



# Pre-Tournament Notes Tulum Championship at PGA Riviera Maya

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## THIS WEEK ON TOUR

- The 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season continues with the inaugural playing of the Tulum Championship at PGA Riviera Maya, the 10th event on the Tour's 26-event schedule.
- The Korn Ferry Tour returns to Mexico for the first time since the 2020 season (El Bosque Mexico Championship) and the 22nd time in Tour history.
- The Tulum Championship will mark the seventh and final international event of the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season.
- Previously, PGA Riviera Maya played host to the Bupa Championship the past four seasons on PGA TOUR Americas.
- Last season on PGA TOUR Americas, **Clay Feagler** defeated **Davis Shore** on the fourth hole of a sudden-death playoff (No. 10) at PGA Riviera Maya to claim his first PGA TOUR-sanctioned victory and fuel him to a No. 5 finish on the 2024 PGA TOUR Americas Fortinet Cup, securing Korn Ferry Tour membership for the 2025 season. **Julián Etulain**, who is also in this week's field, finished solo third and missed the playoff by one stroke.
- Korn Ferry Tour rookie **Johnny Keefer** earned his first Korn Ferry Tour victory last time out at the Veritex Bank Championship. Keefer carded a bogey-free 7-under 64 in the final round en route to a three-stroke victory with a 30-under 254, tying Norman Xiong (2022 Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open) for the third-lowest 72-hole score in Korn Ferry Tour history. With his win, Keefer climbed inside the top 100 in the Official World Golf Rankings (No. 92).

## 2025 KEY STORYLINES

- Hank Lebioda stands atop the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List through the first nine events of the season. Lebioda has held the No. 1 spot since winning the season-opening event, The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island, marking his first Korn Ferry Tour victory. Lebioda leads the Tour with five top-10s, while no other player has more than four such finishes this season.
- Johnny Keefer** won last week's Veritex Bank Championship, joining **Neal Shipley** (LECOM Suncoast Classic) and **Jeremy Gandon** (Club Car Championship at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club) as the third consecutive Korn Ferry Tour rookie winner. seven of the first nine Korn Ferry Tour events this season were won by first-time winners, including United States Air Force veteran **Kyle Westmoreland** (Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard), second-year member **Sudarshan Yellamaraju** (The Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club) and **Logan McAllister** (Astara Chile Classic presented by Scotiabank).
- Fourth-year member **Logan McAllister** became the fourth first-time winner of the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season with his win at the Astara Chile Classic presented by Scotiabank. Beginning the season with conditional status, McAllister secured fully exempt status for the remainder of the season.
- 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 also 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 Keefer (-30 / 254)
May 1-4	<b>Tulum Championship at PGA Riviera Maya</b>	
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	
<b>Korn Ferry Tour Finals</b>		
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

- Last season, PGA Riviera Maya played as the most difficult course on PGA TOUR Americas with a scoring average of 74.64 / +2.636.
- The field includes 15 PGA TOUR winners who have combined for 23 career victories, highlighted by three-time winners **Cameron Champ** and **D.A. Points**.
- Field includes 46 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 66 total wins, led by four-time winners **Robby Shelton** and **D.A. Points**.
- Seven of the nine winners from this season are in the field this week: **Josh Teater**, **Justin Suh**, **Logan McAllister**, **Jeremy Gandon**, **Neal Shipley** and **Johnny Keefer**.
- Johnny Keefer** is the highest-ranked player in this week's field at No. 92 in the Official World Golf Rankings. No. 118 **Kensei Hirata** and No. 132 **Neal Shipley** are the other players in the field who stand inside the top 200.
- Three amateurs are in this week's field: **Miles Russell**, **Bruno Marques** and **Eduardo Garcia Cepeda**. Russell, a 16-year-old from Jacksonville Beach, Florida, will tee it up on the Korn Ferry Tour for the fourth time in his career and second this season (LECOM Suncoast Classic/MC). Marques, a Freshman at Nova Southeastern University, and Garcia Cepeda, a Mexico native, will make their first-ever starts on the Korn Ferry Tour this week. All three players are competing via a sponsor exemption this week.
- Seventeen-year-old professional **Blades Brown** will be making his fourth start on Tour this season after a T2 finish at last week's Veritex Bank Championship, logging the best result of his career and the highest finish by a player under the age of 18 in Korn Ferry Tour history. Brown earned 167 points with his T2 finish, bringing his season total to 185.167; he must earn a total of 237.718 points (equivalent to the No. 100 player from the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List) to earn Special Temporary Membership for the remainder of the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season.
- Nine players in this week's field hail from Mexico: **Isidro Benitez**, **Santiago de la Fuente**, **Roberto Díaz**, **Eduardo Garcia Cepeda**, **Luis Gerardo Garza**, **Emilio Gonzalez**, **Alvaro Ortiz**, **Raul Pereda** and **José de Jesús Rodríguez**.

## Veritex Bank Championship Results

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Johnny Keefer	63	61	66	64	254 (-30)
T2	Joshua Creel	64	65	67	61	257 (-27)
	Blades Brown	61	67	66	63	257 (-27)
	Zach James	60	65	68	64	257 (-27)
	Julian Suri	64	65	64	64	257 (-27)
	Tyson Alexander	64	67	61	65	257 (-27)
T7	Mitchell Meissner	63	65	66	64	258 (-26)
	S.H. Kim	65	66	63	64	258 (-26)
9	Caleb VanArragon	65	62	64	68	259 (-25)

## 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.

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[2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List](#)

Rank	Player	Points
1	Hank Lebioda	1,021
2	Johnny Keefer	1015
3	Josh Teater	702
4	S.H. Kim	677
5	Neal Shipley	655
6	Jeremy Gandon	640
7	Justin Suh	620
8	Kyle Westmoreland	617
9	Rick Lamb	578
10	Davis Chatfield	545
11	Logan McAllister	534
12	Sudarshan Yellamaraju	511
13	Kensei Hirata	507
14	Christo Lamprecht	482
15	Russell Knox	464
16	Cole Sherwood	463
17	Seungtaek Lee	455
18	Pierceson Coody	431
19	Mitchell Meissner	430
20	Austin Smotherman	412
21	Trey Winstead	350
22	Alistair Docherty	335
23	Tyson Alexander	335
24	Davis Shore	332
25	Nick Gabrelcik	322
26	Emilio Gonzalez	311
27	Ian Holt	277
28	Zach James	261
29	Chandler Blanchet	257
30	Dylan Wu	255

## COURSE INFORMATION

PGA Riviera Maya	
Years Hosted:	2025-Present
Scoring Average (2024):	74.635 / +2.635
Toughest Hole (2024):	No. 6, Par 4, 432 yards (4.538 / +0.538)
Easiest Hole (2024):	No. 4, Par 5, 521 yards (4.738 / -0.262)
Front-Nine Average (2024):	37.318 / +1.318
Back-Nine Average (2024):	37.317 / +1.317

\*Stats from 2024 Bupa Championship on PGA TOUR Americas