



PRE-TOURNAMENT NOTES 2022 SONY OPEN IN HAWAII



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

January 9-15 - 11th of 44 FedExCup Regular Season events
Honolulu, Hawaii
Waialae Country Club - Par 70 - 7,044 yards
Purse \$7.9 million - Winner \$1,422,000 + 500 FedExCup pts.
144 players - 72-hole stroke-play
Defending champion Hideki Matsuyama

BROADCAST SCHEDULE

	ESPN+	NBC	GOLF
R1	12-10:30 p.m.		7-10:30 p.m.
R2	12-10:30 p.m.		7-10:30 p.m.
R3	1-8 p.m.	4-6 p.m.	6-8 p.m.
R4	1-8 p.m.	4-6 p.m.	6-8 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	.....
Corales Puntacana Championship	.....
WGC-Dell Tech. Match Play	.....
Valspar Championship	.....
THE PLAYERS Championship	.....
Puerto Rico Open	.....
Arnold Palmer Invitational	.....
The Honda Classic	.....
The Genesis Invitational	.....
WM Phoenix Open	.....
AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am	.....
Farmers Insurance Open	.....
The American Express	.....
Sony Open in Hawaii	.....
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

Defending champion Hideki Matsuyama defeated Russell Henley in a playoff to win the 2022 Sony Open in Hawaii, earning his eighth victory of his PGA TOUR career and tying K.J. Choi for most TOUR wins by an Asian-born player (8). With a total of 23-under 257, Matsuyama became the 11th player in TOUR history with a 72-hole score of 257 or better.

With a win Sunday, Matsuyama would become the first player to go back-to-back at the event since Jimmy Walker (2014-15). Five players successfully defended a title during the 2021-22 season, the most since 2007 (5). Matsuyama has won one tournament back-to-back on TOUR: WM Phoenix Open (2016, 2017).

Successful title defenses in 2021-22	Successful title defenses in in 2022-23
Patrick Cantlay, BMW Championship	Rory McIlroy, THE CJ CUP in South Carolina
Rory McIlroy, RBC Canadian Open	Max Homa, Fortinet Championship
K.H. Lee, AT&T Byron Nelson	
Sam Burns, Valspar Championship	
Viktor Hovland, World Wide Technology Championship	

Since the TOUR went to a wraparound schedule in 2013-14, six of the nine winners of the Sony Open in Hawaii entered the week in the top 10 of the FedExCup standings.

Year	Winner	FedExCup Rank Entering the Week
2014	Jimmy Walker	2nd
2015	Jimmy Walker	8th
2017	Justin Thomas	2nd
2018	Patton Kizzire	3rd
2019	Matt Kuchar	9th
2022	Hideki Matsuyama	5th

Six players in the field enter the week in the top 10 of the FedExCup standings: Tom Kim (3), Keegan Bradley (5), Mackenzie Hughes (6), Brian Harman (7), Adam Svensson (8), Russell Henley (10).

19 of the 39 players in the Sentry Tournament of Champions field will make the trip from Kapalua to Honolulu for the Sony Open in Hawaii:

Keegan Bradley	Russell Henley	Sungjae Im	J.T. Poston	J.J. Spaun
Ryan Brehm	Tom Hoge	Tom Kim	Chad Ramey	Jordan Spieth
Corey Connors	Billy Horschel	K.H. Lee	Chez Reavie	Adam Svensson
Brian Harman	Mackenzie Hughes	Hideki Matsuyama	Adam Scott	

Six players have won both Hawaii events during their careers: Jim Furyk (1996 Sony, 2001 Sentry), Ernie Els (2003 Sentry, 2003 and 2004 Sony), Vijay Singh (2005 Sony, 2007 Sentry), Zach Johnson (2009 Sony, 2014 Sentry), Justin Thomas (2017 Sentry, 2017 and 2020 Sony) and Cameron Smith (2020 Sony, 2022 Sentry).

Eight of the 10 full-time PGA TOUR members from the University of Georgia are in the field: Harris English, Brian Harman, Russell Henley, Chris Kirk, Keith Mitchell, Greyson Sigg, Davis Thompson and Brendon Todd. Those eight have combined to make 57 starts in the event and have recorded eight total top-fives, highlighted by Henley's victory in 2013 and second-place finishes by Kirk (2021) and Henley (2022) in the last two years. Kirk (3), Henley (2) and English (2) all have multiple top-fives at the event.

Texas Christian University alumnus Tom Hoge is coming off a T3 at last week's Sentry Tournament of Champions. Hoge, who held the 54-hole lead at the 2018 Sony Open in Hawaii and missed the playoff by one stroke, is making his sixth consecutive start and eighth overall at the event.

WINNERS (1965-PRESENT)

Year	Player
2022	Hideki Matsuyama
2021	Kevin Na
2020	Cameron Smith
2019	Matt Kuchar
2018	Patton Kizzire
2017	Justin Thomas
2016	Fabián Gómez
2015	Jimmy Walker
2014	Jimmy Walker
2013	Russell Henley
2012	Johnson Wagner
2011	Mark Wilson
2010	Ryan Palmer
2009	Zach Johnson
2008	K. J. Choi
2007	Paul Goydos
2006	David Toms
2005	Vijay Singh
2004	Ernie Els
2003	Ernie Els
2002	Jerry Kelly
2001	Brad Faxon
2000	Paul Azinger
1999	Jeff Sluman
1998	John Huston
1997	Paul Stankowski
1996	Jim Furyk
1995	John Morse
1994	Brett Ogle
1993	Howard Twitty
1992	John Cook
1991	Lanny Wadkins
1990	David Ishii
1989	Gene Sauers
1988	Lanny Wadkins
1987	Corey Pavin
1986	Corey Pavin
1985	Mark O'Meara
1984	Jack Renner
1983	Isao Aoki
1982	Wayne Levi
1981	Hale Irwin
1980	Andy Bean
1979	Hubert Green
1978	Hubert Green
1977	Bruce Lietzke
1976	Ben Crenshaw
1975	Gary Groh
1974	Jack Nicklaus
1973	John Schlee
1972	Grier Jones
1971	Tom Shaw
1969	Bruce Crampton
1968	Lee Trevino
1967	Dudley Wysong
1966	Ted Makalena
1965	Gay Brewer

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ADDITIONAL STORYLINES

At No. 14 in the Official World Golf Ranking, Jordan Spieth is the highest-ranked player in the field. This is his fifth start in the event and first since 2019 (MC), with one top-five finish (3rd/2017). Spieth has 13 wins on the PGA TOUR since the start of the 2013 season, the fourth-most of any player in that span.

Most PGA TOUR victories since the start of the 2013 season

- 18 Dustin Johnson
- 17 Rory McIlroy
- 15 Justin Thomas
- 13 Jordan Spieth

Tom Kim, the highest-ranked player in the field in the FedExCup (No. 3) is making his tournament debut. With wins at the 2022 Wyndham Championship and 2022 Shriners Children's Open, Kim became the first player since Tiger Woods to win twice on the PGA TOUR before turning 21 (Woods' first two wins: 1996 Shriners Children's Open, 1996 Walt Disney World/Oldsmobile Classic). With a win this week, Kim (20 years, 6 months, 25 days on Sunday) would become the second-youngest to win three times on the PGA TOUR since 1900 (youngest: Gene Sarazen, 20 years, 5 months, 22 days).

Youngest to win twice on the PGA TOUR since 1900		Youngest to win three times on the PGA TOUR since 1900	
20 years, 2 months, 19 days	Ralph Guldahl	20 years, 5 months, 22 days	Gene Sarazen
20 years, 3 months, 18 days	Tom Kim	20 years, 8 months, 18 days	Horton Smith

Keita Nakajima, formerly the top-ranked player in the World Amateur Golf Ranking, is making his second PGA TOUR start as a professional after finishing T12 at the 2022 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP. Nakajima will be making his second start at the Sony Open in Hawaii after beginning his tournament debut in 2022 with rounds of 67-64 and stood T5 before finishing 41st. The Saitama, Japan, native competed in three majors in 2022 (Masters Tournament/MC, U.S. Open/MC, The Open Championship/MC).

Cole Hammer, who helped lead Texas to the team title at the 2022 NCAA Championships, finished T5 at The RSM Classic competing on a sponsor exemption, earning a spot in the Sony Open in Hawaii (the next open FedExCup event). Hammer is making his fifth start of the season and has made two cuts (T27/Cadence Bank Houston Open, T5/The RSM Classic).

2022 LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Hideki Matsuyama	66	65	63	63	257 (-23)
2	Russell Henley	62	63	67	65	257 (-23)
T3	Kevin Kisner	68	64	65	64	261 (-19)
T3	Seamus Power	63	68	65	65	261 (-19)
T5	Lucas Glover	67	66	64	65	262 (-18)
T5	Michael Thompson	63	67	69	63	262 (-18)
T7	4 players					263 (-17)

STRENGTH OF FIELD STATISTICS

Top 10 FedExCup	6	Tom Kim (3)
Top 30 FedExCup	14	
Top 10 OWGR	0	
Top 50 OWGR	14	Jordan Spieth (14)
PGA TOUR winners	69	Adam Scott (14)
Past champions	9	Defending: Hideki Matsuyama (2022)
FedExCup Champions	2	Most recent: Jordan Spieth (2015)
PLAYERS winners	5	Most recent: Webb Simpson (2018)
Major winners	9	Jordan Spieth (3)

TOURNAMENT RECORDS

Category	Value	Player	Year
Low 18-hole score	59	Justin Thomas	2017 (R1)
Low 36-hole score	123	Justin Thomas	2017
Low 54-hole score	188	Justin Thomas	2017
Low 72-hole score	253	Justin Thomas	2017
Holes-in-one (1983-present)	17	Most recent: Jim Furyk	2022 (R1, No. 17)
Largest 18-hole lead	4	Jack Nicklaus	1969
Largest 36-hole lead	5	3 players; most recent: Justin Thomas	2017
Largest 54-hole lead	7	Justin Thomas	2017
Wire-to-wire winners	4	Most recent: Justin Thomas	2017
Largest margin of victory	9	Jimmy Walker	2015
Playoffs	14	Most recent: Hideki Matsuyama def. Russell Henley	2022

SCORECARD: WAIALAE COUNTRY CLUB

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOTAL
480	423	422	204	467	460	176	454	506	3,592	351	194	440	477	430	398	417	194	551	3,452	7,044
4	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	5	35	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	3	5	35	70