



Pre-Tournament Notes Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship

September 18-21, 2025 • Columbus, Ohio
The Ohio State University Golf Club (Scarlet Course) • Par 71 • 7,418 yards
137 players • Purse: \$1,500,000 (\$270,000/Winner)
Reigning Champion: Frankie Capan III



THIS WEEK ON TOUR

- The Korn Ferry Tour season continues with the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, the 24th event of the 26-event season, and the second of four events in the season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Finals.
- This week's field is comprised of the top 144 players on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List. The field does not feature an alternate list should any players withdraw.
- Upon conclusion of this week's Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, the top 120 players on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List will qualify for the Compliance Solutions Championship, the third of four Finals events.
- This week's event will be contested at The Ohio State University Golf Club, Scarlet Course, which has hosted the event every year since its inception in 2007.
- All four rounds of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship will be broadcast on Golf Channel (all times ET).
 - Thursday, Sept. 18 • 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
 - Friday, Sept. 19 • 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
 - Saturday, Sept. 20 • 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
 - Sunday, Sept. 21 • 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- At the 2024 Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, current PGA TOUR rookie Frankie Capan III claimed a two-shot victory over **Carter Jenkins**, William Mouw, and Thomas Rosenmueller. The win propelled him to a No. 3 finish on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List and secured his PGA TOUR membership for 2025.
- Six of the top 10 finishers from the 2024 Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship went on to earn PGA TOUR membership at season's end: Frankie Capan III (winner), Mouw (T2), Rosenmueller (T2), Matt McCarty (T5), Noah Goodwin (T7), Kevin Roy (T7).

2025 KEY STORYLINES

- Upon conclusion of the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance (scheduled for October 9-12), the top 20 players on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List will earn PGA TOUR membership for the 2026 season, while Nos. 21-75 will earn fully exempt Korn Ferry Tour membership for the 2026 season.
- The No. 1 player on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List also earns exemptions for the 2026 PLAYERS Championship and 2026 U.S. Open.
- Johnny Keefer** and **Austin Smotherman**, as well as Ohio State alum **Neal Shipley**, are the only multi-time winners this season. All three are bidding for the Three-Victory Promotion, which would grant them an immediate promotion to the PGA TOUR, making them eligible for upcoming FedExCup Fall events. Additionally, all three have been declared #TOURBound for the 2026 PGA TOUR season.
- Hank Lebioda**, winner of the season-opening Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island, was officially declared #TOURBound on Tuesday afternoon, securing his return to the PGA TOUR for the 2026 season. A former Korn Ferry Tour graduate in 2018, Lebioda went on to compete for five seasons on the PGA TOUR. He finished No. 75 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List to retain full status for the 2025 season and now enters the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship at No. 5 on the current standings.
- Zach Bauchou** captured his first career victory at last week's Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation, the first event of the Korn Ferry Tour Finals. The Oklahoma State alum converted a one-stroke 54-hole lead into a two-shot win at 23-under 257, shattering the tournament's 72-hole scoring record by three strokes. With the victory, Bauchou climbed to No. 7 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List.
- Eight international players stand in the top 20 of the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List -- No. 4 **Emilio Gonzalez** (Mexico), No. 6 S.H. Kim (South Korea), No. 12 **Christo Lamprecht** (South Africa), No. 13 **Kensei Hirata** (Japan), No. 14 **Sudarshan Yellamaraju** (Canada), No. 15 **Pontus Nyholm** (Sweden), No. 19 **S.T. Lee** (South Korea), No. 20 **Jeremy Gandon** (France).

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 Keefer (-30 / 254)
May 1-4	Tulum Championship at PGA Riviera Maya	Bryson Nimmer (-9 / 279) #
May 15-18	AdventHealth Championship	S.H. Kim (-20 / 268)
May 22-25	Visit Knoxville Open	Pontus Nyholm (-19 / 265) #
May 29 - June 1	UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH	Trace Crowe (-21 / 259)
June 5-8	BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX	Austin Smotherman (-25 / 260)
June 19-22	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open	Myles Creighton (-17 / 263)
June 26-29	Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS	Austin Smotherman [2] (-25 / 259)
July 10-13	The Ascendant presented by Blue	Neal Shipley [2] (-18 / 270)
July 17-20	Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Hiland Dairy Foods	Chandler Blanchet (-27 / 261)
July 24-27	NV5 Invitational	Johnny Keefer [2] (-26 / 258)
July 31 - Aug. 3	Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health	Julian Suri (-18 / 262)
Aug. 7-10	Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Woodhouse	Christo Lamprecht (-19 / 265)
Aug. 14-17	Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron	Emilio Gonzalez (-22 / 262)
Korn Ferry Tour Finals		
Sept. 11-14	Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation	Zach Bauchou (-23 / 257)
Sept. 18-21	Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship	Top 144 from Points List
Oct. 2-5	Compliance Solutions Championship	Top 120 from Points List
Oct. 9-12	Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance	Top 75 from Points List

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 FIELD STORYLINES

- Field includes 10 PGA TOUR winners with 16 career victories, highlighted by four-time TOUR winner **Scott Piercy**.
- The field features 49 Korn Ferry Tour winners who have combined for 71 career victories, led by four-time Korn Ferry Tour winner **Robby Shelton**.
- A total of 12 players in the field are in the top 200 of the Official World Golf Ranking: **Johnny Keefe** (No. 55), **Neal Shipley** (No. 89), **Pierceson Coody** (No. 110), **Austin Smotherman** (No. 120), **Kensei Hirata** (No. 133), **Emilio Gonzalez** (No. 142), **Christo Lamprecht** (No. 148), **Hank Lebioda** (No. 172), **Chandler Blanchet** (No. 183), **Zach Bauchou** (No. 185), **Taylor Montgomery** (No. 189) and **Davis Chatfield** (No. 180).
- Two past champions of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship are in this week's field: **Robert Streb** (2018) and **S.Y. Noh** (2013).
- Preston Summerhays** (No. 104 on 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List) leads the three players in the field from the top 10 of the 2025 PGA TOUR University Eligibility Ranking, with the others being **Brendan Valdes** (No. 106) and **Ian Gilligan** (No. 128).
- Players in the field with ties to the state of Ohio include **Neal Shipley**, who played two seasons at The Ohio State University and enters the week in pursuit of the Three-Victory Promotion, along with Fremont native **Brandon Hoelzer**, Stow native **Ian Holt**, and Vandalia native **Austin Greaser**.
- Bio Kim** (No. 137) and **Gilligan** (No. 128) were the only two players to move inside the top 144 on the Points List at the conclusion of the Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation to earn a spot in this week's field.

PAST CHAMPIONS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Player (Score)</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Player (Score)</u>
2024.....	Frankie Capan III (-13 / 271)	2014.....	Justin Thomas # (-6 / 278)
2023.....	Norman Xiong (-10 / 274)	2013.....	S.Y. Noh (-12 / 272)
2022	David Lingmerth (-17 / 267)	2012.....	Ben Kohles # (-12 / 272)
2021.....	Adam Svensson (-17 / 267)	2011.....	Harris English (-14 / 270)
2020	Curtis Luck (-11 / 273)	2010	D.J. Brigman (-10 / 274)
2019	Scottie Scheffler (-12 / 272)	2009	Derek Lamely # (-11 / 273)
2018.....	Robert Streb # (-12 / 272)	2008	Bill Lunde (-5 / 279)
2017	Peter Uihlein (-14 / 270)	2007	Daniel Summerhays (-6 / 278)
2016	Grayson Murray (-12 / 272)	# - denotes playoff victory	
2015	Andrew Loupe (-5 / 279)		

KORN FERRY TOUR POINTS LIST

Upon conclusion of the 26-event Korn Ferry Tour season, the top 20 players on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List will earn PGA TOUR cards (i.e. - membership) for the 2026 season.

Players listed in ***Bold Italics*** are declared #TOURBound and are assured of a finish in the top 20 of the final 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>
<i>1</i>	<i>Johnny Keefe</i>	<i>2,207</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>Austin Smotherman</i>	<i>1,845</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>Neal Shipley</i>	<i>1,628</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>Emilio Gonzalez</i>	<i>1,563</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>Hank Lebioda</i>	<i>1,445</i>
6	S.H. Kim	1,343
7	Zach Bauchou	1,237
8	Davis Chatfield	1,172
9	Chandler Blanchet	1,149
10	Pierceson Coody	1,112
11	Trace Crowe	1,085
12	Christo Lamprecht	1,085
13	Kensei Hirata	1,084
14	Sudarshan Yellamaraju	986
15	Pontus Nyholm	955
16	Julian Suri	952
17	Jeffrey Kang	934
18	Mitchell Meissner	920
19	S.T. Lee	904
20	Jeremy Gandon	862
21	Josh Teater	841
22	Adrien Dumont de Chassart	807
23	Alvaro Ortiz	807
24	Austin Hitt	804
25	Justin Suh	781
26	Logan McAllister	778
27	Myles Creighton	733
28	Nicolo Galletti	681
29	Ross Steelman	679
30	Kevin Dougherty	672

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

Low 18-Hole Score:	62	David Lingmerth (R1/2022)
Low 36-Hole Score:	128	David Lingmerth (2022)
Low 54-Hole Score:	198	Stephan Jaeger (2021) Vince Whaley (2020)
Low 72-Hole Score:	267	David Lingmerth (2022) Adam Svensson (2021)
Largest Margin of Victory:	5	S.Y. Noh (2013)
Playoffs:	4	Last; 2018 (Robert Streb defeated Peter Malnati)

