



## Explore NB Open

Mactaquac Golf Course | Fredericton, New Brunswick | July 11-14, 2024

### Pre-Tournament Notes – July 10, 2024

**PGA TOUR Americas 2024 Season:** 9th of 16 events

- North America Swing: 3rd of 10 events

**Fortinet Cup Points:** 500 (winner)

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

#### Field Summary (as of July 10, 2024)

156 players from 23 countries

- 105 – United States
- 18 – Canada
- 9 – Argentina
- 3 – Mexico
- 2 – Chinese Taipei, China
- 1 – Brazil, Australia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Republic of Ireland, Chile, France, New Zealand, Czech Republic, Denmark, Zimbabwe, Japan, Dominican Republic, Scotland, Macau, England, South Africa

#### Players to Watch

- **Frederik Kjettrup (Denmark)** - Enters the week No. 1 in the Fortinet Cup after winning in back-to-back weeks to start off the North America Swing; with a third victory this season, Kjettrup will qualify for the three-win promotion and earn exempt Korn Ferry Tour membership for the remainder of this season and the 2025 season
- **Matthew Anderson (Canada)** – Currently No. 2 in the Fortinet Cup; held the No. 1 position through The Beachlands Victoria Open presented by Times Colonist after claiming three top-10s, highlighted by his victory at the 69th ECP Brazil Open, in the Latin America Swing
- **Mateo Fernández de Oliveira (Argentina)** - Moved inside the top 10 of the Fortinet Cup after opening the North America Swing with back-to-back top-10s, highlighted by a solo runner-up finish at The Beachlands Victoria Open presented by Times Colonist
- **Tommy Cocha (Argentina)** - A four-time winner on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica, Cocha is coming off a runner-up finish at the ATB Classic after Monday Qualifying into the field
- **Josh Landine (Canada)** - One of three Maritimers in this week's field after earning a spot via Monday Qualifying; won the first Atlantic Provincial Series event at Oakfield Golf & Country Club in May
- **Eric Banks (Canada)** - Making his first start on PGA TOUR Americas via sponsor exemption; earned conditional status for the North America Swing at the British Columbia Q-School site last month
- **John Keefer (United States)** - Earned exempt status on PGA TOUR Americas through a top 25 finish in the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking; has finished inside the top-five in both appearances (best: 2024 ATB Classic/T2)

- **Willy Pumarol (Dominican Republic)** - The lone Latin to earn exempt membership through Q-School for Segment II; recorded his best finish at the ATB Classic (11th/-9) since the 2022 PGA TOUR Latinoamérica Diners Club Peru Open

### **About the Explore NB Open**

The Explore NB Open marks the first time in PGA TOUR Americas history (including former PGA TOUR Canada) that a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event is hosted in New Brunswick. Brought to fruition by Tourism New Brunswick, the province is widely recognized for its maritime connections, and is the largest of Canada's three maritime provinces. New Brunswick is notably Canada's only official bilingual province in French and English.

Notable players in this week's field include Maritimers Blair Bursey (Gander, Newfoundland, Canada), Josh Landine (Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada) and Eric Banks (Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada). Denmark-native Frederik Kjettrup looks to earn the first three-win promotion on an International Tour since the incentive became enacted in 2020.

### **Fortinet Cup Overview**

The Explore NB Open is the third tournament of the North America Swing, and the ninth event of the season. The 10-event North America Swing is comprised of nine events in Canada and one in the United States. The 156-player field features 44 of the top 60 players who earned exempt membership for Segment II from the Latin America Swing, including six of the seven tournament winners this season.

After the North America Swing's ninth event (CRMC Championship presented by Gertens, Aug. 29-Sept. 1), the top 120 players in the Fortinet Cup will be exempt into the Fortinet Cup Championship (Sept. 5-8), the final event of the season. The season will conclude in Caledon, Ontario at TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley with the top 10 players in the Fortinet Cup earning exempt membership into the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour.

### **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 (Matthew Anderson, Harry Hillier) 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)
  - Winner: Matthew Anderson
4. April 25-28 | Diners Club Peru Open (Lima, Peru)
  - Winner: Stuart Macdonald
5. May 2-5 | KIA Open (Quito, Ecuador)
  - Winner: Thomas Longbella
6. May 16-19 | Inter Rapidísimo Golf Championship (Bogotá, Colombia)
  - Winner: Harry Hillier

### **North America Swing**

7. June 20-23 | The Beachlands Victoria Open presented by Times Colonist (Victoria, British Columbia)
  - Winner: Frederik Kjettrup
8. June 27-30 | ATB Classic (Strathcona County, Alberta)

- Winner: Frederik Kjettrup
9. July 11-14 | Explore NB Open (Mactaquac, New Brunswick)
  10. July 18-21 | Bromont Open presented by Desjardins (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 Lake County Co-op (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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### **About PGA TOUR Americas**

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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