



PRE-TOURNAMENT NOTES

2023 WELLS FARGO CHAMPIONSHIP



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

May 1-7 • 29th of 44 FedExCup Regular Season events
 Charlotte, North Carolina
 Quail Hollow Club • Par 71 • 7,538 yds.
Purse \$20 million • Winner \$3.6 million + 500 FedExCup pts.
 156 players • 72-hole stroke play
Defending champion Max Homa

BROADCAST SCHEDULE (ET)

	ESPN+	GOLF	CBS
R1	6:45 a.m. -6 p.m.	2-6 p.m.	
R2	6:45 a.m. -6 p.m.	2-6 p.m.	
R3	7 a.m. -6 p.m.	1-3 p.m.	3-6 p.m.
R4	7 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 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 Wells Fargo Championship is the 29th event of the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Season and seventh designated event, featuring six of the top 10 players in the Official World Golf Ranking (33 of top 50), 25 of the top 30 players in the FedExCup standings and 19 of the 23 players that have won on TOUR this season.

Two-time Wells Fargo Championship winner **Max Homa** (2019 at Quail Hollow Club, 2022 at TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm) is one of four players with multiple titles this season (Fortinet Championship, Farmers Insurance Open) and is seeking to successfully defend a title for the second time this season (Fortinet Championship). No player has ever successfully defended a title at the Wells Fargo Championship. Five players successfully defended a title during the 2021-22 season, the most since 2007 (5), and Homa is one of three that have done so this season (Rory McIlroy/THE CJ CUP in South Carolina, Scottie Scheffler/WM Phoenix Open).

Players with multiple wins on TOUR this season

Player	Total
Jon Rahm	4
Tony Finau	2
Max Homa	2
Scottie Scheffler	2

Most wins on TOUR since the 2022 Wells Fargo Championship

Player	Starts	Wins
Tony Finau	25	4
Jon Rahm	20	4
Max Homa	24	3
Rory McIlroy	17	3

Homa is one of 18 players in the field that competed in the 2022 Presidents Cup at Quail Hollow Club.

International Team: Corey Connors (Canada), Cam Davis (Australia), Sungjae Im (South Korea), Si Woo Kim (South Korea), Tom Kim (South Korea), K.H. Lee (South Korea), Taylor Pendrith (Canada), Adam Scott (Australia)

United States: Sam Burns, Patrick Cantlay, Tony Finau, Max Homa, Collin Morikawa, Xander Schauffele, Jordan Spieth, Justin Thomas, Cameron Young

Quail Hollow Club's 16th, 17th and 18th holes make up the most difficult three-hole finish on the PGA TOUR, known as the Green Mile. Among non-major courses that have been played in at least five seasons since 2003, "The Green Mile" ranks as the toughest finishing three holes (+0.904 on average).

Toughest finishing holes (16-18) on TOUR (non-majors) since start of 2003 season (min. five seasons played)

Tournament	Course	Average
Wells Fargo Championship	Quail Hollow Club	+0.904
the Memorial Tournament pres. by Workday	Muirfield Village Golf Club	+0.621
Valspar Championship	Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead)	+0.533

Three-time Wells Fargo Championship winner **Rory McIlroy**, the highest-ranked player in the field at No. 3 in the Official World Golf Ranking, will be making his 12th start at the event. The Wells Fargo Championship is one of six TOUR events at which McIlroy has collected multiple victories and the first that he won three or more times.

Tournament	Years
Wells Fargo Championship	2010, 2015, 2021
TOUR Championship	2016, 2019, 2022
THE CJ CUP	2021, 2022
RBC Canadian Open	2019, 2022
Deutsche Bank Championship	2012, 2016
PGA Championship	2012, 2014

WINNERS

Year	Player
2022	Max Homa
2021	Rory McIlroy
2020	Canceled
2019	Max Homa
2018	Jason Day
2017	Brian Harman
2016	James Hahn
2015	Rory McIlroy
2014	J.B. Holmes
2013	Derek Ernst
2012	Rickie Fowler
2011	Lucas Glover
2010	Rory McIlroy
2009	Sean O'Hair
2008	Anthony Kim
2007	Tiger Woods
2006	Jim Furyk
2005	Vijay Singh
2004	Joey Sindelar
2003	David Toms

bold in field

ADDITIONAL STORYLINES

Patrick Cantlay, the second-highest ranked player in the field at No. 4 in the Official World Golf Ranking, is making his second start at the event (MC/2021). Cantlay has six top-10s in 11 starts this season (best: T2/Shriners Children's Open).

Tony Finau earned his sixth career PGA TOUR title at last week's Mexico Open at Vidanta, marking his fourth title in his last 18 starts and second this season (Cadence Bank Houston Open). Finau has won in back-to-back starts once in his career (2022 3M Open, 2022 Rocket Mortgage Classic).

Justin Thomas will be making his 11th start of the season (best: 4th/WM Phoenix Open) and fourth Wells Fargo Championship start (T7/2015, MC/2016, T21/2018, T26/2021). The 15-time PGA TOUR winner earned his first major victory at the 2017 PGA Championship at Quail Hollow Club (73-66-69-68—276/-8).

Jordan Spieth is set to make his second start at the event and his first since 2013 (T32). Spieth will be making his 13th start of the season and first since falling in a playoff to Matt Fitzpatrick at the RBC Heritage.

The Wells Fargo Championship is the second of four PGA TOUR events that is part of the Open Qualifying Series (OQS) where 12 spots will be available into The 151st Open at Royal Liverpool. The top three players, not otherwise exempt, that make the cut at the Wells Fargo Championship will earn an exemption. In the event of a tie for a qualifying place, the player with the higher OWGR at the beginning of the week will earn the spot. The other three PGA TOUR events that are part of the OQS in 2023 are the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday and the Genesis Scottish Open (also top three players not otherwise exempt that make the cut). Kurt Kitayama, Harris English and Davis Riley earned their spots in the 2023 Open Championship field at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard.

Playing in the Mexico Open at Vidanta's final grouping with No. 1 Jon Rahm and eventual winner Tony Finau, PGA TOUR Special Temporary Member **Akshay Bhatia** finished solo-fourth to earn his third career top-10 in his 28th start on TOUR.

Argentina's **Alejandro Tosti** (T10) enters the week via a top-10 at the Mexico Open at Vidanta. Tosti will be making his fourth TOUR start.

Sponsor exemptions include APGA players **Quinn Riley** and **Marcus Byrd**, a three-time winner on the APGA Tour and the 2023 Charlie Sifford Memorial Exemption recipient at The Genesis Invitational. Other sponsor exemptions include **Pierceson Coody**, **Ryan Gerard** and University of North Carolina standout **Austin Greaser**, who will be making his third TOUR start and is No. 3 on the PGA TOUR University Ranking.

2022 LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Max Homa	67	66	71	68	272 (-8)
T2	Keegan Bradley	70	65	67	72	274 (-6)
T2	Matt Fitzpatrick	68	68	71	67	274 (-6)
T2	Cameron Young	68	71	69	66	274 (-6)
5	Rory McIlroy	67	73	68	68	276 (-4)
T6	Lanto Griffin	70	69	71	67	277 (-3)
T6	Stephan Jaeger	67	71	73	66	277 (-3)
T6	Anirban Lahiri	68	68	70	71	277 (-3)

STRENGTH OF FIELD STATISTICS

Top 10 FedExCup	8	Max Homa (3)
Top 30 FedExCup	25	
Top 10 OWGR	6	Rory McIlroy (3)
Top 50 OWGR	33	
PGA TOUR winners	92	Rory McIlroy (23)
Past champions	8	Defending: Max Homa
FedExCup Champions	4	Rory McIlroy (2022)
PLAYERS winners	8	Most recent: Justin Thomas (2021)
Major winners	18	Rory McIlroy (4)

TOURNAMENT RECORDS

Category	Value	Player	Year
Low 18-hole score	61	Rory McIlroy	2015 (R3)
Low 36-hole score	130	Jason Day	2022
Low 54-hole score	198	Rory McIlroy	2015
Low 72-hole score	267	Rory McIlroy	2015
Holes-in-one	5	Most recent: Corey Connors	2021 (R4)
Largest 18-hole lead	2	6 players; most recent: Phil Mickelson	2021
Largest 36-hole lead	3	2 players; most recent: Jason Day	2022
Largest 54-hole lead	6	Sergio Garcia	2005
Best come-from-behind win	6	Vijay Singh	2005
Largest margin of victory	7	Rory McIlroy	2015
Playoffs	7	Most recent: James Hahn def. Roberto Castro	2016
Wire-to-wire winners	-	-	-