



PRE-TOURNAMENT NOTES 2023 PGA CHAMPIONSHIP



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

May 15-21 • 31st of 44 FedExCup Regular Season events (second major)
 Rochester, New York
 Oak Hill Country Club (East Course) • Par 70 • 7,394 yds.
Purse TBD • Winner TBD + 600 FedExCup pts.
 156 players • 72-hole stroke play
Defending champion Justin Thomas

BROADCAST SCHEDULE (ET)

	ESPN+	ESPN	CBS
R1	7 a.m.-1 p.m.	1-7 p.m.	
R2	7 a.m.-1 p.m.	1-7 p.m.	
R3	8-10 a.m.	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	1-7 p.m.
R4	8-10 a.m.	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	1-7 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..... 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 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

The PGA Championship is the 31st event of the FedExCup Regular Season and second major championship of the year. Just 14 events played over the next 12 weeks remain before the start of the FedExCup Playoffs.

Oak Hill Country Club's East Course in Rochester, New York, will host its seventh major championship and first since the 2013 PGA Championship.

Past major championships held at Oak Hill (three U.S. Opens and three PGA Championships)

Tournament	Winner	Number of competitors in the field in 2023
2013 PGA Championship	Jason Dufner	33
2003 PGA Championship	Shaun Micheal	7
1989 U.S. Open	Curtis Strange	-
1980 PGA Championship	Jack Nicklaus	-
1968 U.S. Open	Lee Trevino	-
1956 U.S. Open	Cary Middlecoff	-

Players in the field that competed at the 2013 PGA Championship (33): Keegan Bradley (T19), Paul Casey (T33), Jason Day (T8), Luke Donald (MC), Harris English (T61), Rickie Fowler (T19), Padraig Harrington (MC), Russell Henley (MC), Billy Horschel (MC), Dustin Johnson (T8), Zach Johnson (T8), Chris Kirk (T57), Brooks Koepka (T70), Matt Kuchar (T22), Pablo Larrazabal (MC), David Lingmerth (MC), Shane Lowry (T57), Hideki Matsuyama (T19), Rory McIlroy (T8), Shaun Micheal (MC), Phil Mickelson (T72), Francesco Molinari (T33), Alex Noren (MC), Thorbjorn Olesen (T40), Justin Rose (T33), Adam Scott (T5), Webb Simpson (T25), Jordan Spieth (MC), Scott Stallings (T55), Jimmy Walker (MC), Danny Willett (T40), Gary Woodland (74th), Y.E. Yang (MC)

Players in the field that competed at the 2003 PGA Championship (7): Paul Casey (66th), Luke Donald (T23), Padraig Harrington (T29), Shaun Micheal (Won), Phil Mickelson (T23), Justin Rose (MC), Adam Scott (T23)

Jon Rahm has won four times this season, including the Masters Tournament, and is making his first start since finishing solo-second in his title defense at the Mexico Open at Vidanta. Rahm is looking to become the first player to win back-to-back major championships since Jordan Spieth did so in 2015 (Masters, U.S. Open). Rahm has made the cut in the last 16 majors, the longest active streak (last missed cut in a major: 2019 PGA Championship).

Scottie Scheffler finished T5 in his hometown event last week at the AT&T Byron Nelson, earning his 12th consecutive result of T12 or better on TOUR. Scheffler, who won THE PLAYERS Championship by five strokes in March, has two top-10s in three starts at the PGA Championship (T4/2020, T8/2021; MC/2022).

Rory McIlroy, a two-time PGA Championship winner (2012 and 2014), finished in the top 10 in all four majors in 2022 but missed the cut at the Masters Tournament to begin his major campaign in 2023. He enters the week at No. 17 in the FedExCup standings with a win (THE CJ CUP in South Carolina) and two other top-three results (T2/Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, 3rd/WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play) in eight starts this season.

Defending champion and two-time PGA Championship winner **Justin Thomas** (2017, 2022) is looking to become the first player to successfully defend a title in a major since Brooks Koepka at the 2019 PGA Championship. Thomas enters the week No. 69 in the FedExCup standings, and new for the 2022-23 season, only the top 70 in the FedExCup standings through the Wyndham Championship will qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs.

With a win, 13-time TOUR winner **Jordan Spieth** would become the sixth player to win the Career Grand Slam, joining Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Ben Hogan and Gene Sarazen (Career Grand Slam tracker on page 2). Spieth won the 2015 Masters Tournament, 2015 U.S. Open and 2017 Open Championship, and is making his seventh start in the PGA Championship since the 2017 Open (T28/2017, T12/2018, T3/2019, T71/2020, T30/2021, T34/2022). Spieth made his PGA Championship debut at Oak Hill in 2013 (MC).

WINNERS (STROKE PLAY)

Year	Player
2022	Justin Thomas
2021	Phil Mickelson
2020	Collin Morikawa
2019	Brooks Koepka
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2017	Justin Thomas
2016	Jimmy Walker
2015	Jason Day
2014	Rory McIlroy
2013	Jason Dufner
2012	Rory McIlroy
2011	Keegan Bradley
2010	Martin Kaymer
2009	Y.E. Yang
2008	Padraig Harrington
2007	Tiger Woods
2006	Tiger Woods
2005	Phil Mickelson
2004	Vijay Singh
2003	Shaun Micheel
2002	Rich Beem
2001	David Toms
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1998	Vijay Singh
1997	Davis Love III
1996	Mark Brooks
1995	Steve Elkington
1994	Nick Price
1993	Paul Azinger
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1991	John Daly
1990	Wayne Grady
1989	Payne Stewart
1988	Jeff Sluman
1987	Larry Nelson
1986	Bob Tway
1985	Hubert Green
1984	Lee Trevino
1983	Hal Sutton
1982	Raymond Floyd
1981	Larry Nelson
1980	Jack Nicklaus
1979	David Graham
1978	John Mahaffey
1977	Lanny Wadkins
1976	Dave Stockton
1975	Jack Nicklaus
1974	Lee Trevino
1973	Jack Nicklaus
1972	Gary Player
1971	Jack Nicklaus
1970	Dave Stockton
1969	Raymond Floyd
1968	Julius Boros
1967	Don January
1966	Al Geiberger
1965	Dave Marr
1964	Bobby Nichols
1963	Jack Nicklaus
1962	Gary Player
1961	Jerry Barber
1960	Jay Hebert
1959	Bob Rosburg
1958	Dow Finsterwald
bold in field	

ADDITIONAL STORYLINES

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
Jordan Spieth	2015	-	2015	2017

2015 PGA Championship winner **Jason Day** is coming off a win at last week's AT&T Byron Nelson, his 13th career PGA TOUR title and first since the 2018 Wells Fargo Championship (5 years, 8 days prior). Day has won in back-to-back starts twice in his PGA TOUR career: 2015 PGA Championship-2015 FedEx St. Jude Championship (then The Barclays) and 2016 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard-2016 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play. The last player to win on TOUR and win a major the following week is Rory McIlroy, who won the 2014 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational followed by the PGA Championship.

Two PGA TOUR members are making their major championship debuts: rookies **Nico Echavarria** and **Ben Griffin**. Echavarria, who won the Puerto Rico Open, is the only rookie to win on TOUR this season, while Griffin played in the final group on Saturday at THE PLAYERS Championship with eventual champion Scottie Scheffler (finished T35). Among the other 14 players making their major debuts is **David Micheluzzi**, a two-time winner on the PGA TOUR of Australasia in 2023 who made his PGA TOUR debut on a sponsor exemption at last week's AT&T Byron Nelson (T67).

At No. 4 in the Official World Golf Ranking, **Patrick Cantlay** is the highest-ranked player that has not won a major championship. Cantlay, the 2021 FedExCup Champion, has seven wins over the last five seasons, the third-most of any player in that span and most of any player that has not won a major (McIlroy/9, Rahm/9). Cantlay has three top-10s in 24 prior starts in majors (T3/2019 PGA Championship, T8/2022 Open Championship, T9/2019 Masters Tournament).

Wyndham Clark is making his first start since winning the Wells Fargo Championship, his first career PGA TOUR title. Clark is one of eight first-time winners on TOUR this season and enters the week No. 32 in the Official World Golf Ranking (first start as a top-50 player in the OWGR). He is making his sixth career major start.

Rickie Fowler has five consecutive top-20 finishes on TOUR and following a T14 at the Wells Fargo Championship in his most recent start, Fowler moved into the top 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking for the first time since the ranking published November 29, 2020.

2022 LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Justin Thomas	67	67	74	67	275 (-5)
P2	Will Zalatoris	66	65	73	71	275 (-5)
T3	Mito Pereira	68	64	69	75	276 (-4)
T3	Cameron Young	71	67	67	71	276 (-4)
T5	Matt Fitzpatrick	68	69	67	73	277 (-3)
T5	Tommy Fleetwood	71	70	69	67	277 (-3)
T5	Chris Kirk	68	70	71	68	277 (-3)
8	Rory McIlroy	65	71	74	68	278 (-2)

STRENGTH OF FIELD STATISTICS

Top 10 FedExCup	10.....	Jon Rahm (1)
Top 30 FedExCup	30.....	
Top 10 OWGR	9.....	Jon Rahm (1)
Top 50 OWGR	49.....	all but No. 9 Will Zalatoris
PGA TOUR winners	82.....	Phil Mickelson (45)
Past champions	11.....	Defending: Justin Thomas
FedExCup Champions	7.....	Most recent: Rory McIlroy (2022)
PLAYERS winners	11.....	Most recent: Scottie Scheffler (2023)
Major winners	29.....	Phil Mickelson (6)

TOURNAMENT RECORDS

Category	Value	Player	Year
Low 18-hole score	63	18 times; most recent: Bubba Watson	2022 (R2)
Low 36-hole score	128	Brooks Koepka	2019
Low 54-hole score	196	David Toms	2001
Low 72-hole score	264	Brooks Koepka	2018
Holes-in-one (1983-present)	28	Most recent: Byeong Hun An	2020 (R4)
Largest 18-hole lead	3	3 players; most recent: Raymond Floyd	1982
Largest 36-hole lead	7	Brooks Koepka	2019
Largest 54-hole lead	7	Brooks Koepka	2019
Best come-from-behind win	7	2 players; most recent: Justin Thomas	2022
Largest margin of victory	8	Rory McIlroy	2012
Playoffs	14	Most recent: Justin Thomas def. Will Zalatoris	2022
Wire-to-wire winners	5	Most recent: Brooks Koepka	2019