



PRE-TOURNAMENT NOTES 2023 WORLD WIDE TECHNOLOGY CHAMPIONSHIP



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

October 30-November 5 • Fifth of seven FedExCup Fall events
Los Cabos, Mexico
El Cardonal at Diamante • Par 72 • 7,452 yds.
Purse \$8.2 million • Winner \$1,476,000 + 500 FedExCup pts.
132 players • 72-hole stroke play
2022 champion Russell Henley

BROADCAST SCHEDULE (ET)

GOLF
R1 4:30-7:30 p.m.
R2 4:30-7:30 p.m.
R3 4:30-7:30 p.m.
R4 3-6 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 Collin Morikawa
Shriners Children's Open Tom Kim (2)
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 World Wide Technology Championship is the fifth 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.

The World Wide Technology Championship became the first official PGA TOUR event played in Mexico in the modern era when it debuted in 2007, and holds the distinction as the first official TOUR event played outside the U.S. or Canada. This year marks the 17th playing of the event and for the first time, the tournament will be played at El Cardonal at Diamante. The course, which opened in 2014, is the first golf course designed by TGR Design, led by Tiger Woods. The 2023 World Wide Technology Championship is the first PGA TOUR event to be played on a course designed by the 82-time TOUR winner.

Mexico is one of eight countries/territories hosting at least one of the nine PGA TOUR events outside the United States this season (others: Bermuda, Canada, Dominican Republic, England, Japan, Puerto Rico, Scotland).

PGA TOUR events in Mexico

Mexico Open at Vidanta	2022-present
World Wide Technology Championship	2007-present

Two players in the field qualified for the TOUR Championship: Lucas Glover (No. 18), Emiliano Grillo (No. 29).

Five other players in the field qualified for the BMW Championship: Sahith Theegala (No. 31), Chris Kirk (No. 32), Andrew Putnam (No. 35), Adam Svensson (No. 37), Cameron Young (No. 42). *Note: three of the four winners of the FedExCup Fall qualified for the BMW Championship: Sahith Theegala (Fortinet Championship), Tom Kim (Shriners Children's Open), Collin Morikawa (ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP).*

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

Nine of the 10 players currently ranked Nos. 51-60 are in the field: Beau Hossler (No. 51), Taylor Montgomery (No. 52), Nick Hardy (No. 53), Ben Griffin (No. 54), J.J. Spaun (No. 56), Mackenzie Hughes (No. 57), Stephan Jaeger (No. 58), Luke List (No. 59) Thomas Detry (No. 60).
Not in field: Alex Smalley (No. 55).

Cameron Young, the highest-ranked player in the field at No. 17 in the Official World Golf Ranking, is making his first start on TOUR since finishing T15 at the BMW Championship. Young is making his tournament debut and has two top-10s in his last five starts on TOUR (T6/John Deere Classic, T8/The Open Championship).

Argentina's **Emiliano Grillo** is making his consecutive start at the World Wide Technology Championship and has three top-10s in that span (T10/2016, T9/2017, T8/2020). Grillo has 12 top-25 finishes this season, his most in a season in his PGA TOUR career.

WINNERS

2022	.....	Russell Henley
2021	.....	Viktor Hovland
2020	.....	Viktor Hovland
2019	.....	Brendon Todd
2018	.....	Matt Kuchar
2017	.....	Patton Kizzire
2016	.....	Pat Perez
2015	.....	Graeme McDowell
2014	.....	Charley Hoffman
2013	.....	Harris English
2012	.....	John Huh
2011	.....	Johnson Wagner
2010	.....	Cameron Beckman
2009	.....	Mark Wilson
2008	.....	Brian Gay
2007	.....	Fred Funk

bold in field

ADDITIONAL STORYLINES

Maverick McNealy is making his first start since the RBC Canadian Open, missing nearly five months while dealing with a left shoulder injury. McNealy has made four starts at the event, finishing T12 or better in each of the last three years. McNealy, a two-time runner-up on TOUR, last recorded a top-10 at the 2023 Sony Open in Hawaii (T7).

World Wide Technology ambassador **Keith Mitchell** enters the week No. 68 in the FedExCup Fall standings. He finished in the top five at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and The Genesis Invitational in 2023, the two Signature Events for which he would qualify if he is among The Next 10 (Nos. 51-60 in the standings through The RSM Classic).

Chris Gotterup, who earned a PGA TOUR card for 2024 by finishing No. 23 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, is competing on a sponsor exemption. Gotterup, the 2022 Jack Nicklaus Award winner as the top player in NCAA Division I, has two top-10s in 13 starts on the PGA TOUR (T7/2022 Puerto Rico Open as an amateur, T4/2022 John Deere Classic).

Three players in the field qualified by finishing in the top 10 at one of the last two PGA TOUR events: **Isaiah Salinda** (T7 at the Shriners Children's Open), **Kensei Hirata** (T6 at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP) and **Ryo Ishikawa** (T4 at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP). Players who finish in the top 10 this week will qualify for next week's Butterfield Bermuda Championship if not otherwise exempt.

Salinda into the Shriners Children's Open via the Open Qualifier and went on to record his first top-10 in his ninth career PGA TOUR start. Salinda, who finished 80th on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, represented the United States at the 2019 Walker Cup and played collegiately at Stanford, where his teammates included current PGA TOUR members Maverick McNealy and Brandon Wu.

Hirata, 22, is a two-time winner on the Japan Golf Tour this year. He is making his third start on the PGA TOUR, with all three coming this season (MC/The Open Championship, T6/ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP).

Ishikawa, who was a PGA TOUR member from the 2013 through 2016-17 seasons, is making his 158th career start on TOUR. He is a two-time runner-up on TOUR (2012 Puerto Rico Open, 2013 Shriners Children's Open) and has made one prior start in the World Wide Technology Championship (T50/2016).

Mexican players in the field

Player	Age	Career PGA TOUR starts	Best result on PGA TOUR
Isidro Benitez	24	5	MC (5 times)
Roberto Díaz	36	61	T8/2019 Travelers Championship
Jose Cristobal Islas	21	2	MC (2 times)
Sebastián Vázquez	32	8	T55/2023 Mexico Open at Vidanta

2022 LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Russell Henley	63	63	65	70	261 (-23)
2	Brian Harman	66	66	67	66	265 (-19)
T3	Joel Dahmen	68	67	66	65	266 (-18)
T3	Will Gordon	62	67	68	69	266 (-18)
T3	Troy Merritt	65	69	65	67	266 (-18)
T3	Seamus Power	67	68	63	68	266 (-18)
T3	Scottie Scheffler	65	71	68	62	266 (-18)

STRENGTH OF FIELD STATISTICS

Top 30 FedExCup	2	Lucas Glover (18)
Top 50 FedExCup	7	
Top 10 OWGR	0	
Top 50 OWGR	5	Cameron Young (17)
PGA TOUR winners	60	Most: Kuchar/Snedeker (9)
Past champions	4	Most recent: Matt Kuchar (2018)
FedExCup Champions	1	Brandt Snedeker (2012)
PLAYERS winners	1	Most recent: Matt Kuchar (2012)
Major winners	4	Cink/Dufner/Glover/Walker (1)

TOURNAMENT RECORDS

Category	Value	Player	Year
Low 18-hole score	61	2 players; most recent: Matthew Wolff	2021 (R1)
Low 36-hole score	126	Russell Henley	2022
Low 54-hole score	191	Russell Henley	2022
Low 72-hole score	261	2 players; most recent: Russell Henley	2022
Holes-in-one	20	Most recent: Robert Streb	2022 (R4)
Largest 18-hole lead	2	5 players; most recent: Matthew Wolff	2021
Largest 36-hole lead	4	Emiliano Grillo	2020
Largest 54-hole lead	6	Russell Henley	2022
Biggest come-from-behind win	7	John Huh	2012
Largest margin of victory	4	3 players; most recent: Russell Henley	2022
Playoffs	4	Most recent: Graeme McDowell def. Jason Bohn, Russell Knox	2015
Wire-to-wire winners	None	-	-