



2022 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP

(4th of 47 events in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR Season)

Chiba, Japan
Accordia Golf Narashino CC

October 10-16, 2022
Par/Yards: 34-36—70/7,079

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$11,000,000/\$1,980,000

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, October 15, 2022

Weather: Overcast in the morning and generally sunny in the afternoon. High of 74. Wind NNE 5-12 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Rickie Fowler	67-63-66 – 196 (-14)
Keegan Bradley	66-65-66 – 197 (-13)
Andrew Putnam	68-62-68 – 198 (-12)
Viktor Hovland	69-66-64 – 199 (-11)

Things to Know

- Rickie Fowler takes 54-hole lead by one following a 66 at the 2022 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP
- Keegan Bradley overcomes opening bogey for a 66 to trail in solo second
- 36-hole co-leader Andrew Putnam enters final round two back following a 68
- Ryo Hisatsune cards a 65 for T8 to be the best score amongst 16 Japanese players in the field
- Defending champion Hideki Matsuyama (T31) posts his week's best score of 66
- The ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP was launched as Japan's first official PGA TOUR tournament in 2019 and is in the fourth edition of the event and third time being played in Japan

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 2 Third-round leader/co-leader to win the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP
(Most recent: Hideki Matsuyama/2021)
- 1 Third -round leader/co-leader to win in 2022-23
(Most recent: Tom Kim/Shriners Children's Open)

Rickie Fowler (1st/-14)

Category	Entering the week
Age	33 (December 13, 1988)
FedExCup	27
OWGR	No. 160
Starts – wins – top-10s in PGA TOUR career	298-5-75
Starts – wins – top-10s on TOUR in 2022-23	2-0-1
Starts – wins – top-10s at ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP	2-0-0

- Earned his ninth career 54-hole lead/co-lead, with the last being the 2021 CJ CUP @ THE SUMMIT where he finished T3
- Converted two of previous eight 54-hole lead/co-lead into wins (2017 Honda Classic, 2019 WM Phoenix Open)
- Made five birdies, including on the last hole (No. 18), against a lone bogey for his 66
- Chasing sixth PGA TOUR win, with the last being the 2019 WM Phoenix Open
- Making his 299th TOUR start on a sponsor exemption; the last sponsor exemption to win on TOUR was Martin Laird at the 2020 Shriners Children's Open
- Making third start at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP: T57/2020, T44/2021
- Best finish in two previous starts this season: T6/Fortinet Championship
- Holds three international wins in his career: 2011 Kolon Korea Open, 2015 Genesis Scottish Open, 2016 Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship

Keegan Bradley (2nd/-13)

- In his 11th round at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP, posts a 66 comprising of five birdies against a lone bogey to lie one off the lead
- Seeking a fifth PGA TOUR win and first since the 2018 BMW Championship
- Making third tournament appearance with a best finish of T7 in 2021
- This week marks his second start of the 2022-2023 PGA TOUR Season (T5/Sanderson Farms Championship)

Andrew Putnam (3rd/-12)

- Seeking a second PGA TOUR win (2018/Barracuda Championship)
- Previous best finishes at ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP (T59/2020, T29/2021)
- Best finish in three starts this season: T12/Shriners Children's Open
- Made four birdies against two bogeys for his 68

Miscellaneous notes

- With an eagle on the last hole (No. 18), World No. 11 Viktor Hovland (4th/-11) cards a 64 for his lowest score in three rounds; making his season debut and third appearance in the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP (T41/2019, T47/2020)
- After a T10 at last week's Shriners Children's Open, **Maverick McNealy** (T5/-10) seeks his first PGA TOUR win in his 96th start
- Playing on a sponsor exemption this week, **Cameron Champ** (T5/-10) cards bogey-free 64; finished T8 in his only other appearance at 2020 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP
- **Hayden Buckley** (T5) cards one eagle and four birdies for a 64 in his debut appearance at ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP; career best finish is T4 at 2021 Sanderson Farms Championship
- In his ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP debut, **Sahith Theegala** (T8/-9) shoots a 63 as he chases a second top-10 (T6/Fortinet Championship) of the season; starting from No. 10, carded a career low nine-hole score of 29 and registered career best of nine birdies in a round
- After making 16 straight pars, former world amateur No. 1, **Keita Nakajima** (T14/-8) makes bogey, eagle in his last two holes for a 69 in his first PGA TOUR start as a professional; made five previous starts as an amateur with a best of T28 at 2021 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP
- **Xander Schauffele**, the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games gold medalist and at World No. 6 is the highest ranked player in the field, posts a 69 for T26; making his fourth start in the tournament (T10/2019, T17/2020, T28/2021)