scheffler** earned his first career major championship title and fourth win of the season with a three-stroke victory over **Rory McIlroy**. Scheffler went on to win the Jack Nicklaus Award as PGA TOUR Player of the Year while McIlroy captured his third career FedExCup title, and they enter this year's Masters as the two highest-ranked players in the Official World Golf Ranking.

Scottie Scheffler has two wins this season, including THE PLAYERS Championship. Three players have successfully defended a title at the Masters Tournament: Jack Nicklaus (1966), Nick Faldo (1990) and Tiger Woods (2002). Scheffler is 1-for-3 in title defenses on TOUR this season, with a victory at the WM Phoenix Open and top-five finishes at the Arnold Palmer Invitational (T4) and WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play (4th). The only player to win THE PLAYERS and the Masters in the same year is Tiger Woods in 2001. Woods is also the last player to successfully defend multiple titles in the same season, doing so four times in 2007.

Three-time FedExCup Champion **Rory McIlroy** would become the sixth player to complete the career Grand Slam with a win, joining Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Ben Hogan and Gene Sarazen. McIlroy was the only player to finish in the top 10 at all four majors in 2022 (2nd/Masters, 8th/PGA Championship, T5/U.S. Open, 3rd/The Open).

Career Grand Slam tracker (*bold indicates tournament at which the player achieved Grand Slam*)

Player	Masters	PGA	U.S. Open	The Open
Tiger Woods	1997, 2001, '02, '05, '19	1999, 2000, 2006, 2007	2000, 2002, 2008	2000 , 2005, 2006
Jack Nicklaus	1963, '65, '66, '72, '75, '86	1963, 71, 73, 75, 80	1962, 1967, 1972, 1980	1966 , 1970, 1978
Gary Player	1961, 1974, 1978	1962, 1972	1965	1959, 1968, 1974
Ben Hogan	1951, 1953	1946, 1948	1948, 1950, 1951, 1953	1953
Gene Sarazen	1935	1922, 1923, 1933	1922, 1932	1932
<i>Rory McIlroy</i>		<i>2012, 2014</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2014</i>

Scheffler entered the 2022 Masters as the leader in the FedExCup standings with three wins on the season, accolades that belong to **Jon Rahm** in 2023, who is making his seventh start at the event. Since making his tournament debut in 2017, Rahm has compiled four top-10s, tied with Rory McIlroy and Cameron Smith for the most of any player in that span, and has not finished worse than T27 (2017, 2022). Rahm's victories this season have come at the Sentry Tournament of Champions, The American Express and The Genesis Invitational.

82-time PGA TOUR winner and five-time Masters Tournament champion **Tiger Woods** is making his second start of the season and first since The Genesis Invitational, where he finished T45. Woods has played in four tournaments since his February 2021 car accident, including three majors in 2022 (47th/Masters, WD after R3/PGA Championship and MC/The Open Championship). With a win, Woods would break a tie with Sam Snead for most PGA TOUR wins in history (83) and tie Jack Nicklaus for most wins at the Masters (6). Woods has made 22 consecutive cuts at the Masters (1997-2022) and would tie Fred Couples (1983-2007) and Gary Player (1959-1982) for the longest such streak in tournament history if he makes the cut.

2015 Masters winner **Jordan Spieth** holds the lowest scoring average of any player in tournament history (min. 25 rounds) at an average of 70.71 (second-lowest: Tiger Woods, 71.05). Spieth also holds the tournament records for low opening 36-hole score (130, 2015) and low opening 54-hole score (200, 2015; tied with Dustin Johnson, 2020). Spieth has three top-10s on the season, highlighted by a T3 at the Valspar Championship.

Six players have six or more PGA TOUR wins in the last five seasons; **Patrick Cantlay** (seven wins in that span) and **Max Homa** (six) are the only two among the group that have not won a major championship in their careers. At No. 4 (Cantlay) and No. 5 (Homa) in the Official World Golf Ranking, they are also the two highest-ranked players in the world without a win in a major. Cantlay has made six starts at the Masters and earned low-amateur honors in 2012 (T47) while Homa is making his fourth appearance after making the cut for the first time in 2022 (T48).

WINNERS

Year	Player	Year	Player
2022	Scottie Scheffler	1954	Sam Snead
2021	Hideki Matsuyama	1953	Ben Hogan
2020	Dustin Johnson	1952	Sam Snead
2019	Tiger Woods	1951	Ben Hogan
2018	Patrick Reed	1950	Jimmy Demaret
2017	Sergio Garcia	1949	Sam Snead
2016	Danny Willett	1948	Claude Harmon
2015	Jordan Spieth	1947	Jimmy Demaret
2014	Bubba Watson	1946	Herman Keiser
2013	Adam Scott	1942	Byron Nelson
2012	Bubba Watson	1941	Craig Wood
2011	Charl Schwartzel	1940	Jimmy Demaret
2010	Phil Mickelson	1939	Ralph Guldahl
2009	Ángel Cabrera	1938	Henry Picard
2008	Trevor Immelman	1937	Byron Nelson
2007	Zach Johnson	1936	Horton Smith
2006	Phil Mickelson	1935	Gene Sarazen
2005	Tiger Woods	1934	Horton Smith
2004	Phil Mickelson		
2003	Mike Weir	bold in field	
2002	Tiger Woods		
2001	Tiger Woods		
2000	Vijay Singh		
1999	J. María Olazábal		
1998	Mark O'Meara		
1997	Tiger Woods		
1996	Nick Faldo		
1995	Ben Crenshaw		
1994	J. María Olazábal		
1993	Bernhard Langer		
1992	Fred Couples		
1991	Ian Woosnam		
1990	Nick Faldo		
1989	Nick Faldo		
1988	Sandy Lyle		
1987	Larry Mize		
1986	Jack Nicklaus		
1985	Bernhard Langer		
1984	Ben Crenshaw		
1983	Seve Ballesteros		
1982	Craig Stadler		
1981	Tom Watson		
1980	Seve Ballesteros		
1979	Fuzzy Zoeller		
1978	Gary Player		
1977	Tom Watson		
1976	Raymond Floyd		
1975	Jack Nicklaus		
1974	Gary Player		
1973	Tommy Aaron		
1972	Jack Nicklaus		
1971	Charles Coody		
1970	Billy Casper		
1969	George Archer		
1968	Bob Goalby		
1967	Gay Brewer		
1966	Jack Nicklaus		
1965	Jack Nicklaus		
1964	Arnold Palmer		
1963	Jack Nicklaus		
1962	Arnold Palmer		
1961	Gary Player		
1960	Arnold Palmer		
1959	Art Wall		
1958	Arnold Palmer		
1957	Doug Ford		
1956	Jack Burke, Jr.		
1955	Cary Middlecoff		

ADDITIONAL STORYLINES

With a win, two-time PGA Championship winner and 2017 FedExCup winner **Justin Thomas** would tie Dustin Johnson for most PGA TOUR wins since Thomas joined the TOUR at the start of the 2013-14 season (16). Only Brooks Koepka (4) and Jordan Spieth (3) have more victories in major championships in the last 10 years than Thomas. Thomas is making his eighth start at the Masters and has finished in the top 25 in each of the past six years (best result: 4th/2020).

Sam Burns won the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play in his most recent start, defeating Cameron Young, 6 and 5, in the championship match. The last player to win consecutive starts, including a major championship, was Scottie Scheffler, who won the 2022 Masters after his victory at the Dell Technologies Match Play. Burns is making his second start at the Masters (MC/2022).

Corey Conners won last week's Valero Texas Open, earning his second career PGA TOUR title and second at that event. Conners has finished in the top 10 at the Masters in each of the last three years, tied with Cameron Smith for the longest active streak. The last player to win a major after winning on TOUR the week prior was Rory McIlroy in 2014 (WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, PGA Championship) and the last to do so at the Masters was Phil Mickelson in 2006 (BellSouth Classic).

2020 PGA Championship and 2021 Open Championship winner **Collin Morikawa** is making his fourth start at the Masters and coming off his best result at the event (5th/2022). Morikawa has three top-10s on TOUR this season, highlighted by a runner-up at the Sentry Tournament of Champions.

2015 PGA Championship and 2016 PLAYERS Championship winner **Jason Day** has recorded six top-10s this season, tied for his most in a season since he had 10 in 2015-16 (also had six in 2018-19). Day has five top-10s in his last six starts, including a T5 at the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play in his most recent start. Day, who finished runner-up in his tournament debut in 2011 and added top-fives in 2013 (3rd) and 2019 (T5), is making his 12th start in the Masters and first since 2021.

Five PGA TOUR members are making their tournament debut: **Tom Kim, Kurt Kitayama, Taylor Moore, Adam Svensson** and **Sahith Theegala**. Four of those first-timers have won on TOUR this season (Kim/Shriners Children's Open, Svensson/The RSM Classic, Kitayama/Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, Moore/Valspar Championship) and two are in the top 20 of the Official World Golf Ranking (Kim/19, Kitayama/20).

Players to win the Masters in tournament debut

- Fuzzy Zoeller, 1979
- Gene Sarazen, 1935 (second tournament)
- Horton Smith, 1934 (inaugural tournament)

2022 LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Scottie Scheffler	69	67	71	71	278 (-10)
2	Rory McIlroy	73	73	71	64	281 (-7)
T3	Shane Lowry	73	68	73	69	283 (-5)
T3	Cameron Smith	68	74	68	73	283 (-5)
5	Collin Morikawa	73	70	74	67	284 (-4)
T6	Corey Conners	70	73	72	70	285 (-3)
T6	Will Zalatoris	71	72	75	67	285 (-3)
T8	S. Im, J. Thomas					287 (-1)

STRENGTH OF FIELD STATISTICS

Top 10 FedExCup	10	Jon Rahm (1)
Top 30 FedExCup	25	
Top 10 OWGR	10	Scottie Scheffler (1)
Top 50 OWGR	49	
PGA TOUR winners	70	Tiger Woods (82)
Past champions	20	Defending: Scottie Scheffler
FedExCup Champions	9	Most recent: Rory McIlroy (2022)
PLAYERS winners	12	Most recent: S. Scheffler (2023)
Major winners	35	Tiger Woods (15)

TOURNAMENT RECORDS

Category	Value	Player	Year
Low 18-hole score	63	2 players; most recent: Greg Norman	1996
Low 36-hole score	130	Jordan Spieth	2015
Low 54-hole score	200	2 players; most recent: Dustin Johnson	2020
Low 72-hole score	268	Dustin Johnson	2020
Holes-in-one	34	Most recent: Stewart Cink	2022 (R2, No. 16)
Largest 18-hole lead	4	3 players; most recent: Justin Rose	2021
Largest 36-hole lead	5	5 players; most recent: Scottie Scheffler	2022
Largest 54-hole lead	9	Tiger Woods	1997
Best come-from-behind win	8	Jack Burke, Jr.	1956
Largest margin of victory	12	Tiger Woods	1997
Playoffs	15	Most recent: Sergio Garcia def. Justin Rose	2017
Wire-to-wire winners	4	Most recent: Jordan Spieth	2015