



# PRE-TOURNAMENT NOTES THE SENTRY



## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

January 1-7, 2024 • 1st of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events  
 Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii  
 Plantation Course at Kapalua • Par 73 • 7,596 yds.  
**Purse** \$20 million • **Winner** \$3.6 million + 700 FedExCup pts.  
 59 players • 72-hole stroke play • no cut  
**2023 champion** Jon Rahm

## BROADCAST SCHEDULE (ET)

	ESPN+	NBC	GOLF
<b>R1</b>	12:30-10 p.m.		6-10 p.m.
<b>R2</b>	12:45-10 p.m.		6-10 p.m.
<b>R3</b>	1-8 p.m.	4-6 p.m.	6-8 p.m.
<b>R4</b>	1-8 p.m.	4-6 p.m.	6-8 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.....  
 The Sentry.....

*Italics* First-time PGA TOUR winners

## TOP STORYLINES

**Opening Drive:** The Sentry is the first event of the 2024 PGA TOUR Season and serves as the season-opening event on the PGA TOUR schedule for the first time since 2013. After 10 wraparound seasons, the TOUR returns to a calendar-year schedule, with 36 FedExCup Regular Season events followed by the FedExCup Playoffs and FedExCup Fall.

**Signature Event:** The Sentry is the first of eight Signature Events in 2024, which offer increased purse sizes (\$20 million) and FedExCup points to the winner (700). Eligible players for The Sentry are tournament winners in 2023 and players who finished in the top 50 in the FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List. 35 of the 37 tournament winners are in the field (all but Rory McIlroy and Jon Rahm) along with the 24 players who finished in the top 50 but did not win.

**Back-to-back in August:** Reigning FedExCup Champion **Viktor Hovland** is playing in his first official TOUR event since winning the BMW Championship and TOUR Championship in back-to-back starts. The last player to win in three consecutive starts on TOUR was Dustin Johnson during the 2016-17 season (The Genesis Invitational, WGC-Mexico Championship, WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play). Hovland is making his fourth start at The Sentry and has not finished in the top 10 (T31/2021, T30/2022, T18/2023).

**World No. 1:** Scottie Scheffler is making his first start since winning the Hero World Challenge and first official start on TOUR since the TOUR Championship (T6). Scheffler, who won the WM Phoenix Open and THE PLAYERS Championship in 2023, recorded 13 top-fives and 17 top-10s during the 2022-23 season, both high marks for any player in a single season on TOUR since 2005, when Vijay Singh and Tiger Woods each had 13 top-fives and Singh had 18 top-10s. He did not miss a cut and set the PGA TOUR record for Official Money earned in a single season at \$21,014,342. He is making his third start at The Sentry (T13/2021, T7/2023).

**Longevity:** 2019 Sentry winner **Xander Schauffele** is making his seventh consecutive start at the event, the longest active streak of any player. Justin Thomas (8) previously held the longest active streak but failed to qualify in 2024 for the first time since his rookie season (2014-15). Schauffele is one of three past champions in the field, along with Jordan Spieth (2016) and Harris English (2021).

**Tournament debuts:** 18 players in the field are making their first career start at The Sentry:

Ludvig Åberg	Nico Echavarria	Kurt Kitayama	Patrick Rodgers
Byeong Hun An	Tommy Fleetwood	Denny McCarthy	Adam Schenk
Akshay Bhatia	Nick Hardy	Taylor Moore	Matt Wallace
Wyndham Clark	Tyrrell Hatton	Vincent Norrman	
Eric Cole	Lee Hodges	Davis Riley	

**Low scoring:** Six scores of 30-under or better have been recorded in 72-hole PGA TOUR events since 1950 and five of the six have come at The Sentry, with the Plantation Course at Kapalua using a par-73 layout.

### Most strokes under par in 72-hole event (since 1950)

Score	Player	Tournament
-34	Cameron Smith	2022 Sentry
-33	Jon Rahm	2022 Sentry
-32	Matt Jones	2022 Sentry
-31	Ernie Els	2003 Sentry
-30	Dustin Johnson	2020 FedEx St. Jude Championship
-30	Jordan Spieth	2016 Sentry

The Plantation Course at Kapalua was the easiest course on TOUR relative to par during the 2022-23 season with an average of 4.078 strokes under par, its third consecutive season with the lowest scoring average on the PGA TOUR schedule.

## WINNERS

Year	Player
2023	Jon Rahm
2022	Cameron Smith
2021	Harris English
2020	Justin Thomas
2019	Xander Schauffele
2018	Dustin Johnson
2017	Justin Thomas
2016	Jordan Spieth
2015	Patrick Reed
2014	Zach Johnson
2013	Dustin Johnson
2012	Steve Stricker
2011	Jonathan Byrd
2010	Geoff Ogilvy
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2008	Daniel Chopra
2007	Vijay Singh
2006	Stuart Appleby
2005	Stuart Appleby
2004	Stuart Appleby
2003	Ernie Els
2002	Sergio Garcia
2001	Jim Furyk
2000	Tiger Woods
1999	David Duval
1998	Phil Mickelson
1997	Tiger Woods
1996	Mark O'Meara
1995	Steve Elkington
1994	Phil Mickelson
1993	Davis Love III
1992	Steve Elkington
1991	Tom Kite
1990	Paul Azinger
1989	Steve Jones
1988	Steve Pate
1987	Mac O'Grady
1986	Calvin Peete
1985	Tom Kite
1984	Tom Watson
1983	Lanny Wadkins
1982	Lanny Wadkins
1981	Lee Trevino
1980	Tom Watson
1979	Tom Watson
1978	Gary Player
1977	Jack Nicklaus
1976	Don January
1975	Al Geiberger
1974	Johnny Miller
1973	Jack Nicklaus
1972	Bobby Mitchell
1971	Jack Nicklaus
1970	Frank Beard
1969	Gary Player
1968	Don January
1967	Frank Beard
1966	Arnold Palmer
1965	Arnold Palmer
1964	Jack Nicklaus
1963	Jack Nicklaus
1962	Arnold Palmer
1961	Sam Snead

## ADDITIONAL STORYLINES

**Runner-up returns: Collin Morikawa** held a six-stroke lead entering the final round in 2023 and went on to finish solo-second, tying the PGA TOUR record for largest lead lost with 18 holes to play. Morikawa won the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP in his most recent official start on TOUR, earning his sixth career PGA TOUR title and first since the 2021 Open Championship.

**Sophomore year: Ludvig Åberg** won his first PGA TOUR title at The RSM Classic, the final event of the 2022-23 season, to earn a spot in the field. Åberg joined the TOUR at the 2023 RBC Canadian Open after the Texas Tech product finished No. 1 in the PGA TOUR University Ranking. He recorded four top-10s in 11 starts, including the win and a runner-up at the Sanderson Farms Championship, to earn a spot in the Aon Next 10 (Nos. 51-60 in the FedExCup standings through the FedExCup Fall) and qualify for two additional Signature Events in 2023 (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, The Genesis Invitational).

**Youngest and oldest:** For the second year in a row, 21-year-old Tom Kim is the youngest player in the field at The Sentry. At age 20 in 2023, Kim finished T5 in his tournament debut and was more than four years younger than the next-youngest player (Sungjae Im), but is joined in 2024 by fellow 21-year-old Akshay Bhatia. Bhatia, who turns 22 on January 31, joined the TOUR as a Special Temporary Member during the 2022-23 season and went on to earn his first PGA TOUR title at the Barracuda Championship. Lucas Glover, who won the Wyndham Championship and FedEx St. Jude Championship in back-to-back weeks in 2023, is the oldest player in the field at age 44.

**Looking for first TOUR win:** At No. 14 in the Official World Golf Ranking, Tommy Fleetwood enters the 2024 season as the highest-ranked player that has not won on the PGA TOUR. Fleetwood, a six-time winner on the DP World Tour and five-time runner-up on the PGA TOUR is making his tournament debut at The Sentry and qualified by finishing in the top 50 in the FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List (No. 6). Since joining the PGA TOUR at the start of the 2017-18 season, he has recorded 29 top-10s, the most of any player without a win in that span (second-most: Adam Hadwin, 26). He is one of seven players in the field that has not won on TOUR.

### Players in the field that have not won on the PGA TOUR

Player	Career starts	Career runner-up finishes	Career top-10s
Byeong Hun An	180	4	22
Eric Cole	40	2	7
Tommy Fleetwood	126	5	33
Denny McCarthy	165	1	23
Patrick Rodgers	251	4	22
Adam Schenk	184	2	16
Cameron Young	52	6	12

## 2023 LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Jon Rahm	64	71	67	63	265 (-27)
2	Collin Morikawa	64	66	65	72	267 (-25)
T3	Tom Hoge	66	71	68	64	269 (-23)
T3	Max Homa	70	70	63	66	269 (-23)
T5	Tom Kim	65	69	68	68	270 (-22)
T5	J.J. Spaun	64	68	69	69	270 (-22)
T7	Four players					271 (-21)

## STRENGTH OF FIELD STATISTICS

Top 10 FedExCup	N/A
Top 50 FedExCup	N/A
Top 10 OWGR	8
Top 50 OWGR	38
PGA TOUR winners	52
Past champions	3
FedExCup Champions	3
PLAYERS winners	4
Major winners	11

## TOURNAMENT RECORDS

Category	Value	Player	Year
Low 18-hole score	61	3 players (Jon Rahm, Justin Thomas, Matt Jones)	2022
Low 36-hole score	129	2 players; most recent: Cameron Smith	2022
Low 54-hole score	193	2 players (Jon Rahm, Cameron Smith)	2022
Low 72-hole score	258	Cameron Smith	2022
Holes-in-one	4	Most recent: Patton Kizzire	2019 (R1, No. 8)
Largest 18-hole lead	4	Tom Kite	1985
Largest 36-hole lead	5	3 players; most recent: Steve Stricker	2012
Largest 54-hole lead	10	Gene Littler	1955
Biggest come-from-behind win	7	2 players; most recent: Jon Rahm	2023
Largest margin of victory	13	Gene Littler	1955
Playoffs	16	Most recent: Harris English def. Joaquin Niemann	2021