



2024 John Deere Classic

(The 30th of 36 events in the FedExCup Regular Season)

Silvis, Illinois
TPC Deere Run

July 4 – 7, 2024
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,289

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$8,000,000 (\$1,440,000)

Pre-Tournament Notes – John Deere Classic

TOUR season notes

- The John Deere Classic is the 30th event of the FedExCup Regular Season, with only five weeks remaining until the start of the FedExCup Playoffs.
- 119 players in the field competed last week at the Rocket Mortgage Classic, including 10 that finished in the top 10 (**Aaron Rai**/T2, **Davis Thompson**/T2, **Eric Cole**/T6, **Rico Hoey**/T6, **Luke Clanton**/T10, **Nick Dunlap**/T10, **J.J. Spaun**/T10, **Hayden Springer**/T10, **Sam Stevens**/T10, **Dylan Wu**/T10).
- The John Deere Classic is part of The Open Qualifying Series (OQS) where two spots will be available into the 152nd Open at Royal Troon. The top players, not otherwise exempt, who make the cut at the John Deere Classic will earn an exemption. In the event of a tie for a qualifying place, the player with the higher ranking in the OWGR at the beginning of the week will earn the spot.
- There are 15 players in this week's field who are currently inside the top 50 in the FedExCup standings (10 in 2023), and 69 of the top 125 (62 in 2023).

John Deere Classic notes

- John Deere joined as title sponsor in 1999, making it the second-longest title sponsor behind AT&T (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, 1986).
- Defending champion and World No. 24 **Sepp Straka** captured his second career TOUR title in 2023 following a final-round 62. Straka carded a 1-over 73 to sit T133 after the opening round, the lowest position for a PGA TOUR winner on record since 1983 and aims to become the first repeat winner at the John Deere Classic since Steve Stricker won three in a row from 2009-11.
- 2012 champion **Zach Johnson** will make his 22nd career start at the John Deere Classic, four more than any player on TOUR since 2002 (Jonathan Byrd, 18). Including his win, Johnson owns seven career top-five finishes at TPC Deere Run. The Cedar Rapids, Iowa native has made 15 consecutive cuts at the John Deere Classic (most recent MC: 2007) and enters the week tied with D.A. Weibring's for most total made cuts in tournament history (18). Johnson has recorded seven top-10s at the event, highlighted by a win in 2012 and runner-up finishes in 2009, 2013 and 2014.
- Sponsor exemption **Neal Shipley** made his first start on the PGA TOUR as a professional last week at the Rocket Mortgage Classic (T20). Shipley was the low amateur at the Masters Tournament (T53) and U.S. Open (T26) in 2024 and earned PGA TOUR Americas status through Qualifying School in June.
- Amateur and sponsor exemption **Luke Clanton** will make his third start on TOUR following a T10 at last week's Rocket Mortgage Classic. The 20-year-old junior at Florida State University battled Shipley for low amateur honors at the 2024 U.S. Open before finishing T41.
- There are nine past champions of the John Deere Classic in the field: **Dylan Frittelli** (2019), **Lucas Glover** (2021), **Zach Johnson** (2012), **Michael Kim** (2018), **Ryan Moore** (2016), **Sean O'Hair** (2005), **J.T. Poston** (2022), **Jordan Spieth** (2013, 2015), **Sepp Straka** (2023).

Top player notes

- At No. 15 in the FedExCup, **Sungjae Im** holds the highest position of any player in the field with five top-10 finishes including a T3 at the Travelers Championship in his most recent start. Im is making his third start at the event (T26/2019, T47/2021) and 19th of the season. A two-time winner on TOUR, Im has 21 top-10 finishes in 73 starts on TOUR since his most recent win at the 2021 Shriners Children's Open.
- 13-time TOUR winner **Jason Day** returns to the John Deere Classic for the first time since 2011, the site of his TOUR debut in 2006 (T67). In five tournament appearances (best: T15/2009, 2010), Day has never missed the cut.
- Two-time winner of the John Deere Classic, **Jordan Spieth** is one of two players with multiple victories in the event since 2000 (Steve Stricker/2009, 2010, 2011). Spieth returns to the John Deere Classic for the first time since 2015 when he won his second of two titles. In 2013, Spieth claimed his first PGA TOUR title as a 19-year-old to become the youngest player to win on TOUR since 1931. Spieth enters the week at No. 59 in the FedExCup.