



2024 TOUR Championship (Final event of the FedExCup Playoffs)

Atlanta, Georgia
East Lake Golf Club

August 29-September 1, 2024 FedExCup Bonus Pool: \$100 million Par/Yards: 35-36-71/7,490 Winner's Bonus Money: \$25 million

### Pre-Tournament Notes - TOUR Championship

#### **TOUR** season notes

- Scottie Scheffler enters the TOUR Championship No. 1 in the FedExCup standings for the third consecutive year with six
  wins on the season, including the Masters Tournament, THE PLAYERS Championship and four Signature Events. Scheffler,
  who finished T2 in 2022 and T6 in 2023, is the first player to enter the TOUR Championship at No. 1 in the FedExCup
  standings in three consecutive years.
- With his victory at the BMW Championship, **Keegan Bradley** moved from No. 50 to No. 4 in the FedExCup standings. Bradley began the FedExCup Playoffs at No. 39, finished T59 at the FedEx St. Jude Championship and fell to No. 50 to grab the final spot in the field at the BMW Championship. Two of the last three winners of the BMW Championship went on to win the FedExCup (Patrick Cantlay/2021, Viktor Hovland/2023).
- Four players began the BMW Championship outside the top 30 in the FedExCup and played their way into the TOUR Championship: **Keegan Bradley** (No. 50 to No. 4), **Adam Scott** (No. 41 to No. 14), **Tommy Fleetwood** (No. 31 to No. 22) and **Chris Kirk** (No. 32 to No. 26).
- Of the 19 players who qualified for the 2024 BMW Championship after finishing outside the top 50 in the 2023 FedExCup, 11 advanced to the TOUR Championship:

Ludvig Åberg (No. 5) Shane Lowry (No. 13)

Adam Scott (No. 14)

Akshay Bhatia (No. 19)

Robert MacIntyre (No. 20)

Billy Horschel (No. 21)

Matthieu Pavon (No. 24)

Taylor Pendrith (No. 25)

Aaron Rai (No. 28)

Christiaan Bezuidenhout (No. 29)

Justin Thomas (No. 30)

#### **TOUR Championship notes**

• Since the FedExCup Starting Strokes format was introduced in 2019, two players have won the FedExCup when entering the TOUR Championship as the FedExCup leader (Dustin Johnson/2020, Patrick Cantlay/2021).

## Starting Strokes for each FedExCup Champion since 2019

Rory McIlroy, 2019: -5 Dustin Johnson, 2020: -10 Patrick Cantlay, 2021: -10 Rory McIlroy, 2022: -4 Viktor Hovland, 2023: -8

- Xander Schauffele (No. 2) and Tony Finau (No. 15) will make their eighth consecutive appearances at the TOUR Championship, the longest active streak on TOUR. Schauffele has three career runner-up results in the FedExCup (2019, 2020, 2023) while Finau's best result is sixth in 2018.
- FedEx St. Jude Championship winner **Hideki Matsuyama** (No. 3) has qualified for the TOUR Championship in 10 of the last 11 seasons and looks to improve upon his career-best finish in the FedExCup (8<sup>th</sup>/2017). Matsuyama withdrew prior to the second round of the BMW Championship with a lower back injury.
- Sam Burns (No. 9) is one of two players to finish inside the top 10 in the first two Playoffs events (T5/FedEx St. Jude Championship, T2/BMW Championship), along with Schauffele.
- There are nine TOUR Championship first-timers, highlighted by Ludvig Åberg who enters the week at No. 5 in the FedExCup following a T2 at the BMW Championship and two other runner-up finishes this season (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, Masters Tournament).

Ludvig Åberg (No. 5)

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Byeong Hun An (No. 16)
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- Of the four rookies to qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs, **Matthieu Pavon** (No. 24) is the only one to advance to the TOUR Championship. Pavon, who earned PGA TOUR membership for the 2024 season via the DP World Tour Top 10, collected four top-10s this season including his win at the Farmers Insurance Open.
- Five former FedExCup Champions qualified for the TOUR Championship: No. 6 Rory McIlroy (2016, 2019, 2022), No. 10 Patrick Cantlay (2021), No. 17 Viktor Hovland (2023), No. 21 Billy Horschel (2014) and No. 30 Justin Thomas (2017). Thomas, who failed to advance to the FedExCup Playoffs in 2023, will make his eighth appearance at the TOUR Championship after securing the final spot in the field.

## Top player notes

• With a win, **Scottie Scheffler** would win the FedExCup for the first time in his career and earn his seventh victory of the season. The last player to win seven or more times in a single season was Tiger Woods in 2007.

# Scottie Scheffler round-by-round scores and margins at the TOUR Championship since 2022

2022	Started -10	65 (led by 5)	66 (led by 2)	66 (led by 6)	73 (finished T2)
2023	Started -10	71 (trailed by 1)	65 (trailed by 2)	73 (trailed by 9)	70 (finished T6)

- **Xander Schauffele**'s scoring average of 66.96 at the TOUR Championship is the lowest in tournament history. Schauffele has not finished worse than T7 in seven prior starts at the event, including a win in his rookie year in 2017 (pre-FedExCup Starting Strokes).
- **Rory McIroy** is the only player to win the FedExCup three times (2016, 2019, 2022) and begins the week at 4-under, the same deficit he faced en route to victory in 2022.

#### **Additional notes**

- Sahith Theegala (No. 12) is making his 100<sup>th</sup> career start on the PGA TOUR and second start in the TOUR Championship. Theegala received one of the six automatic qualifying spots for the U.S. Team at the 2024 Presidents Cup where he will represent the United States for the first time in a Presidents Cup or Ryder Cup.
- 2024 Sentry winner Chris Kirk is making his second start at the TOUR Championship and first since 2014, when he finished No. 2 in the FedExCup standings. Kirk was honored with the PGA TOUR Courage Award in November after taking a leave of absence from the TOUR in May of 2019 to address issues of alcohol abuse and depression. He returned to the TOUR later that year after a break of more than six months, regained exempt status in 2021 through a Major Medical Extension, and won the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches in 2023 for his fifth PGA TOUR title and first since 2015.
- 22-year-old **Akshay Bhatia**, making his TOUR Championship debut in his first full season as a PGA TOUR member, is the youngest player in the field. **Adam Scott**, 42, is the oldest player in the field, making his 13<sup>th</sup> start at the TOUR Championship and 10<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup era.
- There are 14 different countries represented in the field; United States (15), England (2) and South Korea (2) are the only countries with multiple players in the field.