



2024 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP
(5th of 8 FedExCup Fall events)

ACCORDIA GOLF Narashino CC
Chiba, Japan

October 24-27, 2024
Par/Yards: 34-36—70/7,079

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$8.5 million (\$1,530,000)

Pre-Tournament Information – ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP

Player Interviews

Tuesday

12 p.m. – Kaito Onishi
2 p.m. – Justin Thomas
3 p.m. – Xander Schauffele
3:30 p.m. – Hideki Matsuyama

Wednesday

After 7:10 a.m. (18-hole) pro-am – Max Homa
After 7:40 a.m. (18-hole) pro-am – Collin Morikawa

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Kaito Onishi [KYE-toh OH-nee-shee]

- Became the fourth Japanese player to earn PGA TOUR membership via the Korn Ferry Tour, following Ryuji Imada (2004), Ryo Ishikawa (2013), and Hiroshi Iwata (2015); finished 25th in the final 2024 Korn Ferry Tour points list
- Making his third consecutive appearance at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP (76th/2022, T64/2023) and sixth start on TOUR; made his TOUR debut at the 2022 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP
- With his victory at the 2024 UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH, became the second Japanese player to win on the Korn Ferry Tour (Ryuji Imada)
- Spent his first two years as a professional on the Abema TV Tour and Japan Golf Tour prior to earning Korn Ferry Tour membership for the 2023 season via 2022 Q-School
- Earned his first OWGR-sanctioned victory at the 2022 Fujisankei Classic on the Japan Golf Tour
- Born in Chiba, Japan but spent much of his youth in Nagoya; played four seasons at University of Southern California (2017-21), earning All-Pac-12 Conference First Team selections in 2019 and 2021 and Pac-12 Freshman of the Year in 2017-18
- Moved from Japan to Los Angeles with his mother around age 9, and later prepped at IMG Academy

Justin Thomas

- Making first start at ACCORDIA GOLF Narashino CC since 2019 where he finished T17 in the inaugural tournament
- Finished T2 at the 2020 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP when it was played at Sherwood Country Club in Thousand Oaks, California due to COVID-19
- Making his first start since his T14 finish at TOUR Championship
- Five top-10s during the 2024 season included three in Signature Events (T6/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, T5/RBC Heritage, T5/Travelers Championship)
- 15-time PGA TOUR winner seeks first victory since the 2022 PGA Championship (54 starts since last win)
- Four wins in Asia – twice each in Malaysia (2015, 2016 CIMB Classic) and Korea (2017, 2019 THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES)

Xander Schauffele

- Claimed two major championship victories this season at the PGA Championship and The Open Championship; secured a career-high 15 top-10 finishes in 21 events
- Finished T4 at the TOUR Championship, marking the sixth consecutive season with a top-5 finish in the FedExCup
- Highest-ranked player in the field at No. 2 in the Official World Golf Ranking; one of three players ranked inside the top 10 (Collin Morikawa/4, Hideki Matsuyama/7)
- First start since U.S. Team victory at Presidents Cup where he shared best tournament record (4-1-0) with teammates Patrick Cantlay and Tony Finau

- Sixth consecutive appearance at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP with two top-10s (T10/2019, T9/2022)
- Won the gold medal in the 2021 Olympic Games in Tokyo, where his maternal grandparents reside; his mother, Ping Yi, also grew up in Japan

Hideki Matsuyama

- Ehime, Japan native has a win (2021) and a runner-up (2019) in five starts at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP
- With 10 PGA TOUR wins, has the most wins of an Asian player on the PGA TOUR
- Seeking to win three tournaments in a calendar year for the first time in his career following triumphs at The Genesis Invitational and FedEx St. Jude Championship; became the first Japanese player to win a FedExCup Playoffs event with his title at the FedEx St. Jude Championship
- Won the bronze medal at the 2024 Paris Olympics

Max Homa

- Making first start at ACCORDIA GOLF Narashino CC since 2019 where he finished T46 in the inaugural tournament
- Six-time PGA TOUR winner seeks his first title since the 2023 Farmers Insurance Open
- Three top-10s in 21 starts this season (most recent: T8/Truist Championship)
- Qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs for the fifth consecutive season and advanced to the BMW Championship (finished No. 46)

Collin Morikawa

- Earned his first worldwide victory in nearly two years with his six-stroke victory at the 2023 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP; seeks to become the first player to successfully defend his title at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP
- Finished second at the TOUR Championship, his best result in the FedExCup in six seasons on TOUR
- Making his first start since the Presidents Cup, where he went 4-1-0 for the victorious U.S. Team at Royal Montreal

PGA TOUR season notes

- The FedExCup Fall is made up of eight events that will crown PGA TOUR champions and finalize the top 125 and additional playing opportunities for the 2025 FedExCup Season. Nos. 1-50 in the FedExCup standings through the TOUR Championship are locked in their positions, while Nos. 51 and beyond carry their FedExCup points over and accumulate through The RSM Classic. Nos. 51-60 through the FedExCup Fall will qualify for two Signature Events in 2025 (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and The Genesis Invitational) and make up the Aon Next 10. Five players currently inside Nos. 51-60 in the FedExCup Fall are in the field:
 - No. 53 Seamus Power
 - No. 54 Patrick Rodgers
 - No. 55 Maverick McNealy
 - No. 58 Nick Taylor
 - No. 60 Kevin Yu
- Winners of events during the FedExCup Fall receive the same benefits of winners of Full-Field Events during the Regular Season, including 500 FedExCup points, Official World Golf Ranking points, a two-year PGA TOUR exemption (exempt thru 2026) and invitations to The Sentry, THE PLAYERS Championship, Masters Tournament and PGA Championship.
- Although players in the top 50 are not earning FedExCup points, their points are not redistributed.
- The Top 125 will be exempt into all Full-Field events and THE PLAYERS next season and Nos. 126-150 will earn full Korn Ferry Tour status and conditional status on TOUR
 - Players to move into the Top 125 after following the Shriners Children's Open: Michael Kim (T5; from No. 129 to No. 112), Joe Highsmith (T16; from No. 133 to No. 125)
 - Fell out of the Top 125 following the Shriners Children's Open: Kevin Tway (DNP; from No. 122 to No. 126), Joel Dahmen (WD; from No. 124 to No. 129)

ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP notes

- The 2024 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP marks the sixth playing of the event (established in 2019), the only PGA TOUR event played in Japan. It is the fifth event in the FedExCup Fall and will feature a 78-man field and the only FedExCup Fall event to not have a 36-hole cut.
- The ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP is co-sanctioned with the Japan Golf Tour Organization (JGTO) and a total of 14 JGTO members earned entry as per the following:
 - Top-8 players from money ranking: Kensei Hirata, Takumi Kanaya, Ryosuke Kinoshita, Shugo Imahira, Yuto Katsuragawa, Yuta Sugiura, Ren Yonezawa, Takashi Ogiso
 - Winner of BMW Japan Golf Tour Championship Mori Building Cup: Hiroshi Iwata
 - 5 JGTO exemptions: Taisei Shimizu, Ryo Ishikawa, Naoyuki Kataoka, Kaito Onishi, Takahiro Hataji

- 12 of the top 50 players from the 2024 FedExCup standings are in the field: Collin Morikawa (2nd), Sahith Theegala (3rd), Xander Schauffele (T4), Sungjae Im (7th), Hideki Matsuyama (T9), Justin Thomas (T14), Tom Hoge (T29), Si Woo Kim (32nd), Will Zalatoris (38th), Max Homa (46th), Max Greyserman (48th), Eric Cole (50th)
- 48 of the 78 players in the field competed at last week's Shriners Children's Open, including six that finished in the top 10: Doug Ghim (2nd), Rico Hoey (T3), K.H. Lee (T5), Harry Hall (T9), Gary Woodland (T9), Kurt Kitayama (T9)
- Four players from each of the 2024 Presidents Cup teams are in the field:
 - United States: Sahith Theegala, Max Homa, Collin Morikawa, Xander Schauffele
 - International: Min Woo Lee, Sungjae Im, Si Woo Kim, Hideki Matsuyama