



Pre-Tournament Notes AdventHealth Championship

May 15-18, 2025 • Kansas City, Missouri
Blue Hills Country Club • Par 72 • 7,383 yards
156 players • Purse: \$1,000,000 (\$180,000/Winner)
Reigning Champion: Harry Higgs



THIS WEEK ON TOUR

- Following a one-week break, the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season continues with the AdventHealth Championship, the 11th event on the Tour's 26-event schedule.
- This year marks the 15th playing of the AdventHealth Championship, with Blue Hills Country Club serving as the host venue since 2019.
- Harry Higgs won the 2024 AdventHealth Championship in dramatic fashion, holing out for eagle from 63 yards on the final hole of regulation to force a playoff with **Davis Shore**. Higgs won the sudden-death playoff with a birdie on the first playoff hole, the par-5 18th, for his second Korn Ferry Tour title. Higgs won the Visit Knoxville Open a week later, thus securing his return to the PGA TOUR. Higgs, who previously graduated from the Korn Ferry Tour at the end of the 2019 season, lost a playoff at last week's ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic in a bid for his first PGA TOUR win.
- Four of the nine players who finished T8 or higher at the 2024 AdventHealth Championship earned PGA TOUR membership at season's end, including PGA TOUR winner Matt McCarty (T4).
- Sepp Straka, winner of the 2018 AdventHealth Championship, earned his fourth career PGA TOUR win at last week's Truist Championship and rose to No. 9 in the Official World Golf Ranking. Straka followed Rory McIlroy as the second player with multiple victories on TOUR this season, as he previously won The American Express in January. Straka played the 2017 and 2018 seasons on the Korn Ferry Tour, earning PGA TOUR membership upon conclusion of the latter season.

2025 KEY STORYLINES

- Hank Lebioda** stands atop the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, leading Johnny Keefe by just under six points through the first 10 events. Lebioda has held the No. 1 spot since winning the season-opening event, The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island. Lebioda leads the Tour with five top-10s, while Keefe is one of three players with four top-10s (**Davis Chatfield**, **Mitchell Meissner**).
- Korn Ferry Tour rookie Johnny Keefe won the 2025 Veritex Bank Championship, a victory which vaulted him into the top 100 of the Official World Golf Ranking. Keefe, who finished No. 1 in the 2024 Fortinet Cup standings on PGA TOUR Americas after he finished No. 25 in the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking (the final spot in the ranking which awarded performance benefits), is making his major championship debut at this week's PGA Championship and stands No. 93 in the OWGR.
- Bryson Nimmer** won the most recent Korn Ferry Tour event, the Tulum Championship at PGA Riviera Maya, after he entered the week at No. 163 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List and was without a finish higher than T53 in his three previous starts this season.
- Korn Ferry Tour rookie **Neal Shipley** won the 2025 LECOM Suncoast Classic and is one of three rookie winners on Tour this season. Shipley is also one of eight first-time winners this season, as well as one of seven winners under the age of 30, with the youngest among them being **Sudarshan Yellamaraju** (23 years old upon winning The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club).
- Kansas State University alum **Jeremy Gandon** earned his first Korn Ferry Tour title at the Club Car Championship at The Landings & Athletic Club, following three-time Korn Ferry Tour winner Paul Barjon as the second player from France to win on Tour.
- Justin Suh**, the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year, returned to the winner's circle with a five-stroke victory at the 118th VISA Argentina Open presented by Macro. The win earned Suh an exemption for the 153rd Open Championship at Royal Portrush this July. Suh's only previous Korn Ferry Tour win came at the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance.
- Three-time Korn Ferry Tour graduate **Josh Teater** overcame a six-stroke deficit in the final round of The Panama Championship to earn his second career Korn Ferry Tour victory. Teater, whose previous win came at the 2009 Utah Championship, ended the second-longest drought between victories in Korn Ferry Tour history (15 years, 4 months, 20 days). Teater began the 2025 season in the "Veteran Member" category and secured fully exempt status for the remainder of the season.

2025 SCHEDULE

Dates	Tournament	Winner (Score)
Jan. 12-15	The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island	Hank Lebioda (-18 / 262)
Jan. 19-22	The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club	Sudarshan Yellamaraju (-25 / 263)
Jan. 30 - Feb. 2	The Panama Championship	Josh Teater (-9 / 271)
Feb. 6-9	Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard	Kyle Westmoreland (-18 / 265)
Feb. 27 - March 2	118th VISA Argentina Open presented by Macro	Justin Suh (-23 / 275)
March 6-9	Astara Chile Classic presented by Scotiabank	Logan McAllister (-19 / 265)
April 3-6	Club Car Championship at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club	Jeremy Gandon (-17 / 271)
April 16-19	LECOM Suncoast Classic	Neal Shipley (-18 / 266)
April 24-27	Veritex Bank Championship	Johnny Keefe (-30 / 254)
May 1-4	Tulum Championship at PGA Riviera Maya	Bryson Nimmer (-9 / 279)
May 15-18	AdventHealth Championship	
May 22-25	Visit Knoxville Open	
May 29 - June 2	UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH	
June 5-8	BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX	
June 19-22	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open	
June 26-29	Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS	
July 10-13	The Ascendant presented by Blue	
July 17-20	Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Hiland Dairy Foods	
July 24-27	NV5 Invitational	
July 31 - Aug. 3	Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health	
Aug. 7-10	Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Woodhouse	
Aug. 14-17	Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron	
Korn Ferry Tour Finals		
Sept. 11-14	Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation	
Sept. 18-21	Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship	
Oct. 2-5	Compliance Solutions Championship	
Oct. 9-12	Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance	

Korn Ferry Tour Finals refers to the final four events of the 26-event season, where players will compete for increased purses and points (600 points for winning a Finals event, compared to 500 for winning one of the 22 preceding events) to determine the season-long points race. The total purse for each of the first 22 events is \$1 million (\$180,000 to the winner) and increases to \$1.5 million (\$270,000 to the winner) for the four Korn Ferry Tour Finals events.



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TOURNAMENT STORYLINES

- The field includes 16 PGA TOUR winners who have combined for 29 career victories, highlighted by **Scott Piercy** with four PGA TOUR titles.
- Field includes 56 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 81 total wins, led by four-time winner **D.A. Points**. Nine of the 10 winners from this season are in the field, with the exception being Johnny Keefer, who is making his major championship debut this week at the PGA Championship.
- Zecheng Dou**, winner of the 2017 AdventHealth Championship, is the only past champion of the event in this week's field. Dou later added Korn Ferry Tour titles at the 2019 The Bahamas Golf Classic and 2022 Ascendant presented by Blue.
- Five players in this week's field are inside the top 200 of the Official World Golf Ranking: No. 123 **Kensei Hirata**, No. 133 **Neal Shipley**, No. 164 **S.H. Kim**, No. 173 **Pierceson Coody**, and No. 194 **Hank Lebioda**.
- Seven players in the field have ties to the state of Kansas or Missouri, including Kansas City resident and University of Kansas alum **Harry Hillier**, who stands No. 65 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List.
 - » **Jeremy Gandon** - Kansas State University alum
 - » **Adam Long** - Plays from St. Louis, Missouri
 - » Nicklaus Mason (sponsor exemption) - senior at Kansas State University, hometown is Shawnee, Kansas)
 - » **Ross Steelman** - Columbia, Missouri native who played two seasons at University of Missouri
 - » **Robert Streb** - Kansas State University alum, Shawnee, Kansas resident
 - » Joseph Winslow (sponsor exemption) - Overland Park, Kansas native and resident

PAST CHAMPIONS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Player (Score)</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Player (Score)</u>
2024	Harry Higgs # (-19 / 269)	2015	Martin Piller (-26 / 258)
2023.....	Grayson Murray (-19 / 269)	2014.....	Zack Sucher (-19 / 265)
2022	Trevor Cone (-16 / 272)	2013.....	Jamie Lovemark (-18 / 266)
2021.....	Cameron Young (-19 / 269)	2012.....	Shawn Stefani (-17 / 267)
2019	Michael Gellerman (-11 / 277)	2011.....	James Nitties (-26 / 258)
2018.....	Sepp Straka (-22 / 262)	2009	Michael Sim (-20 / 264)
2017.....	Zecheng Dou (-25 / 259)		
2016	Wesley Bryan # (-20 / 264)		

- denotes playoff victory

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

Low 18-Hole Score:	60	Scott Dunlap (2011, Round 2) Tom Hoge (2014, Round 3)
Low 36-Hole Score:	127	Shane Bertsch (2015), Martin Piller (2015)
Low 54-Hole Score:	192	Kyle Jones (2018)
Low 72-Hole Score:	258	James Nitties (2011), Martin Piller (2015)
Largest Margin of Victory:	5	James Nitties (2011)
Playoffs:	2	Last: Harry Higgs defeated Tanner Gore (2024)

KORN FERRY TOUR POINTS LIST

At the end of the 26-event Korn Ferry Tour season, the top 20 players on the season-long points list will be awarded PGA TOUR cards (i.e. - membership) for the 2026 season. Below is a look at the 2025 Points List.

Click here to view the full points list:
[2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List](#)

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Hank Lebioda.....	1,021
2	Johnny Keefer	1,015
3	Josh Teater.....	702
4	Neal Shipley	698
5	Jeremy Gandon.....	683
6	S.H. Kim	677
7	Justin Suh.....	620
8	Davis Chatfield.....	617
9	Kyle Westmoreland.....	617
10	Seungtaek Lee.....	600
11	Rick Lamb	578
12	Kensei Hirata	564
13	Logan McAllister.....	541
14	Mitchell Meissner.....	525
15	Sudarshan Yellamaraju	511
16	Bryson Nimmer	509
17	Christo Lamprecht.....	482
18	Russell Knox.....	473
19	Cole Sherwood	469
20	Austin Smotherman.....	455
21	Pierceson Coody	431
22	Trey Winstead.....	374
23	Davis Shore	365
24	Alistair Docherty.....	335
25	Tyson Alexander	335
26	Nick Gabrelcik.....	333
27	Emilio Gonzalez.....	326
28	Stuart Macdonald.....	325
29	Chandler Blanchet.....	314
30	Ian Holt.....	277

COURSE INFORMATION

Blue Hills Country Club

Years Hosted:	2019-present
Scoring Average (2024):	70.299 / -1.701
Toughest Hole (2024):	No. 4, Par 4, 444 yards (4.150 / +0.150)
Easiest Hole (2024):	No. 1, Par 5, 533 yards (4.470 / -0.530)
Front-Nine Average (2024):	35.082 / -0.918
Back-Nine Average (2024):	35.217 / -0.783