



# PRE-TOURNAMENT NOTES THE AMERICAN EXPRESS



## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

January 15-21 2024 • 3rd of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events  
 La Quinta, California **Host** PGA WEST (Pete Dye Stadium Course)  
**Other courses** PGA WEST (Nicklaus Tournament), La Quinta Country Club  
**Purse** \$8.4 million • **Winner** \$1,512,000 + 500 FedExCup pts.  
 156 players • 72-hole stroke play (54-hole cut)  
**2023 champion** Jon Rahm

## BROADCAST SCHEDULE (ET)

|           | ESPN+             | GOLF     |
|-----------|-------------------|----------|
| <b>R1</b> | 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. | 4-7 p.m. |
| <b>R2</b> | 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. | 4-7 p.m. |
| <b>R3</b> | 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. | 4-7 p.m. |
| <b>R4</b> | 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. | 4-7 p.m. |

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## 2024 PGA TOUR SEASON

### FedExCup Playoffs

TOUR Championship.....  
 BMW Championship.....  
 FedEx St. Jude Championship.....

### FedExCup Regular Season

Wyndham Championship.....  
*Olympic Men's Golf Competition*.....  
 3M Open.....  
 Barracuda Championship.....  
 The Open Championship.....  
 Genesis Scottish Open.....  
 John Deere Classic.....  
 Rocket Mortgage Classic.....  
 Travelers Championship.....  
 U.S. Open.....  
 the Memorial Tournament.....  
 RBC Canadian Open.....  
 Charles Schwab Challenge.....  
 PGA Championship.....  
 Myrtle Beach Classic.....  
 Wells Fargo Championship.....  
 THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson.....  
 Zurich Classic of New Orleans.....  
 Corales Puntacana Championship.....  
 RBC Heritage.....  
 Masters Tournament.....  
 Valero Texas Open.....  
 Texas Children's Houston Open.....  
 Valspar Championship.....  
 THE PLAYERS Championship.....  
 Puerto Rico Open.....  
 Arnold Palmer Invitational.....  
 Cognizant Classic.....  
 Mexico Open at Vidanta.....  
 The Genesis Invitational.....  
 WM Phoenix Open.....  
 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.....  
 Farmers Insurance Open.....  
 The American Express.....

Sony Open in Hawaii.....Grayson Murray  
 The Sentry.....Chris Kirk

*Italics* First-time PGA TOUR winners

## TOP STORYLINES

The American Express is the third event of the 2024 PGA TOUR Season and second Full-Field Event. It is one of two official PGA TOUR events that uses a pro-am format (along with the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am) and one of four that is played across multiple courses (others: Farmers Insurance Open, AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, The RSM Classic). With the change to the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am format in 2024, The American Express is the only of the four to be played across more than two courses.

**Aon Swing 5:** The Aon Next 10 and Aon Swing 5 are eligibility pathways for players, not already qualified, to play their way into Signature Events via the FedExCup standings. The top five players not otherwise exempt who earn the most FedExCup points during the Sony Open in Hawaii, The American Express and Farmers Insurance Open will qualify for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, while the top five players not otherwise exempt who earn the most FedExCup points during those three events and the WM Phoenix Open, will qualify for The Genesis Invitational. The Aon Next 10 for the next two Signature Events was determined through the FedExCup Fall standings.

### Aon Swing 5 standings entering The American Express

| Rk. | Player          | Points  |
|-----|-----------------|---------|
| 1   | Grayson Murray  | 500.000 |
| 2   | Carl Yuan       | 122.500 |
| 3   | Matthieu Pavon  | 85.000  |
| 4   | Taylor Pendrith | 70.000  |
| T5  | Akshay Bhatia   | 55.200  |
| T5  | Patton Kizzire  | 55.200  |
| T7  | Billy Horschel  | 44.000  |
| T7  | Stephan Jaeger  | 44.000  |
| T7  | Ben Silverman   | 44.000  |
| T7  | Brandon Wu      | 44.000  |

**World No. 1:** 2023 PLAYERS Championship winner and reigning PGA TOUR Player of the Year **Scottie Scheffler** is making his fifth consecutive start at The American Express, one of six events that he played in each of his first four seasons on TOUR outside of the majors and FedExCup Playoffs events. He held the 36- and 54-hole leads in 2020 and went on to finish solo-third, and is coming off a T11 in 2023.

**Strong field:** 21 of the top 50 players in the Official World Golf Ranking are in the field, the most at The American Express since 2005 (22), including four of the top 10: Scheffler (No. 1), **Xander Schauffele** (No. 5), **Patrick Cantlay** (No. 6) and **Wyndham Clark** (No. 10). Schauffele made an albatross at No. 5 during the final round in 2023, one of five such scores recorded on TOUR in 2022-23. Cantlay, who has three top-10s in five starts at the event, carded a final-round 61 to finish solo-second in 2021, which remains the Pete Dye Stadium Course record. Clark is making his fifth consecutive start at the event (best result: 13th, 2022) and first as a major champion (2023 U.S. Open).

**Back on TOUR:** Four-time PGA TOUR winner **Daniel Berger** is making his first start since the 2022 U.S. Open. Berger was No. 25 in the Official World Golf Ranking at the time he last competed and has since fallen to No. 664, his lowest ranking since finishing T3 at the 2014 Panama Championship on the Korn Ferry Tour (moved to No. 608). Berger recorded three top-fives in 12 starts during the 2021-22 season, highlighted by a solo-fourth at the 2022 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches. He is exempt through the tournament winners category (rather than requiring a Major Medical Extension) through 2024.

### Daniel Berger PGA TOUR status summary

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Wins 2020 Charles Schwab Challenge                               | Exempt thru 2021-22 |
| All players receive one-year extension of status due to COVID-19 | Exempt thru 2022-23 |
| Wins 2021 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am                               | Exempt thru 2024    |

## WINNERS

| Year        | Player                 |
|-------------|------------------------|
| 2023        | Jon Rahm               |
| 2022        | Hudson Swafford        |
| <b>2021</b> | <b>Si Woo Kim</b>      |
| <b>2020</b> | <b>Andrew Landry</b>   |
| <b>2019</b> | <b>Adam Long</b>       |
| 2018        | Jon Rahm               |
| 2017        | Hudson Swafford        |
| <b>2016</b> | <b>Jason Dufner</b>    |
| <b>2015</b> | <b>Bill Haas</b>       |
| 2014        | Patrick Reed           |
| 2013        | Brian Gay              |
| 2012        | Mark Wilson            |
| <b>2011</b> | <b>Jhonattan Vegas</b> |
| <b>2010</b> | <b>Bill Haas</b>       |
| 2009        | Pat Perez              |
| 2008        | D.J. Trahan            |
| <b>2007</b> | <b>Charley Hoffman</b> |
| 2006        | Chad Campbell          |
| 2005        | Justin Leonard         |
| 2004        | Phil Mickelson         |
| 2003        | Mike Weir              |
| 2002        | Phil Mickelson         |
| 2001        | Joe Durant             |
| 2000        | Jesper Parnevik        |
| 1999        | David Duval            |
| 1998        | Fred Couples           |
| 1997        | John Cook              |
| 1996        | Mark Brooks            |
| 1995        | Kenny Perry            |
| 1994        | Scott Hoch             |
| 1993        | Tom Kite               |
| 1992        | John Cook              |
| 1991        | Corey Pavin            |
| 1990        | Peter Jacobsen         |
| 1989        | Steve Jones            |
| 1988        | Jay Haas               |
| 1987        | Corey Pavin            |
| 1986        | Donnie Hammond         |
| 1985        | Lanny Wadkins          |
| 1984        | John Mahaffey          |
| 1983        | Keith Fergus           |
| 1982        | Ed Fiori               |
| 1981        | Bruce Lietzke          |
| 1980        | Craig Stadler          |
| 1979        | John Mahaffey          |
| 1978        | Bill Rogers            |
| 1977        | Rik Massengale         |
| 1976        | Johnny Miller          |
| 1975        | Johnny Miller          |
| 1974        | Hubert Green           |
| 1973        | Arnold Palmer          |
| 1972        | Bob Rosburg            |
| 1971        | Arnold Palmer          |
| 1970        | Bruce Devlin           |
| 1969        | Billy Casper           |
| 1968        | Arnold Palmer          |
| 1967        | Tom Nieporte           |
| 1966        | Doug Sanders           |
| 1965        | Billy Casper           |
| 1964        | Tommy Jacobs           |
| 1963        | Jack Nicklaus          |
| 1962        | Arnold Palmer          |
| 1961        | Billy Maxwell          |
| 1960        | Arnold Palmer          |

**bold in field**

## ADDITIONAL STORYLINES

**Coming in hot:** **Grayson Murray** won the Sony Open in Hawaii in a playoff over Byeong Hun An and Keegan Bradley, earning his second career PGA TOUR title and first since the 2017 Barbasol Championship (6 years, 5 months, 22 days). With the win, Murray secured a spot in THE PLAYERS Championship, Masters Tournament, PGA Championship and all seven remaining Signature Events in 2024. Murray finished No. 7 in the Korn Ferry Tour Points List in 2023 to improve his PGA TOUR status for 2024.

**Rookie season:** 26 of the 28 players in the 2024 rookie class are scheduled to compete in The American Express. The two that are not are Philip Knowles, originally a rookie in 2022-23 who received Medical Extension for 2024, and Jorge Campillo, who is in the field at the Hero Dubai Desert Classic on the DP World Tour. Seven of the 16 rookies in the field at last week's Sony Open in Hawaii made the cut, with Matthieu Pavon recording the lone top-10 (T7).

|                            |                   |                    |                  |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Björk, Alexander           | Fishburn, Patrick | McCormick, Ryan    | Tosti, Alejandro |
| Bridgeman, Jacob           | Furr, Wilson      | Meissner, Mac      | Valimaki, Sami   |
| Coody, Parker              | Greyserman, Max   | Pavon, Matthieu    | Whitney, Tom     |
| Coody, Pierceson           | Highsmith, Joe    | Pereda, Paul       | Xiong, Norman    |
| Crowe, Trace               | Hisatsune, Ryo    | Phillips, Chandler |                  |
| Dougherty, Kevin           | Hoey, Rico        | Springer, Hayden   |                  |
| Dumont de Chassart, Adrien | Knapp, Jake       | Stanger, Jimmy     |                  |

**Runner-up returns:** **Davis Thompson**, who finished No. 76 in the FedExCup standings through the FedExCup Fall, finished runner-up at The American Express, his career-best result on TOUR.

**Three in a row:** 15 players in the field competed in each of the first three events of the 2024 PGA TOUR season:

|                |                  |              |                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| Bhatia, Akshay | Echavarria, Nico | Kim, Si Woo  | Putnam, Andrew | van Rooyen, Erik |
| Cole, Eric     | Hadwin, Adam     | Kirk, Chris  | Riley, Davis   | Villegas, Camilo |
| Davis, Cam     | Hoge, Tom        | Poston, J.T. | Taylor, Nick   | Wallace, Matt    |

**20 in a row:** **Bill Haas** is making his 20th consecutive start at The American Express, the longest active streak of any player. Haas, a two-time winner of the event (2010, 2015), is making his first start on TOUR since the 2023 RBC Canadian Open.

**U.S. Am champ:** University of Alabama sophomore **Nick Dunlap**, who won the 2023 U.S. Amateur and competed for the United States at the 2023 Walker Cup, is competing on a sponsor exemption. Dunlap is making his fourth career PGA TOUR start and second in a non-major (MC/2022 U.S. Open, MC/2023 U.S. Open, MC/2023 Butterfield Bermuda Championship).

## 2023 LEADERBOARD

| Pos. | Player              | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | Total     |
|------|---------------------|----|----|----|----|-----------|
| 1    | Jon Rahm            | 64 | 64 | 65 | 68 | 261 (-27) |
| 2    | Davis Thompson      | 62 | 64 | 67 | 69 | 262 (-26) |
| T3   | Chris Kirk          | 69 | 67 | 63 | 64 | 263 (-25) |
| T3   | Xander Schauffele   | 65 | 68 | 68 | 62 | 263 (-25) |
| 5    | Taylor Montgomery   | 64 | 69 | 65 | 66 | 264 (-24) |
| T6   | <i>Five players</i> |    |    |    |    | 265 (-23) |

## STRENGTH OF FIELD STATISTICS

|                                 |    |                                       |
|---------------------------------|----|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Top 10 FedExCup</b> .....    | 5  | Chris Kirk (1)                        |
| <b>Top 30 FedExCup</b> .....    | 15 |                                       |
| <b>Top 10 OWGR</b> .....        | 4  | Scottie Scheffler (1)                 |
| <b>Top 50 OWGR</b> .....        | 21 |                                       |
| <b>PGA TOUR winners</b> .....   | 66 | Justin Thomas (15)                    |
| <b>Past champions</b> .....     | 7  | Most recent: Si Woo Kim (2021)        |
| <b>FedExCup Champions</b> ..... | 5  | Most recent: Patrick Cantlay (2021)   |
| <b>PLAYERS winners</b> .....    | 6  | Most recent: Scottie Scheffler (2023) |
| <b>Major winners</b> .....      | 7  | Most: Z.Johnson/J. Thomas (2)         |

## TOURNAMENT RECORDS

| Category                           | Value | Player                                   | Year             |
|------------------------------------|-------|--|------------------|
| <b>Low 18-hole score</b>           | 59    | 2 players; most recent: Adam Hadwin      | 2017 (R3)        |
| <b>Low 36-hole score</b>           | 124   | Pat Perez                                | 2009             |
| <b>Low 54-hole score</b>           | 189   | Patrick Reed                             | 2014             |
| <b>Low 72-hole score</b>           | 255   | Steve Stricker                           | 2009             |
| <b>Holes-in-one (1983-present)</b> | 56    | Most recent: Patton Kizzire              | 2022 (R4, No. 4) |
| <b>Largest 18-hole lead</b>        | 3     | 4 players; most recent: Phil Mickelson   | 2019             |
| <b>Largest 36-hole lead</b>        | 6     | Craig Stadler                            | 1983             |
| <b>Largest 54-hole lead</b>        | 7     | Patrick Reed                             | 2014             |
| <b>Wire-to-wire winners</b>        | 2     | 2 players; most recent: Patrick Reed     | 2014             |
| <b>Largest margin of victory</b>   | 6     | 2 players; most recent: Tom Kite         | 1993             |
| <b>Playoffs</b>                    | 21    | Most recent: Jon Rahm def. Andrew Landry | 2018             |