



PRE-TOURNAMENT NOTES 2024 GENESIS INVITATIONAL



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

February 12-18 - 7th of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events
Pacific Palisades, California
The Riviera Country Club - Par 71 - 7,322 yds.
Purse \$20 million - **Winner** \$4 million + 700 FedExCup pts.
70 players - 72-hole stroke play - 36-hole cut*
2023 champion Jon Rahm

BROADCAST SCHEDULE (ET)

	ESPN+	GOLF	CBS
R1	10:30 a.m.-8 p.m.	4-8 p.m.	
R2	10:30 a.m.-8 p.m.	4-8 p.m.	
R3	10 a.m.-7 p.m.	1-3 p.m.	3-7 p.m.
R4	9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.	1-3 p.m.	3-6:30 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..... Nick Taylor
AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am..... Wyndham Clark
Farmers Insurance Open..... *Matthieu Pavon*
The American Express..... *Nick Dunlap*
Sony Open in Hawaii..... Grayson Murray
The Sentry..... Chris Kirk

Italics First-time PGA TOUR winners

TOP STORYLINES

The field: The Genesis Invitational is the seventh event of the 2024 PGA TOUR season and third Signature Event. There are 70 players in the field, exempt via the following categories:

- Top 50 in the 2022-23 FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List** (all eligible players except Justin Rose)
- Aon Next 10 - Nos. 51-60 in the FedExCup Fall and Eligibility Points List** (all 10 players are in the field)
- Top player not otherwise exempt from the 2023 Race to Dubai** (Nicolai Højgaard)
- Aon Swing 5** (Grayson Murray, Christiaan Bezuidenhout, Charley Hoffman, Kevin Yu, Justin Thomas)
- Current season tournament winners not exempt from a higher category** (Nick Dunlap)
- Sponsor exemptions** (Adam Scott, Gary Woodland, Tiger Woods, Will Zalatoris)
- Unrestricted exemption - Charlie Sifford Award Winner** (Chase Johnson)

Note: PGA TOUR members in the top 30 of the Official World Golf Ranking are all exempt via a higher category.

36-hole cut: Only Signature Events to feature a cut are the three player-hosted invitationals (The Genesis Invitational, Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday): 36-hole cut, low 50 players and ties and any additional players within 10 strokes of the 36-hole lead.

Aon Next 10: The Genesis Invitational is the final Signature Event where those who finished inside the Aon Next 10 via their standings in the FedExCup Fall earned a spot in the field. The Aon Next 10 is comprised of Nos. 51-60 in 2023's final FedExCup Fall standings and will reset at next week's Mexico Open at Vidanta. For the next Signature Event, the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, the Aon Next 10 will be comprised of the top 10 players in the 2024 FedExCup standings who are not yet exempt for the field.

Tournament host and 82-time PGA TOUR winner **Tiger Woods** is making his 374th start on the PGA TOUR and is competing on a sponsor exemption. Woods is making his first start in an official event on TOUR since withdrawing from the 2023 Masters Tournament before completing the third round (finished 18th as tournament host at the Hero World Challenge in December). With a victory, Woods would break a tie with Sam Snead for most wins in PGA TOUR history. Woods has not finished in the top 10 on TOUR since the 2020 Farmers Insurance Open (T9) and his most recent victory, his 82nd, came at the 2019 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP. Woods has made 15 starts at The Genesis Invitational, the most of any tournament in his career without a victory. He made his PGA TOUR debut at the event in 1992 as a 16-year-old amateur (MC) and most recently competed in 2023 (T45).

Tiger Woods most starts by PGA TOUR event without a victory

15	The Genesis Invitational
11	FedEx St. Jude Championship (formerly The Barclays)
5	Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches

World No. 1 and reigning PGA TOUR Player of the Year **Scottie Scheffler** finished T3 at last week's WM Phoenix Open in his bid to become the first player to win the same PGA TOUR event three years in a row since Steve Stricker at the John Deere Classic (2009-11). Since the start of the 2021-22 season, Scheffler has 19 top-three finishes on TOUR, the most of any player in that span (second: 11/Rory McIlroy). He is making his sixth start at the event (best result: T7/2022) and competed as an amateur in 2018 after winning the Collegiate Showcase (MC). This year, Boise State's **Cole Rueck** won the Collegiate Showcase to earn a spot in the 2024 Genesis Scottish Open.

Nick Taylor won last week's WM Phoenix Open in a playoff over Charley Hoffman, earning his fourth PGA TOUR title. With the win, Taylor moved to No. 6 in the FedExCup standings and No. 28 in the Official World Golf Ranking, the highest OWGR position of his career.

Nine players in the field finished in the top 10 at last week's WM Phoenix Open:

Nick Taylor (Won)	Scottie Scheffler (T3)	Kurt Kitayama (T8)
Charley Hoffman (P2)	Sahith Theegala (5th)	Adam Scott (T8)
Sam Burns (T3)	Jordan Spieth (T6)	Cameron Young (T8)

WINNERS (1958-PRESENT)

Year	Player
2023	Jon Rahm
2022	Joaquin Niemann
2021	Max Homa
2020	Adam Scott
2019	J.B. Holmes
2018	Bubba Watson
2017	Dustin Johnson
2016	Bubba Watson
2015	James Hahn
2014	Bubba Watson
2013	John Merrick
2012	Bill Haas
2011	Aaron Baddeley
2010	Steve Stricker
2009	Phil Mickelson
2008	Phil Mickelson
2007	Charles Howell III
2006	Rory Sabbatini
2005	Adam Scott (unofficial)
2004	Mike Weir
2003	Mike Weir
2002	Len Mattiace
2001	Robert Allenby
2000	Kirk Triplett
1999	Ernie Els
1998	Billy Mayfair
1997	Nick Faldo
1996	Craig Stadler
1995	Corey Pavin
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1993	Tom Kite
1992	Fred Couples
1991	Ted Schulz
1990	Fred Couples
1989	Mark Calcavecchia
1988	Chip Beck
1987	T.C. Chen
1986	Doug Tewell
1985	Lanny Wadkins
1984	David Edwards
1983	Gil Morgan
1982	Tom Watson
1981	Johnny Miller
1980	Tom Watson
1979	Lanny Wadkins
1978	Gil Morgan
1977	Tom Purtzer
1976	Hale Irwin
1975	Pat Fitzsimons
1974	Dave Stockton
1973	Rod Funseth
1972	George Archer
1971	Bob Lunn
1970	Billy Casper
1969	Charles Sifford
1968	Billy Casper
1967	Arnold Palmer
1966	Arnold Palmer
1965	Paul Harney
1964	Paul Harney
1963	Arnold Palmer
1962	Phil Rodgers
1961	Bob Goalby
1960	Dow Finsterwald
1959	Ken Venturi
1958	Frank Stranahan

bold in field

ADDITIONAL STORYLINES

Four-time PGA TOUR winner **Charley Hoffman** finished runner-up for the 10th time in his 495th PGA TOUR start at last week's WM Phoenix Open. The last to player to lose in a playoff one week and win the following week was Patrick Cantlay (P2/2022 RBC Heritage, won/2022 Zurich Classic of New Orleans). Hoffman has made 16 starts at The Genesis Invitational, the second most tournament starts in the field (most: 17/Matt Kuchar). He has one top-10 at the event (T4/2017) and finished 71st in his most recent tournament start in 2022.

2021 Genesis Invitational winner **Max Homa** is making his eighth start in the event and has four consecutive top-10s (T5/2020, won/2021, T10/2022, 2nd/2023). Homa has four wins in California in the last five seasons, the most of any player in that span.

Rory McIlroy will make his second TOUR start of the season after opening with a T66 at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. McIlroy will make his eighth start at the event with his best result coming in 2019 (4th). McIlroy's T66 at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am snapped a streak of 10 consecutive top-10s on TOUR, which is the longest streak of his TOUR career.

15-time PGA TOUR winner and World No. 21 **Justin Thomas**, who qualified this week via the Aon Swing 5, has finished T12 or better in each of his first three starts of the season (T3/The American Express, T6/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, T12/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am). Thomas has three top-10s in nine starts at the event, highlighted by a runner-up in 2019.

Two players in the field have competed in all six TOUR events so far this season: 2023 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year **Eric Cole** and **Tom Hoge**. Cole is making his tournament debut after not getting into the field during his rookie year (lost in a playoff at the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches in his next start after not qualifying for The Genesis Invitational), while Hoge is making his seventh appearance in the event (best result: T14/2023).

The Genesis Invitational has presented the Charlie Sifford Memorial Exemption since 2009, providing an opportunity to a golfer of a minority background to compete in the tournament. Named in honor of Charlie Sifford, the first Black player to compete on the modern-day PGA TOUR, the 2024 exemption was awarded to **Chase Johnson**, who will make his tournament debut. Johnson, a three-time winner on the APGA Tour, won the 2023 JOHN SHIPPEN National Golf Invitational and will make his fifth career PGA TOUR start (T64/2023 Rocket Mortgage Classic). Other former Charlie Sifford Exemption recipient in the field: **J.J. Spaun** (2016). The three player-hosted invitationals will each have one tournament host exemption, which is not restricted to PGA TOUR members. The Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard will grant an exemption to a player from the Arnold Palmer Cup, while the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday will continue to give an exemption to the Jack Nicklaus Award winner (NCAA Division I men's golf Player of the Year).

2023 LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Jon Rahm	65	68	65	69	267 (-17)
2	Max Homa	64	68	69	68	269 (-15)
3	Patrick Cantlay	68	67	68	67	270 (-14)
4	Will Zalatoris	69	68	70	64	271 (-13)
5	Keith Mitchell	64	69	69	70	272 (-12)
T6	Collin Morikawa	66	68	72	67	273 (-11)
T6	Sahith Theegala	71	68	68	66	273 (-11)
8	Matt Kuchar	66	70	71	67	274 (-10)

STRENGTH OF FIELD STATISTICS

Top 10 FedExCup 9	Chris Kirk (2)
Top 30 FedExCup 27	
Top 10 OWGR 9	Scottie Scheffler (1)
Top 50 OWGR 41.....	
PGA TOUR winners 54.....	Tiger Woods (82)
Past champions 2	Most recent: Max Homa (2021)
FedExCup Champions ... 6 ...	Most recent: Viktor Hovland (2023)
PLAYERS winners 9 .	Most recent: Scottie Scheffler (2023)
Major winners 15.....	Most: Tiger Woods (15)

TOURNAMENT RECORDS

Category	Value	Player	Year
Low 18-hole score	61	2 players; most recent: Ted Tryba	1999 (R3)
Low 36-hole score	126	Joaquin Niemann	2022
Low 54-hole score	194	Joaquin Niemann	2022
Low 72-hole score	264	Lanny Wadkins	1985
Holes-in-one (1983-present)	42	40 players; most recent: Scott Harrington	2021 (R4, No. 6)
Largest 18-hole lead	4	Terry Mauney	1982
Largest 36-hole lead	5	Sam Burns	2021
Largest 54-hole lead	7	Arnold Palmer	1966
Largest margin of victory	9	Phil Rodgers	1962
Playoffs	18	Most recent: Max Homa def. Tony Finau	2021
Wire-to-wire winners	4	Most recent: Joaquin Niemann	2022