

TOURNAMENT NOTES

2022 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP

October 10-16 • 4th of 44 FedExCup Regular Season events Chiba, Japan

Accordia Golf Narashino Country Club - Par 70 - 7,079 yds.

Purse \$11 million

Winner \$1.98 million + 500 FedExCup pts.

78 players • 72-hole stroke-play

Defending champion Hideki Matsuyama

BROADCAST SCHEDULE

ALL TIMES ET

WED. 11 p.m. - 3 a.m.

THU. 11 p.m - 3 a.n FRI. 10:30p

SAT. 11 p.m. - 3 a.m.



2022-23 PGA TOUR WINNERS

FedExCup Playoffs

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BMW Championship
FedEx St. Jude Championship

FedEx St. Jude Championship	
FedExCup Regular Season	
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Wyndham Championship	l
3M Open	l
Barracuda Championship	l
The Open Championship	l
Barbasol Championship	l
Genesis Scottish Open	l
John Deere Classic	l
Rocket Mortgage Classic	l
Travelers Championship	l
U.S. Open	l
RBC Canadian Open	l
the Memorial Tournament	l
Charles Schwab Challenge	l
PGA Championship	l
AT&T Byron Nelson	l
Wells Fargo Championship	l
Mexico Open at Vidanta	l
Zurich Classic of New Orleans	l
RBC Heritage	l
Masters Tournament	l
Valero Texas Open	l
Corales Puntacana Championship	l
WGC-Dell Tech. Match Play	l
Valspar Championship	l
THE PLAYERS Championship	l
Puerto Rico Open	l
Arnold Palmer Invitational	l
The Honda Classic	l
The Genesis Invitational	l
WM Phoenix Open	l
AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am	l
Farmers Insurance Open	l
The American Express	l
Sony Open in Hawaii	l
Sentry Tournament of Champions	l
The RSM Classic	
Cadence Bank Houston Open	
World Wide Technology Championship	
Butterfield Bermuda Championship	
THE CJ CUP @ SUMMIT	
ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP	
Shriners Children's OpenTom Kim	
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PGA TOUR COMMUNICATIONS

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Sanderson Farms Championship... Mackenzie Hughes

Fortinet Championship......Max Homa

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TOP STORYLINES

The 2022 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP is the fourth edition of the event and third played in Japan. In 2019, Tiger Woods earned his record-tying 82nd PGA TOUR title at the inaugural event, while Patrick Cantlay won at Sherwood Country Club in 2020 (relocated to the United States due to the COVID-19 pandemic).

Ehime, Japan native **Hideki Matsuyama** won by five strokes last season, earning his seventh PGA TOUR title and second in Asia (first in Asia: 2016 WGC-HSBC Champions). With his win later in the season at the Sony Open in Hawaii, Matsuyama tied K.J. Choi for most PGA TOUR wins by an Asian-born player (8). Five players successfully defended a title during the 2021-22 season, the most since 2007 (5), and there have been two top-10s by defending champions in the first three events of the 2022-23 season, including a win by Max Homa at the Fortinet Championship. Matsuyama has won one tournament back-to-back on the PGA TOUR: WM Phoenix Open (2016, 2017).

Successful title defenses in 2021-22

Patrick Cantlay, BMW Championship Rory McIlroy, RBC Canadian Open K.H. Lee, AT&T Byron Nelson Sam Burns, Valspar Championship

Viktor Hovland, World Wide Technology Championship

Defending champion results in 2022-23

7th Sungjae Im, Shriners Childrens Open
T30 Sam Burns, Sanderson Farms Championship
Won Max Homa, Fortinet Championship

Tom Kim won last week's Shriners Children's Open, earning his second career PGA TOUR title in his 18th start at the age of 20 years, 3 months, 18 days. 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 would become the youngest player to win three times on the PGA TOUR since 1900 (youngest: Gene Sarazen at 20 years, 5 months, 22 days).

Youngest to win twice on the PGA TOUR since 1900 20 years, 2 months, 19 days Ralph Guldahl 20 years, 3 months, 18 days Tom Kim Youngest to win three times on the PGA TOUR since 1900

20 years, 5 months, 22 days Gene Sarazen 20 years, 8 months, 18 days Horton Smith

Xander Schauffele, who won the men's golf competition at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, is making his second start in the Z0Z0 CHAMPIONSHIP since winning the gold medal (T28/2021) and making his season debut. Schauffele won three times on TOUR last season and went on to finish No. 4 in the FedExCup standings, his fifth top-five result in the season-long race in six seasons on TOUR.

World No. 9 **Collin Morikawa** is making his season debut, most recently having competed for the victorious U.S. Team at the Presidents Cup. Morikawa has made three starts at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP, highlighted by a T7 in 2021.

At No. 17 in the Official World Golf Ranking as of September 15, **Cameron Young** entered the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Season as the highest-ranked player without a victory in his PGA TOUR career, and will make his season debut this week. Scottie Scheffler was in that position at the start of last season and went on to win four times, including the Masters Tournament, and moved to World No. 1 on March 27, holding the top spot through the end of the season.

Each of the three winners in ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP history entered the week in the top 20 of the Official World Golf Ranking. There are seven such players in the field this week.

OWGR position of ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP winners

- 19 Hideki Matsuyama, 2021
- 14 Patrick Cantlay, 2020
- 10 Tiger Woods, 2019

Top-20 players in the field this week

- 6 Xander Schauffele
- 9 Collin Morikawa
- 11 Viktor Hovland
- 15 Tom Kim
- 16 Cameron Young
- 19 Hideki Matsuyama
- 20 Sungjae Im

Four of the last six FedExCup Champions have won a tournament in the fall portion of the season before going on to win the season-long race. Most recently, Rory McIlroy won THE CJ CUP last fall and went on to win the 2022 FedExCup. The other players to do so in the last six seasons are Justin Thomas (2016 CIMB Classic, 2017 FedExCup), Justin Rose (2017 WGC-HSBC Champions, 2018 FedExCup) and Patrick Cantlay (2020 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP, 2021 FedExCup).

ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP SNAPSHOT

WINNERS Year Player 2021 Hideki Matsuyama 2020 Patrick Cantlay 2019 Tiger Woods

bold in field

ADDITIONAL STORYLINES

Sungjae Im is making his second start of the season, coming off a seventh-place finish in his title defense at last week's Shriners Children's Open. Im, who tied Scottie Scheffler for No. 2 in the 2021-22 FedExCup standings, finished T3 at the inaugural ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP in 2019 and did not play last year in Japan.

Mackenzie Hughes, who won the Sanderson Farms Championship in his most recent start, finished T4 at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP last season. Hughes enters the week No. 51 in the Official World Golf Ranking and was last ranked in the top 50 following the 2022 Farmers Insurance Open (ranking on January 30, 2022).

2022 Honda Classic winner **Sepp Straka** is making his first start since losing to Mackenzie Hughes in a playoff at the Sanderson Farms Championship. Straka has lost in playoffs in two of his last four starts, having also fallen to Will Zalatoris at the FedEx St. Jude Championship in August. Straka, of Austria, is up to a career-best 26th in the Official World Golf Ranking and is the sixth-highest ranked European player behind Rory McIlroy (No. 3), Jon Rahm (No. 5), Matt Fitzpatrick (No. 10), Viktor Hovland (No. 11) and Shane Lowry (No. 21).

2022 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am winner **Tom Hoge** is coming off a T4 at last week's Shriners Children's Open. Hoge held the 18-hole lead at TPC Summerlin and is tied for the third-most 18-hole leads/co-leads on TOUR since the start of the 2014-15 season.

Most 18-hole leads/co-leads on TOUR since the start of the 2014-15 season

11Dustin Johnson9Rory McIlroy10Justin Thomas9Jon Rahm9Tom Hoge9Jordan Spieth

Satoshi Kodaira of Tokyo, one of two PGA TOUR members from Japan, is making his fourth start in the event, and his best result in two appearances in Japan came in 2019 (T37). Kodaira entered the 2022-23 season competing out of the 126-150 category and is making his season debut.

Keita Nakajima, formerly the top-ranked player in the World Amateur Golf Ranking, is making his first PGA TOUR start as a professional at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP. Nakajima, a native of Saitama, Japan, has played in five PGA TOUR events in his career (all during the 2021-22 season), including the 2021 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP, where he finished T28. He began the 2022 Sony Open in Hawaii with rounds of 67-64 and stood T5 before finishing 41st and competed in three majors in 2022 (Masters Tournament/MC, U.S. Open/MC, The Open Championship/MC).

	2021 LEADERBOARD											
Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total						
1	Hideki Matsuyama	64	68	68	65	265 (-15)						
T2	Brendan Steele	66	68	70	66	270 (-10)						
T2	Cameron Tringale	67	66	68	69	270 (-10)						
T4	Mackenzie Hughes	70	68	69	67	274 (-6)						
T4	Matt Wallace	65	69	70	70	274 (-6)						
T4	Sebastián Muñoz	70	66	68	70	274 (-6)						
T7	Eight players					275 (-5)						

STRENG	TH O	F FIELD STATS
Top 10 FedExCup	4	Mackenzie Hughes (2)
Top 30 FedExCup	13	
Top 10 OWGR	2	Xander Schauffele (5)
Top 50 OWGR	15	
		Hideki Matsuyama (8)
Past champions	1	Defending: Hideki Matsuyama
FedExCup Champions	None.	-
PLAYERS winners	2	Most recent: Si Woo Kim (2017)
Major winners	3	Collin Morikawa (2)

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS									
Category	Value	Player	Year						
Low 18-hole score	61	Richy Werenski	2020 (R2)						
Low 36-hole score	128	Tiger Woods	2019						
Low 54-hole score	194	Tiger Woods	2019						
Low 72-hole score	261	Tiger Woods	2019						
Holes-in-one	None	-	-						
Largest 18-hole lead	1	2 players; most recent: Hiroshi Iwata	2021						
Largest 36-hole lead	2	Tiger Woods	2019						
Largest 54-hole lead	3	Tiger Woods	2019						
Biggest come-from-behind win	3	Patrick Cantlay	2020						
Largest margin of victory	5	Hideki Matsuyama	2021						
Playoffs	None	-	-						
Wire-to-wire winners	None	-	-						

SCORECARD: ACCORDIA GOLF NARASHINO COUNTRY CLUB																				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOTAL
405	363	180	505	205	587	167	395	486	3,293	400	486	490	141	608	425	183	491	562	3,786	7,079
4	4	3	4	3	5	3	4	4	34	4	4	4	3	5	4	3	4	5	36	70