



PRE-TOURNAMENT NOTES 2023 MEXICO OPEN at VIDANTA



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

April 24-30 - 28th of 44 FedExCup Regular Season events
Vallarta, Mexico
Vidanta Vallarta - Par 71 - 7,456 yds.
Purse \$7.7 million • **Winner** \$1,386,000 + 500 FedExCup pts.
144 players - 72-hole stroke play
Defending champion Jon Rahm

BROADCAST SCHEDULE (ET)

	ESPN+	GOLF	CBS
R1	8:45a-6:30p	3:30-6:30 p.m.	
R2	8:45a-6:30p	3:30-6:30 p.m.	
R3	8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.	1-3 p.m.	3-6 p.m.
R4	8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.	1-3 p.m.	3-6 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... *Davis Riley/Nick Hardy*
RBC Heritage..... *Matt Fitzpatrick*
Masters Tournament..... *Jon Rahm (4)*
Valero Texas Open..... *Corey Connors*
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

World No. 1 and FedExCup leader **Jon Rahm** returns to the Mexico Open at Vidanta after winning the event in 2022. Rahm has four wins this season, including the Masters Tournament, and with a win, would become the first player to win five times in a season since Justin Thomas in 2016-17.

Last five players to win five or more times in a season

2016-17	Justin Thomas	5
2014-15	Jason Day	5
2014-15	Jordan Spieth	5
2013	Tiger Woods	5
2009	Tiger Woods	6

With \$13,623,540 in Official Money this season, Rahm is the second player in PGA TOUR history to earn \$13 million or more in a single season. In 2021-22, Scottie Scheffler set the PGA TOUR record for most Official Money earned in a single season (\$14,046,910).

Rahm has made six prior starts as the defending champion on the PGA TOUR. He has not successfully defended a title on TOUR, but led by six strokes after the third round of the 2021 Memorial Tournament presented by Workday before being forced to withdraw (COVID-19). Rahm has successfully defended one title on the DP World Tour, winning the Open de España in 2018 and 2019.

Jon Rahm results on the PGA TOUR as defending champion

T12	2022 U.S. Open
T9	2021 BMW Championship
WD	2021 Memorial Tournament presented by Workday
7th	2021 Zurich Classic of New Orleans (with partner Ryan Palmer)
6th	2019 American Express
T29	2018 Farmers Insurance Open

There are seven players from Mexico in the field:

Player	Age	Career PGA TOUR starts
Jose Cristobal Islas	20	1
Roberto Lebrija	25	<i>Making PGA TOUR debut</i>
Omar Morales (a)	20	<i>Making PGA TOUR debut</i>
Alvaro Ortiz	27	8
Raul Pereda	26	<i>Making PGA TOUR debut</i>
Jose de Jesus Rodriguez	42	33
Sebastian Vazquez	32	7

Tony Finau finished T2 at the 2022 Mexico Open, which was his first top-10 of the season. That runner-up result began a stretch of 15 starts for Finau that included three wins (3M Open, Rocket Mortgage Classic, Cadence Bank Houston Open) and three other top-five finishes. With his win at the Cadence Bank Houston Open, Finau is one of four players in the field that has won on TOUR this season.

Players in the field that have won during the 2022-23 season

Nico Echavarria	Puerto Rico Open
Tony Finau	Cadence Bank Houston Open
Jon Rahm	Four wins (most recent: Masters Tournament)
Matt Wallace	Corales Puntacana Championship

Rahm and Finau are two of seven players in the field that finished in the top 10 at the 2022 Mexico Open, along with **Brandon Wu** (T2), **Cameron Champ** (T6), **David Lipsky** (T6), **Alex Smalley** (T6) and **Patrick Rodgers** (10th). **Sebastian Vazquez** (2016), **Austin Smotherman** (2018) and **Alvaro Ortiz** (2021) won the event when it was sanctioned by PGA TOUR Latinoamerica.

WINNERS

Year	Player
2022	Jon Rahm

bold in field

Players in the field that won the Mexico Open when it was sanctioned by PGA TOUR

Latinoamerica:

Year	Player
2021	Alvaro Ortiz
2018	Austin Smotherman
2016	Sebastian Vazquez

ADDITIONAL STORYLINES

95 players that competed at last week's Zurich Classic of New Orleans are in the field, including seven that finished in the top 10. **Wyndham Clark** and **Beau Hossler**, who finished third and held at least a share of the lead after each of the first three rounds, are both in the field, along with **Sean O'Hair/Brandon Matthews** (T7), **Matthias Schwab/Vincent Norrman** (T9) and **Martin Trainer** (finished T9 with Chad Ramey).

Brandon Wu carded a final-round 63 to finish T2 in 2022, tying Finau (R4) for the lowest score in any round. Wu earned his second career runner-up earlier this season at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

At No. 35, **Andrew Putnam** has the third-highest FedExCup position of any player in the field behind Rahm and Finau. Putnam, who missed the cut at the 2022 Mexico Open, has two top-fives this season, highlighted by a runner-up at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP. His lone TOUR victory came at the 2018 Barracuda Championship.

At No. 50, **Alex Noren** is the third-highest ranked player in the field via the OWGR behind Rahm and Finau. Noren is making his tournament debut at the Mexico Open and has one top-10 on TOUR this season (T4/Cadence Bank Houston Open). Noren is a two-time runner-up on TOUR and a 10-time winner on the DP World Tour.

All three players that have joined the PGA TOUR as Special Temporary Members this season are in the field (Akshay Bhatia, Ryan Gerard, Nicolai Hojgaard). To earn full status on the PGA TOUR for the 2024 season, those players must earn as many or more non-member FedExCup points as No. 125 in the final 2022-23 FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List, which will run through the FedExCup Fall.

Non-member FedExCup points for Special Temporary Members during the 2022-23 season

Points	Player	Nearest positions in FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List
261	Akshay Bhatia	Between Nos. 101 and 102
194	Nicolai Hojgaard	Between Nos. 118 and 119
178	Ryan Gerard	Between Nos. 120 and 121

Zach Bauchou, one of the four Open Qualifiers, is making his fifth career start on the PGA TOUR and first since the 2019 Rocket Mortgage Classic. Bauchou was a member of Oklahoma State's golf team that won the 2018 NCAA Championship along with current TOUR members Austin Eckroat (in the field) and Viktor Hovland.

Open Qualifiers at the Mexico Open at Vidanta

Player	Age	Career PGA TOUR starts	Best result on PGA TOUR
Zach Bauchou	27	4	MC (4 times)
Brian Davis	48	382	Runner-up (5 times; 0-1 in playoffs)
Kyle Reifers	39	162	P2 (2015 Barracuda Championship)
Jose Toledo	36	<i>Making PGA TOUR debut</i>	

2022 LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Jon Rahm	64	66	68	69	267 (-17)
T2	Tony Finau	71	68	66	63	268 (-16)
T2	Brandon Wu	69	70	66	63	268 (-16)
T2	Kurt Kitayama	64	70	66	68	268 (-16)
5	Davis Riley	69	65	67	68	269 (-15)
T6	Four players					270 (-14)

STRENGTH OF FIELD STATISTICS

Top 10 FedExCup	1	Jon Rahm (1)
Top 30 FedExCup	2	
Top 10 OWGR	1	Jon Rahm (1)
Top 50 OWGR	3	
PGA TOUR winners	70	Jon Rahm (11)
Past champions	10	Defending: Jon Rahm
FedExCup Champions	1	Bill Haas (2011)
PLAYERS winners	0	
Major winners	6	Jon Rahm (2)

TOURNAMENT RECORDS

Category	Value	Player	Year
Low 18-hole score	63	Brandon Wu, Tony Finau	2022
Low 36-hole score	130	Jon Rahm	2022
Low 54-hole score	198	Jon Rahm	2022
Low 72-hole score	267	Jon Rahm	2022
Holes-in-one	2	Scott Gutschewski, Kiradech Aphibarnrat	2022
Largest 18-hole lead	-	-	-
Largest 36-hole lead	2	Jon Rahm	2022
Largest 54-hole lead	2	Jon Rahm	2022
Best come-from-behind win	-	-	-
Largest margin of victory	1	Jon Rahm	2022
Playoffs	-	-	-
Wire-to-wire winners	-	-	-