

2024 Shriners Children's Open (4<sup>th</sup> of 8 FedExCup Fall Events)

Las Vegas, Nevada TPC Summerlin October 17-20, 2024 Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,255 FedExCup points: 500 (winner) Purse: \$7 million (\$1,260,000/winner)

Pre-Tournament Information – Shriners Children's Open

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## Tom Kim

- With victories at the Shriners Children's Open in 2022 and 2023, seeks to become the first player since Steve Stricker in 2011 to win the same tournament three times in a row (Stricker won the John Deere Classic in 2009, 2010 and 2011)
- No. 55 in the FedExCup Fall; Nos. 51-60 in the FedExCup Fall standings, which concludes at The RSM Classic, will earn Signature Event starts in 2025 at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and The Genesis Invitational via the Aon Next 10
- Makes his 68<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start; most recent of three wins on TOUR came in his 44<sup>th</sup> start at the age of 21 years, 3 months, 24 days at the 2023 Shriners Childrens Open
- Since his last TOUR start at the FedEx St. Jude Championship (T50), represented the International Team for the second time at the Presidents Cup
- With his win at the 2023 Shriners Children's Open, became the youngest three-time winner on TOUR since Tiger Woods
- PGA TOUR wins (3): 2022 Wyndham Championship, 2022 Shriners Children's Open, 2023 Shriners Children's Open
- Posted weekend scores of 62-66 en route to both victories in Las Vegas
- Lost in a playoff to Scottie Scheffler at the Travelers Championship, one of two top-10s this season (T4/RBC Canadian Open); also finished 8<sup>th</sup> at the 2024 Paris Olympics

## **Maverick McNealy**

- Las Vegas resident seeks his first PGA TOUR title in his 138<sup>th</sup> start; owns two runner-up finishes, both coming in 2021 (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, Procore Championship)
- No. 56 in the FedExCup Fall; Nos. 51-60 in the FedExCup Fall standings, which concludes at The RSM Classic, will earn Signature Event starts in 2025 at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and The Genesis Invitational via the Aon Next 10
- Best result among four top-10 finishes this season is T3 at the 3M Open
- While at Stanford University, was ranked No. 1 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking in late 2016 and early 2017
- Makes sixth appearance at the Shriners Children's Open; best result at TPC Summerlin is T10 in 2022 where he opened and closed with rounds of 64

## **Rickie Fowler**

- Exempt on the PGA TOUR through 2025 thanks to his sixth and most recent win at the 2023 Rocket Mortgage Classic
- No. 111 in the FedExCup Fall; failed to qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs for the third time in the last four seasons
- Played in all eight Signature Events in 2024; qualified for The Sentry as a tournament winner and qualified for the remaining seven as a Top 50 finisher in the prior season's FedExCup (No. 16)
- Making eighth start in the Shriners Children's Open where a final-round 63, his low 18-hole score in this event, led to his best finish in 2018 (T4); missed the cut in his three most recent appearances at this event (2020, 2021, 2022)



## Matt McCarty

- Won last week's Black Desert Championship in his third career PGA TOUR start and second since becoming a TOUR member after earning the Korn Ferry Tour's Three-Victory Promotion
- Became the second player to win on the PGA TOUR in the same season after earning the Three Victory Promotion (Jason Gore/2005 84 Lumber Classic)
- Scottsdale, Arizona native has won four times in his last 10 starts between the Korn Ferry Tour and PGA TOUR
- Fourth PGA TOUR rookie to win on TOUR this season (fifth win), joining Nick Dunlap (2), Matthieu Pavon and Jake Knapp
- Prior to securing a two-year membership with the win, had already secured the No. 1 spot on the Korn Ferry Tour points list, which came with a TOUR card for the 2025 season and exemptions into THE PLAYERS Championship and U.S. Open
- Moved from No. 232 to No. 95 in the FedExCup Fall standings with the victory
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# Harry Hall

- Englishman earned his first career PGA TOUR win on the third extra hole of a five-man playoff at the 2024 ISCO Championship
- At No. 89 in the FedExCup Fall standings, seeks to move inside the Aon Next 10 (Nos. 51-60) by the conclusion of the FedExCup Fall at The RSM Classic to earn starts in two Signature Events in 2025 (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, The Genesis Invitational)
- Resides in Las Vegas, Nevada, having first moved there in the summer of 2015 when he enrolled at UNLV; has a membership at TPC Summerlin; big fan of the Las Vegas Raiders and the Golden Knights
- Played in three events on the DP World Tour since winning in Kentucky (T12/Betfred British Masters hosted by Sir Nick Faldo, MC/Amgen Irish Open, T18/BMW PGA Championship)
- Fourth appearance at TPC Summerlin (T8/2021, T15/2022, T26/2023) where each of his previous 12 rounds are under par

## **Taylor Montgomery**

- Las Vegas, Nevada native who played four years at UNLV (2013-2017), sits at No. 128 in the FedExCup Fall standings and seeks to maintain his position within the top 125 to become exempt into all Full-Field events and THE PLAYERS Championship in 2025
- Since finishing T11 at the 2024 PLAYERS Championship, has missed the cut or withdrawn in eight of his last 10 starts, due to a shoulder injury
- Best finish among five career top-10s on TOUR: 3<sup>rd</sup>/2022 Procore Championship
- His dad, Monte, made one appearance on the PGA TOUR finishing T24 at the 1994 Famers Insurance Open after successfully Monday qualifying; Monte is currently the General Manager at Shadow Creek Golf Course in Las Vegas
- In 2017, won the inaugural Major Series of Putting tournament, earning \$75,000 plus another \$15,000 in the team portion with former UNLV teammate and current PGA TOUR player Kurt Kitayama
- Makes third appearance at TPC Summerlin (T15/2022, T35/2023)

## Ian Gilligan

- University of Florida senior won his fifth collegiate tournament at the 2024 Southern Highlands Collegiate to earn a sponsor exemption into the 2024 Shriners Children's Open, his second PGA TOUR start
- Earlier this year, the Reno, Nevada resident finished T40 in his PGA TOUR debut as a sponsor exemption at the 2024 Barracuda Championship, which is hosted in nearby Truckee, California; shot a 65 in pre-qualifying to advance to the Monday Qualifier before receiving the sponsor exemption
- Currently sits No. 10 in the PGA TOUR University Ranking; following the NCAA D-I Men's National Championship in May, the top-25 players in the final PGA TOUR University Ranking earn membership on the PGA TOUR (No. 1), Korn Ferry Tour (Nos. 2-10), or PGA TOUR Americas (Nos. 6-25).
- Was a three-time Northern Nevada large-class regional champion and the 2021 Nevada High School Golfer of the Year despite being diagnosed with lymphoma kinase (ALK)-negative large cell lymphoma at age 15 which led to seven months of chemotherapy
- Took his 2024 SEC Championship Quarterfinals match vs. Gordon Sargent (Vanderbilt) to extra holes and won at the 20<sup>th</sup> hole
- Played at Long Beach State in his sophomore and junior seasons before transferring to Florida
- Missed the cut at the 2019 Ellie Mae Classic, his lone Korn Ferry Tour start

#### PGA TOUR season notes

- The 2024 Shriners Children's Open is the fourth event of the FedExCup Fall, a group of eight tournaments played after the TOUR Championship that finalizes eligibility for the 2025 PGA TOUR 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 2026) and invitations to The Sentry, THE PLAYERS Championship, Masters Tournament and PGA Championship.
- Although players in the top 50 are not earning FedExCup points, their points are not redistributed.
- The Aon Next 10 is an eligibility pathway to earn access into Signature Events (outside of The Sentry), recognizing the top 10 players, not otherwise exempt, from the FedExCup standings. Nos. 51-60 in the final FedExCup Fall standings at the conclusion of The RSM Classic will serve as the Aon Next 10 for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and The Genesis Invitational.
- There have been 13 first-time winners in the 2024 season, with two players securing their first wins during the FedExCup Fall. Both are in the field: Kevin Yu (Sanderson Farms Championship), Matt McCarty (Black Desert Championship).
- The Top 125 will be exempt into all Full-Field events and THE PLAYERS next season and Nos. 126-150 will earn full Korn Ferry Tour status and conditional status on TOUR
  - Moved into the Top 125: Matt McCarty (1<sup>st</sup>; from No. 232 to No. 95), Henrik Norlander (T8; from No. 131 to No. 119)
  - Fell out of the Top 125: **Taylor Montgomery** (MC; from No. 124 to No. 128), **Michael Kim** (MC; from No. 125 to No. 129)

# Shriners Children's Open notes

- The Shriners Children's Open is being played for the 42<sup>nd</sup> time with four past champions in the field: **Tom Kim** (2023, 2022), **Martin Laird** (2020, 2009), **Webb Simpson** (2013), **Ryan Moore** (2012)
- Adam Hadwin's runner-up result in the 2023 Shriners Children's Open is one of five top-10s in eight appearances at this event; posted four finishes of T6 or better this season (3<sup>rd</sup>/the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday, T4/The Genesis Invitational, T5/Valspar Championship, T6/The American Express) and finished No. 47 in the FedExCup standings to be eligible for all Signature and Full-Field Events in 2025.
- 15 players in the field who have won on TOUR this season: Matt McCarty, Kevin Yu, Patton Kizzire, Jhonattan Vegas, Harry Hall, Davis Thompson, Cam Davis, Davis Riley, Chris Gotterup, Taylor Pendrith, Stepan Jaeger, Peter Malnati, Brice Garnett, Austin Eckroat, Nick Taylor.
- At No. 25 in the Official World Golf Ranking, **Tom Kim** is the highest-ranked player in the field
- Six players currently inside Nos. 51-60 in the FedExCup Fall are in the field; Nos. 51-60 in the final FedExCup Fall standings at the conclusion of The RSM Classic will serve as the Aon Next 10 for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and The Genesis Invitational:
  - $\circ$  No. 52 Seamus Power
  - No. 54 Harris English
  - o No. 55 Tom Kim
  - No. 56 Maverick McNealy
  - No. 58 Nick Taylor
  - o No. 60 Kevin Yu