



69th ECP Brazil Open

Rio Olympic Golf Course | Rio de Janeiro, Brazil | April 18-21, 2024

Pre-Tournament Notes – April 16, 2024

PGA TOUR Americas 2024 Season: 3rd of 16 events

- Latin America Swing: 3rd of 6 events

Fortinet Cup Points: 500 (winner)

Purse: \$225,000 (\$40,500 winner)

Field Summary (as of April 16, 2024)

144 players from 19 countries

- 81 – United States
- 17 – Argentina
- 13 – Canada
- 10 – Brazil
- 6 – Mexico
- 3 – Chile
- 2 – England
- 1 – Peru, Costa Rica, France, Finland, New Zealand, Australia, Sweden, Japan, Colombia, Scotland, China, Cuba

Players to Watch

- **Matthew Anderson** – Finished T3 at the Totalplay Championship at Atlas Country Club and tied the course record of 62 in the opening round
- **Clay Feagler** – Won the first event in PGA TOUR Americas history, the Bupa Championship at Tulum; was his first victory as a professional and secured exempt membership for the remainder of the season
- **José de Jesús Rodríguez** – Won the Totalplay Championship at Atlas Country Club, his third consecutive PGA TOUR-sanctioned win at the venue. Finished T2 at the 2017 ECP Brazil Open, which was held at the Rio Olympic Golf Course
- **Derek Hitchner** – Finished T3 at the Totalplay Championship at Atlas Country Club
- **Alexandre Rocha** – The Sao Paulo-native defeated Keith Mitchell and Kent Bulle in a playoff to win the 2015 ECP Brazil Open
- **Stuart Macdonald** – Finished T3 at the 2024 Totalplay Championship at Atlas Country Club, his best finish since his T2 finish at the 2023 Windsor Championship on PGA TOUR Canada
- **Austen Christiansen** – The Houston, Texas native carded an 8-under 63 to get into the field as a Monday Qualifier

Tournament History

Organized by the Brazilian Golf Confederation in partnership with the Rio Olympic Golf Course, the ECP Brazil Open was founded in 1945 and has been a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event since 2012. The Brazil Open was played at the Rio Olympic Golf Course in 2016, 2017 and now 2024. The 72-hole scoring record and lowest round in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event at the Rio Olympic Golf Course were set by Rodolfo Cazaubón on his way to his victory at the ECP Brazil Open in 2017 on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica.

Six players who finished in the top-10 of the 2023 Brazil Open are in the field this week: **Chris Crawford** (T3/-16), **Joey Savoie** (T3/-16), **Macdonald** (T6/-14), **Sandy Scott** (T6/-14), **Conner Godsey** (T8/-12) and **Brent Ito** (T8/-12).

18 Monday Qualifiers are in the field: Christiansen, **Ivan Ramirez**, **Maximiliano Godoy**, **Alejandro Madariaga**, **Garrett Barber**, **Eddy Lai**, **Juan Tomas Arozena**, **Mauro Baez**, **Carlos Ferreira**, **Aram Yenidjeian**, **Martin Contini**, **Diego Santolaya**, **Christopher White**, **Bernardo Willemsens**, **Nick Infanti**, **Igor Santana**, **Ivan Camilo Ramirez**, **Iorkys Cabrera** and **Otto Black**.

10 Brazilians are in the field this week. Rocha, **Rafael Becker**, **Rodrigo Lee**, **Axell Balestre**, **Breno Domingos**, **Felipe Navarro**, **Daniel Ishii**, **Santana**, **Ferreira** and **Willemsens**.

Fortinet Cup Overview

Seven of the top 10 players in the Fortinet Cup standings are in the field at the 69th ECP Brazil Open: José de Jesús Rodríguez (1st/524), Clay Feagler (2nd/510), Jesus Montenegro (3rd/380), Julián Etulain (5th/190), Matthew Anderson (8th/150), Joey Vrzich (9th/132) and Devon Bling (10th/129).

PGA TOUR Americas – 2024 Season Summary

Up to 15 Korn Ferry Tour cards are on the line during the 2024 PGA TOUR Americas season – five conditional memberships will go to the top players from the Latin America (2) and North America (3) Swings, and the top 10 players in the season-long Fortinet Cup points list will earn exempt membership.

Latin America Swing

1. March 21-24 | Bupa Championship at Tulum (Tulum, Mexico)
 - Winner: Clay Feagler
2. March 28-31 | Totalplay Championship at Atlas Country Club (Guadalajara, Mexico)
 - Winner: José de Jesús Rodríguez
3. April 18-21 | 69th ECP Brazil Open (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
4. April 25-28 | Diners Club Peru Open (Lima, Peru)
5. May 2-5 | KIA Open (Quito, Ecuador)
6. May 16-19 | Inter Rapidísimo Golf Championship (Bogotá, Colombia)

North America Swing

7. June 20-23 | The Beachlands Victoria Open presented by Times Colonist (Victoria, British Columbia)
8. June 27-30 | ATB Classic (Strathcona County, Alberta)
9. July 11-14 | Explore NB Open (Mactaquac, New Brunswick)
10. July 18-21 | Québec Open (Bromont, Québec)
11. July 25-28 | Commissionaires Ottawa Open (Ottawa, Ontario)
12. Aug. 1-4 | Windsor Championship (Windsor, Ontario)
13. Aug. 15-18 | Elk Ridge Saskatchewan Open presented by Brandt (Waskesiu Lake, Saskatchewan)

14. Aug. 22-25 | CentrePort Canada Rail Park Manitoba Open (Winnipeg, Manitoba)
15. Aug. 29 – Sept. 1 | CRMC Championship presented by Gertens (Brainerd, Minnesota)
16. Sept. 5-8 | Fortinet Cup Championship (Caledon, Ontario)

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PGA TOUR Americas is an international tour that provides professional golfers with competitive opportunities and prepares them to advance their careers on the Korn Ferry Tour and PGA TOUR. The 2024 schedule consists of 16 events – six in Latin America and 10 in North America – and the inaugural season culminates in September with the Fortinet Cup Championship, where the top-10 players on the season-long points list will earn Korn Ferry Tour membership the following season.

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