

# SIGNATURE EVENT FACT SHEET (ENTERING VALSPAR CHAMPIONSHIP)

## OVERVIEW

With the PGA TOUR Season returning to a calendar-year spanning January to August, each week has greater impact in the season-long race for the FedExCup as well as in-season stakes, through Signature Event qualification. Players qualify for the limited-field tournaments via the top 50 previous season's FedExCup standings (BMW Championship) and can play their way in through the Aon Next 10 and Aon Swing 5.

## AON NEXT 10 and 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.



- Aon Next 10:** Top 10 available players, not otherwise exempt, from FedExCup standings. The Aon Next 10 will always fill to 10 players.
- Aon Swing 5:** Top five available players, not otherwise exempt, who earn the most FedExCup points from events leading up to each Signature Event. The Aon Swing 5 will always fill to five players.

## AON NEXT 10 / AON SWING 5 STANDINGS

Aon Next 10			Aon Swing 5		
1	Matthieu Pavon	986.563	1	Brice Garnett	300.000
2	Ludvig Åberg	892.667	2	Erik Barnes	165.000
3	Jake Knapp	799.218	T3	Victor Perez	83.333
4	Will Zalatoris	760.643	T3	Hayden Springer	83.333
5	C. Bezuidenhout	627.580	T3	Jimmy Stanger	83.333
6	Austin Eckroat	605.926			
7	Erik van Rooyen	593.560			
8	Grayson Murray	589.375			
9	Shane Lowry	578.850			
10	Justin Thomas	575.667			

## STORYLINES

The next Signature Event in the 2024 PGA TOUR Season is the RBC Heritage, played the week after the Masters Tournament. The Aon Next 10 is filled with the top 10 players in the FedExCup standings through the Masters that did not finish in the top 50 of the 2022-23 FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List, while the Aon Swing 5 is made up of the next five players earning the most points in the Puerto Rico Open, Valspar Championship, Texas Children's Houston Open and Valero Texas Open.

### LAST WEEK ON TOUR: THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

**Scottie Scheffler** successfully defended his title at THE PLAYERS Championship and won on TOUR for the second consecutive week. **Ludvig Åberg** finished solo-eighth, the best result by a player that did not finish in the top 50 in last year's FedExCup standings, to move to No. 2 in the Aon Next 10 standings.

### PLAYERS TO WATCH: VALSPAR CHAMPIONSHIP

With his win at the Puerto Rico Open, **Brice Garnett** earned 300 FedExCup points and moved to No. 1 in the Aon Swing 5 standings. Garnett is not yet exempt for the remaining Signature Events this season because the Puerto Rico Open is an Additional Event (does not award full FedExCup points).

In addition to Garnett, who is now exempt on TOUR through 2026, four players earned spots in the field via top-10 finishes: **Erik Barnes** (P2), **Hayden Springer** (T3), **Austin Cook** (T10) and **Evan Harmeling** (T10). Harmeling, a non-member who got into the Puerto Rico Open as an Open Qualifier, cannot qualify for the RBC Heritage through the Aon Next 10 nor the Aon Swing 5 because he does not earn official FedExCup points as a non-member.

**Akshay Bhatia** is making his third career start at the Valspar Championship and first as a full-time PGA TOUR member. Bhatia received a sponsor exemption as a 17-year-old amateur in 2019 (MC) and made his first start as a Special Temporary Member in 2023 (MC) before winning the 2023 Barracuda Championship to earn full status. Bhatia enters the week No. 67 in the FedExCup standings, 355 points behind Justin Thomas (No. 10 in the Aon Next 10 standings).

## SIGNATURE EVENTS ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility criteria for Signature Events (outside The Sentry):

- Top 50 in the previous season's FedExCup standings
- Aon Next 10
- Aon Swing 5
- If not exempt from a higher category listed above: current-year tournament winners (excluding Additional Events) and PGA TOUR members in the top 30 in the OWGR
- Four sponsor exemptions (PGA TOUR members)
- The three player-hosted events each have one tournament host exemption, which is not restricted to PGA TOUR members

## QUICK FACTS

- Field sizes for Signature Events are expected to be approximately 70-80 players (80 players for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am due to format)
- Increased purses (\$20 million)
- Increased FedExCup points (700 for the winner)
- No mandatory participation regulation for eligible players
- No cut, except for three player-hosted invitationals (Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, The Genesis Invitational, the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday)

## PRIORITY RANKING: RBC HERITAGE

Ranking shows eligible players // *Italics* indicates a player is eligible via higher category

### Category 1

#### Top 50 from 2022-23 FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List

Rk.	Player	Count
1	Viktor Hovland	1
2	Xander Schauffele	2
3	Wyndham Clark	3
4	Rory McIlroy	4
5	Patrick Cantlay	5
6	Scottie Scheffler	6
6	Collin Morikawa	7
6	Tommy Fleetwood	8
9	Matt Fitzpatrick	9
9	Adam Schenk	10
9	Max Homa	11
9	Keegan Bradley	12
9	Sam Burns	13
14	Sepp Straka	14
14	Russell Henley	15
16	Rickie Fowler	16
	Tyrrell Hatton	
18	Lucas Glover	17
19	Si Woo Kim	18
19	Tom Kim	19
19	Tony Finau	20
22	Brian Harman	21
23	Sungjae Im	22
24	Nick Taylor	23
25	Corey Connors	24
26	Jordan Spieth	25
27	Jason Day	26
28	Emiliano Grillo	27
28	Taylor Moore	28
30	Sahith Theegala	29
31	Chris Kirk	30
32	Denny McCarthy	31
33	Justin Rose	32
34	Andrew Putnam	33
35	Kurt Kitayama	34
36	Adam Svensson	35
37	Harris English	36
38	J.T. Poston	37
39	Lee Hodges	38
40	Seamus Power	39
41	Cameron Young	40
42	Eric Cole	41
43	Byeong Hun An	42
44	Adam Hadwin	43
45	Tom Hoge	44
46	Brendon Todd	45
47	Cam Davis	46
48	Patrick Rodgers	47
49	Hideki Matsuyama	48
50	Mackenzie Hughes	49

### Category 2

#### Aon Next 10

Rk.	Player	Count
	<i>Scottie Scheffler</i>	
	<i>Wyndham Clark</i>	
	<i>Hideki Matsuyama</i>	
	<i>Xander Schauffele</i>	
	<i>Sahith Theegala</i>	
1	Matthieu Pavon	50
	<i>Byeong Hun An</i>	
	<i>Chris Kirk</i>	
2	Ludvig Åberg	51
	<i>Brian Harman</i>	
	<i>Nick Taylor</i>	
3	Jake Knapp	52
4	Will Zalatoris	53
	<i>Tom Hoge</i>	
	<i>J.T. Poston</i>	
	<i>Jason Day</i>	
	<i>Harris English</i>	
	<i>Sam Burns</i>	
	<i>Patrick Cantlay</i>	
5	C. Bezuidenhout	54
6	Austin Eckroat	55
	<i>Si Woo Kim</i>	
7	Erik van Rooyen	56
8	Grayson Murray	57
9	Shane Lowry	58
10	Justin Thomas	59

### Category 3

#### Aon Swing 5

Rk.	Player	Count
1	Brice Garnett	60
2	Erik Barnes	61
T3	Victor Perez	62
T3	Hayden Springer	63
T3	Jimmy Stanger	64

### Category 4

#### 2024 tournament winners (full FedExCup point events)

Rk.	Player	Count
	<i>Chris Kirk</i>	
	<i>Grayson Murray</i>	
1	Nick Dunlap	65
	<i>Matthieu Pavon</i>	
	<i>Wyndham Clark</i>	
	<i>Nick Taylor</i>	
	<i>Hideki Matsuyama</i>	
	<i>Jake Knapp</i>	
	<i>Austin Eckroat</i>	
	<i>Scottie Scheffler</i>	

### Category 5

#### Sponsor exemptions (PGA TOUR members)

Rk.	Player	Count
1	TBD	66
2	TBD	67
3	TBD	68
4	TBD	69

### Category 6

#### PGA TOUR members in the top 30 in the Official World Golf Ranking

Rk.	Player	Count
	<i>Scottie Scheffler</i>	
	<i>Rory McIlroy</i>	
	<i>Jon Rahm</i>	
	<i>Wyndham Clark</i>	
	<i>Xander Schauffele</i>	
	<i>Viktor Hovland</i>	
	<i>Patrick Cantlay</i>	
	<i>Brian Harman</i>	
	<i>Ludvig Åberg</i>	
	<i>Max Homa</i>	
	<i>Matt Fitzpatrick</i>	
	<i>Tommy Fleetwood</i>	
	<i>Hideki Matsuyama</i>	
	<i>Sahith Theegala</i>	
	<i>Keegan Bradley</i>	
	<i>Jordan Spieth</i>	
	<i>Collin Morikawa</i>	
	<i>Sam Burns</i>	
	<i>Tom Kim</i>	
	<i>Jason Day</i>	
	<i>Russell Henley</i>	
	<i>Cameron Young</i>	
	<i>Nick Taylor</i>	
	<i>Chris Kirk</i>	
	<i>Sepp Straka</i>	
	<i>Matthieu Pavon</i>	
	<i>Justin Thomas</i>	
	<i>Tony Finau</i>	
	<i>Will Zalatoris</i>	

## SIGNATURE EVENT QUALIFICATION CALENDAR

Date	Tournament	Aon Next 10	Aon Swing 5	OWGR
Jan 1-7	<b>The Sentry</b>	<i>Top 50 players from the previous season's FedExCup standings through the FedExCup Playoffs (BMW Championship) and tournament winners from the prior year, including Additional Events and the FedExCup Fall</i>		
Jan 8-14	Sony Open in Hawaii			
Jan 15-21	The American Express			
Jan 22-27	Farmers Insurance Open			
Jan 29-Feb 4	<b>AT&amp;T Pebble Beach Pro-Am</b>	Top 10 thru 2023 FedExCup Fall (fill the field below 10th)	Sony Open in Hawaii The American Express Farmers Insurance Open	Ranking as of Monday, Jan 29 (thru Farmers Insurance Open)
Feb 5-11	WM Phoenix Open			
Feb 12-18	<b>The Genesis Invitational</b>	Top 10 thru 2023 FedExCup Fall	Sony Open in Hawaii The American Express Farmers Insurance Open WM Phoenix Open	Ranking as of Monday, Feb 12 (thru WM Phoenix Open)
Feb 19-25	Mexico Open at Vidanta			
Feb 26-Mar 3	Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches			
Mar 4-10	<b>Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard</b>	Top 10 thru Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches	Mexico Open at Vidanta Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches	Ranking as of Monday, Mar 4 (thru Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches)
Mar 4-10	Puerto Rico Open			
Mar 11-17	<b><i>THE PLAYERS Championship</i></b>			
Mar 18-24	Valspar Championship			
Mar 25-31	Texas Children's Houston Open			
April 1-7	Valero Texas Open			
April 8-14	<b><i>Masters Tournament</i></b>			
April 15-21	<b>RBC Heritage</b>	Top 10 thru Masters Tournament	Puerto Rico Open Valspar Championship Texas Children's Houston Open Valero Texas Open	Ranking as of Monday, April 15 (thru Masters Tournament)
April 15-21	Corales Puntacana Championship			
April 22-28	Zurich Classic of New Orleans			
April 29-May 5	THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson			
May 6-12	<b>Wells Fargo Championship</b>	Top 10 thru THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson	Corales Puntacana Championship Zurich Classic of New Orleans THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson	Ranking as of Monday, May 6 (thru THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson)
May 6-12	Myrtle Beach Classic			
May 13-19	PGA Championship			
May 20-26	Charles Schwab Challenge			
May 27-Jun 2	RBC Canadian Open			
Jun 3-9	<b>the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday</b>	Top 10 thru RBC Canadian Open	Myrtle Beach Classic Charles Schwab Challenge RBC Canadian Open	Ranking as of Monday, June 3 (thru RBC Canadian Open)
Jun 10-16	U.S. Open			
Jun 17-23	<b>Travelers Championship</b>	Top 10 thru U.S. Open	Myrtle Beach Classic Charles Schwab Challenge RBC Canadian Open	Ranking as of Monday, June 17 (thru U.S. Open)



## 2024 SIGNATURE EVENT QUALIFICATION BY PLAYER

Player	Sentry (59)	Pebble Beach (80)	Genesis (70)	API (69)	Heritage	Wells Fargo	Memorial	Travelers
Riley, Davis	Win	Fill the field						
Rodgers, Patrick	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50
Rose, Justin	Top 50/Win	Top 50	Top 50 (DNP)	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50
Ryder, Sam		Aon Next 10	Aon Next 10					
Schauffele, Xander	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50
Scheffler, Scottie	Top 50/Win	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50
Schenk, Adam	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50
Scott, Adam		Sponsor exemption	Sponsor exemption	Sponsor exemption				
Simpson, Webb		Sponsor exemption		Sponsor exemption				
Smalley, Alex		Aon Next 10	Aon Next 10					
Spaun, J.J.		Aon Next 10	Aon Next 10					
Spieth, Jordan	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50
Straka, Sepp	Top 50/Win	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50
Svensson, Adam	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50
Taylor, Nick	Top 50/Win	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50
Theegala, Sahith	Top 50/Win	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50
Thomas, Justin		Top 30 OWGR	Aon Swing 5	Aon Next 10				
Todd, Brendon	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50
Valimaki, Sami				Aon Swing 5				
van Rooyen, Erik	Win	Fill the field		Aon Next 10				
Villegas, Camilo	Win							
Wallace, Matt	Win							
Woodland, Gary			Sponsor exemption					
Woods, Tiger			Sponsor exemption					
Wu, Brandon		Fill the field						
Young, Cameron	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50	Top 50
Yu, Kevin		Aon Swing 5	Aon Swing 5					
Zalatoris, Will			Sponsor exemption	Aon Next 10				

49 players that finished outside the top 50 in the 2022-23 FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List have made at least one start in Signature Events