



## PRE-TOURNAMENT NOTES 2023 SHRINERS CHILDREN'S OPEN



### TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

October 9-15 • Third of seven FedExCup Fall events  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
TPC Summerlin • Par 71 • 7,255 yds.  
**Purse \$8.4 million • Winner \$1,512,000 + 500 FedExCup pts.**  
132 players • 72-hole stroke play  
**Defending champion Tom Kim**

### BROADCAST SCHEDULE (ET)

	ESPN+	GOLF
<b>R1</b>	9:30 a.m.-8 p.m.	5-8 p.m.
<b>R2</b>	9:30 a.m.-8 p.m.	5-8 p.m.
<b>R3</b>		5-8 p.m.
<b>R4</b>		5-8 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 ..... Luke List  
Fortinet Championship ..... *Sahith Theegala*

#### 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  
*Italics* First-time PGA TOUR winners

### TOP STORYLINES

**FedExCup Fall:** The 2023 Shriners Children's Open is the third 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. The Top 125 will be exempt into all Full-Field events and THE PLAYERS Championship next season and Nos. 126-150 will earn conditional status on TOUR next season.

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.

**Defending Champion:** Tom Kim won his second PGA TOUR title at the 2022 Shriners Children's Open, becoming the first player since Tiger Woods in 1996 to win twice before turning 21 years old. At No. 16 in the Official World Golf Ranking, Kim is the highest-ranked player in the field and is set to defend a title for the first time (was unable to defend his 2022 Wyndham Championship title due to injury). Jim Furyk marks the only player to win the event in back-to-back seasons (1998-99).

**Five players in the field qualified for the TOUR Championship:** Adam Schenk (No. 9), Tom Kim (No. 20), Si Woo Kim (No. 20), Nick Taylor (No. 25), Emiliano Grillo (No. 29)

**Eight other players in the field qualified for the BMW Championship:** Andrew Putnam (No. 35), Adam Svensson (No. 37), J.T. Poston (No. 39), Eric Cole (No. 43), Adam Hadwin (No. 45), Tom Hoge (No. 46), Cam Davis (No. 48), Patrick Rodgers (No. 49)

**The Next 10:** Players in positions 51-60 in the FedExCup standings through the RSM Classic will be eligible for the first two Signature Events of the 2024 PGA TOUR season (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, The Genesis Invitational).

**Players that moved in to the Next 10 since the 2023 TOUR Championship (all in field this week)**

Player	Rank entering FedExCup Fall	Rank thru Sanderson Farms Championship
Ben Griffin	63rd	51st
Mark Hubbard	67th	59th
S.H. Kim	83rd	60th

**Seven of the 10 players currently ranked Nos. 51-60 are in the field:** Ben Griffin (No. 51), Alex Smalley (No. 52), Nick Hardy (No. 53), Taylor Montgomery (No. 56), Beau Hossler (No. 57), Mark Hubbard (No. 59), S.H. Kim (No. 60)

**LPGA to the PGA TOUR:** 11-time LPGA winner Lexi Thompson received a sponsor exemption and will make her PGA TOUR debut at the Shriners Children's Open. Thompson will become the seventh woman to compete in a PGA TOUR event and first since Brittany Lincicome at the 2018 Barbasol Championship (MC).

#### Women to play on the PGA TOUR

Player	Tournament	Finish Position
Brittany Lincicome	2018 Barbasol Championship	MC
Michelle Wie West	8 times; most recent: 2008 Barracuda Championship	MC
Suzy Whaley	2003 Travelers Championship	MC
Annika Sorenstam	2003 Charles Schwab Challenge	MC
Shirley Spork	1952 Barracuda Championship	105th
Babe Didrikson Zaharias	7 times; most recent: 1946 Los Angeles Open	WD

## WINNERS

2022	Tom Kim
2021	Sungjae Im
2020	Martin Laird
2019	Kevin Na
2018	Bryson DeChambeau
2017	Patrick Cantlay
2016	Rod Pampling
2015	Smylie Kaufman
2014	Ben Martin
2013	Webb Simpson
2012	Ryan Moore
2011	Kevin Na
2010	Jonathan Byrd
2009	Martin Laird
2008	Marc Tormesa
2007	George McNeill
2006	Troy Matteson
2005	Wes Short, Jr.
2004	Andre Stolz
2003	Stuart Appleby
2002	Phil Tataurangi
2001	Bob Estes
2000	Billy Andrade
1999	Jim Furyk
1998	Jim Furyk
1997	Bill Glasson
1996	Tiger Woods
1995	Jim Furyk
1994	Bruce Lietzke
1993	Davis Love III
1992	John Cook
1991	Andrew Magee
1990	Bob Tway
1989	Scott Hoch
1988	Gary Koch
1987	Paul Azinger
1986	Greg Norman
1985	Curtis Strange
1984	Denis Watson
1983	Fuzzy Zoeller

bold in field

## ADDITIONAL STORYLINES

**Jackson to Las Vegas:** Luke List won last week's Sanderson Farms Championship, his second PGA TOUR title in his 253rd start. List's victory in Jackson, Mississippi marked his first top-10 since winning the 2022 Farmers Insurance Open (a span of 47 starts). The last player to win back-to-back starts was Viktor Hovland during the 2023 FedExCup Playoffs (BMW Championship/TOUR Championship) and last player to win back-to-back during the FedExCup Regular Season was Jon Rahm (2023 Sentry Tournament of Champions/2023 American Express).

A week after going 2-2-0 for Team Europe at the Ryder Cup, Ludvig Åberg of Sweden finished runner-up in a five-man playoff at the Sanderson Farms Championship. With the T2, Åberg earned his PGA TOUR career-best finish (previous: T4/2023 John Deere Classic) in his 13th start and moved to No. 113 in the FedExCup standings. The 23-year-old is exempt through next season via finishing No. 1 in the 2023 PGA TOUR University Ranking.

### Players in the field that earned their first PGA TOUR wins this season

Player	Tournament
Akshay Bhatia	Barracuda Championship
Nico Echavarria	Puerto Rico Open
Nick Hardy	Zurich Classic of New Orleans
Vincent Norrman	Barbasol Championship
Davis Riley	Zurich Classic of New Orleans
Adam Svensson	The RSM Classic
Matt Wallace	Corales Puntacana Championship

**Rookie of the year race:** PGA TOUR rookie and Las Vegas native Taylor Montgomery will make his second start at the Shriners Children's Open after finishing T15 in 2022. The UNLV graduate has four top-10s this season and sits at No. 56 in the FedExCup standings. Montgomery is one of six rookies that qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs (Eric Cole, Thomas Detry, Sam Stevens, Vincent Norrman, Ben Griffin). 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.

**Past champion:** Two-time winner Martin Laird (2009, 2020) is one of five past champions in the field and is one of three players set to make his 11th consecutive start at the event (others: Scott Scott Piercy, Nick Watney).

There were 1,956 birdies made at TPC Summerlin during the 2022 Shriners Children's Open, marking the third most of any course on the PGA TOUR during the 2022-23 season.

### Most birdies on the PGA TOUR this season (through TOUR Championship)

2,066	Rocket Mortgage Classic	Detroit Golf Club
2,021	THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson	TPC Craig Ranch
1,956	Shriners Children's Open	TPC Summerlin

## 2022 LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Tom Kim	65	67	62	66	260 (-24)
T2	Patrick Cantlay	67	67	60	69	263 (-21)
T2	Matt NeSmith	68	66	63	66	263 (-21)
T4	Tom Hoge	63	72	65	64	264 (-20)
T4	Mito Pereira	67	63	67	67	264 (-20)
T4	S.H. Kim	65	69	64	66	264 (-20)
7	Sungjae Im	65	70	63	67	265 (-19)

## STRENGTH OF FIELD STATISTICS

Top 10 FedExCup	1	Adam Schenk (9)
Top 50 FedExCup	13	
Top 10 OWGR	0	
Top 50 OWGR	8	Tom Kim (16)
PGA TOUR winners	64	Brandt Snedeker (9)
Past champions	5	Defending: Tom Kim
FedExCup Champions	1	Brandt Snedeker (2012)
PLAYERS winners	2	Most recent: Webb Simpson (2018)
Major winners	4	Cink/Dufner/Simpson/Walker (1)

## TOURNAMENT RECORDS

Category	Value	Player	Year
Low 18-hole score	59	Chip Beck	1991
Low 36-hole score	125	Tom Lehman	2001
Low 54-hole score	191	Kevin Na	2019
Low 72-hole score	259	Stuart Appleby	2003
Holes-in-one	41	Most recent: Adam Hadwin	(R3, No. 14) 2022
Largest 18-hole lead	3	Bill Glasson	1985
Largest 36-hole lead	4	Webb Simpson	2014
Largest 54-hole lead	5	2 players; most recent: John Cook, George McNeill	1992, 2007
Biggest come-from-behind win	7	Smylie Kaufman	2015
Largest margin of victory	8	Davis Love III	1993
Playoffs	11	Most recent: Martin Laird def. Austin Cook and Matthew Wolff	2020
Wire-to-wire winners	None	-	-