

## PRE-COMPETITION NOTES – 2024 MEN'S OLYMPIC GOLF COMPETITION

2024 Men's Olympic Golf Competition  
Le Golf National - Par 71, 7,174 yards  
Saint-Quentin-En-Yvelines, France

### Olympic Golf notes:

- 2024 Paris Olympics marks the third Games since golf was reintroduced in 2016. Prior to 2016, men's golf was contested in the Olympics twice in the early 1900s (1900 and 1904).
- 2016 and 2020 medalists:
  - 2020: Gold: **Xander Schauffele** (United States), Silver: **Rory Sabbatini** (Slovakia), Bronze: **C.T. Pan** (Chinese Taipei)
  - 2016: Gold: **Justin Rose** (Great Britain), Silver: **Henrik Stenson** (Sweden), Bronze: **Matt Kuchar** (United States)
  - Schauffele and Pan are the two previous medalists in this year's field.
- 32 countries are represented in the 60-athlete field (36 in 2020, 34 in 2016); Switzerland will be represented in the Men's Olympic Golf Competition for the first time (**Joel Girschbach**)
- Highest-ranked player in the Olympic Golf Ranking to medal: No. 2/**Henrik Stenson**/2016 (silver)
- Lowest-ranked player in the Olympic Golf Ranking to medal: No. 43/**C.T. Pan**/2020 (bronze)
- **Min Woo Lee** (Australia) will make his Olympic debut and watch the following week as sister **Minjee Lee** competes in the women's competition. The Lees are the only brother-sister combination in the Olympic golf fields.
- **Byeong Hun An's** (Korea) parents, Jae-Hyung Ahn (KOR - bronze) and Jiao Zhimin (CHN – silver in doubles and bronze in singles) medaled in the 1988 Seoul Olympics in table tennis.

### Field notes:

- 10 of the top 15 players in the current Official World Golf Ranking, including all of the top seven
- Four players will make their third Olympic appearance: **Ryan Fox** (New Zealand), **Gavin Green** (Malaysia), **C.T. Pan** (Chinese Taipei) and **Fabrizio Zanotti** (Paraguay)
- 32 athletes will make their Olympic debuts, including three inside the top 10 in the Official World Golf Ranking: **Scottie Scheffler** (No. 1), **Ludvig Åberg** (No. 4) and **Wyndham Clark** (No. 5),
- Five players competed at the 2018 Ryder Cup at Le Golf National: **Tommy Fleetwood** (record: 4-1-0), **Rory McIlroy** (2-3-0), **Alex Noren** (2-1-0), **Jon Rahm** (1-2-0) and **Thorbjørn Olesen** (1-1-0)
- Three champions of the DP World Tour's FedEx Open de France at Le Golf National: **Guido Migliozzi** (2022), **Alex Noren** (2018) and **Tommy Fleetwood** (2017)
- Three players competed in the 2022 World Amateur Team Championship (Eisenhower Trophy) at Le Golf National: **Ludvig Åberg** (T7/Sweden), **Adrien Dumont de Chassart** (T11/Belgium), **Keita Nakajima** (T53/Japan)
- **Shane Lowry** (Ireland) and **Fabrizio Zanotti** (Paraguay) were selected as flag bearers for their respective countries during the Opening Ceremony
- Oldest competitor in the field: **Camilo Villegas** (42 years old)
- Youngest competitor in the field: **Tom Kim** (22 years old)

### Top player notes:

- Defending gold medalist from the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, **Xander Schauffele** arrives in Paris as the No. 2 player in the Official World Golf Ranking after claiming his second major championship

title of the year at The Open Championship at Royal Troon two weeks ago to go along with the 2024 PGA Championship.

- World No. 1 **Scottie Scheffler** enters the Olympics with six victories on the PGA TOUR during the 2024 season. Scheffler is making his first start since The Open Championship where he finished T7, his 14<sup>th</sup> top-10 finish in 16 starts on the PGA TOUR in 2024.
- **C.T. Pan** is the only other former medalist in the field this week alongside Schauffele. Pan survived a seven-man playoff at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics to earn the bronze medal. Five of the six players he defeated in the playoff are in the field this week (Paul Casey): Hideki Matsuyama, Rory McIlroy, Collin Morikawa, Sebastian Muñoz and Mito Pereira
- **Rory McIlroy** returns for his second Olympics appearance after falling in a seven-man playoff for the bronze medal in his debut at Toyko 2020. McIlroy has two wins during the 2024 PGA TOUR Season, with one coming alongside fellow Ireland Olympian **Shane Lowry** at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans, the PGA TOUR's two-man team format event.
- France's **Matthieu Pavon** will compete in his first Olympics on his home soil after a career-changing season on the PGA TOUR that saw him claim his first title at the Farmers Insurance Open in January. Fellow countryman and three-time DP World Tour winner **Victor Perez** will also make his debut at this year's Olympics after earning PGA TOUR membership for the 2024 season.

#### **Gold medalist benefits:**

- Exemptions into 2025 major championships: Masters Tournament, PGA Championship, U.S. Open and The Open Championship
- Exemption into THE PLAYERS Championship 2025
- Exemption into The Sentry 2025, provided the gold medalist is a member of the PGA TOUR at the time of his victory in the Olympic Golf competition
- Official World Golf Ranking points

#### **Broadcast schedule:**

Olympic Men's Golf competition will air on GOLF and Peacock at the following times:

- Thursday, Aug. 1 – 3 (Rounds 1 – 3) 3:00a – 12:00p ET
- Sunday, Aug. 5 (Final Round) 3:00a – 12:30p ET (Medal Ceremony in final 30 minutes)

**Live Scoring and Tee Times: Please visit [igfgolf.org](https://igfgolf.org).**

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