



# Pre-Tournament Notes

## The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island

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 Reigning Champion: Jeremy Paul



### 2025 THINGS TO KNOW

- The 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season, the 35th in the Tour's history, will feature nine televised events on Golf Channel - including this week's The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island - a new Korn Ferry Tour Finals schedule, and an additional international event in Mexico (PGA Riviera Maya Championship). In total, this season features 26 tournaments across seven countries and 17 states.
- Upon conclusion of the season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance, the top 20 players on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List will earn PGA TOUR membership for the 2026 season.
- The Korn Ferry Tour Finals are a season-ending, four-event series featuring increased purses and points (600 points for a win in one of the Finals events, compared to 500 points for a victory prior to the Finals), as well as a gradual reduction in field sizes.
  - » Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation (Sept. 11-14) -- 156 players
  - » Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship (Sept. 18-21) -- 144 players
  - » Compliance Solutions Championship (Oct. 2-5) -- 120 players
  - » Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance (Oct. 9-12) -- 75 players

### 2024 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- **Matt McCarty**, who became the first player since 2021 to earn the Three-Victory Promotion, earned the No. 1 spot on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List. By virtue of finishing atop the Korn Ferry Tour Points List, McCarty earned exemptions for the 2025 PLAYERS Championship and 2025 U.S. Open. McCarty also became eligible for the 2024 FedExCup Fall via the Three-Victory Promotion, and he won his third career PGA TOUR start (second as a member) at the 2024 Black Desert Championship.
- **Aldrich Potgieter** became the youngest winner in Korn Ferry Tour history at 19 years, 4 months, 11 days of age following his win at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club. Potgieter joined PGA TOUR winners Jason Day, Sungjae Im, and Akshay Bhatia as the fourth teenager to win on the circuit, and secured his PGA TOUR card via a No. 29 finish on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List. Potgieter earned TOUR membership at 20 years and 23 days of age, making him the second-youngest graduate in Korn Ferry Tour history, only trailing Day (19 years, 11 months, 23 days in 2007).
- **Cristobal Del Solar** carded the lowest round in PGA TOUR-sanctioned history in 13-under 57 in the opening round of the Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard at Country Club de Bogota. Through his No. 14 finish on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, Del Solar became the third Chilean in history to earn PGA TOUR membership via the Korn Ferry Tour.
- After finishing No. 10 in the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking, Korn Ferry Tour Rookie of the Year **Karl Vilips** secured four consecutive top-15 finishes, highlighted by his maiden victory at the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health, en route to a No. 19 finish on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List and PGA TOUR membership for the 2025 season.
- Of the 30 players who earned PGA TOUR membership via the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, 22 will be PGA TOUR rookies in 2025. Additionally, 11 of the 30 graduates were under the age of 26, the second-highest total in Korn Ferry Tour history (12/Class of 2016).
- The 2024 Korn Ferry Tour graduating class had an average age of 27 years, 10 months, 20 days, making them the second-youngest class in Korn Ferry Tour history, only trailing the Class of 2016 (27 years, 9 months).

### 2025 SCHEDULE

Dates	Tournament	Winner (Score)
<b>Jan. 12-15</b>	<b>The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island</b>	
Jan. 19-22	The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club	
Jan. 30 - Feb. 2	The Panama Championship	
Feb. 6-9	Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard	
Feb. 27 - March 2	118th Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro	
March 6-9	Astara Chile Classic presented by Scotiabank	
April 3-6	Club Car Championship at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club	
April 16-19	LECOM Suncoast Classic	
April 24-27	Veritex Bank Championship	
May 1-4	PGA Riviera Maya Championship	
May 15-18	AdventHealth Championship	
May 22-25	Visit Knoxville Open	
May 29 - June 1	UNC Health Championship presented by STITCH	
June 5-8	BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNTEX	
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	
<p>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 for each of the four Korn Ferry Tour Finals events.</p>		



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### TOURNAMENT STORYLINES

- Ocean Club Golf Course at Atlantis will host a Korn Ferry Tour event for the first time. The previous seven iterations of the event were contested at Sandals Emerald Bay Golf Club in Great Exuma, The Bahamas.
- Seven players who finished inside the top 10 of the 2024 The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island went on to secure their PGA TOUR cards for the 2025 season: Jeremy Paul (1st), Kevin Roy (2nd), Cristobal Del Solar (3rd), Max McGreevy (6th), Noah Goodwin (T7), Mason Andersen (T7) and Quade Cummins (T7).
- Field includes 49 Korn Ferry Tour winners -- including past champions **Zecheng Dou** (2019) and **Tommy Gainey** (2020) -- with 74 total victories, led by **Robby Shelton** with four wins.
- **S.H. Kim** (No. 182) is the highest-ranked player in the Official World Golf Ranking in this week's field. **Pierceson Coody** (No. 195) is the only other player inside the top 200 of the OWGR.
- Field includes 24 PGA TOUR winners with 43 total victories, led by **Nick Watney** with five wins.
- **Johnny Keefer** is set to make his Korn Ferry Tour debut and has fully exempt status for the 2025 season by virtue of winning the 2024 PGA TOUR Americas Fortinet Cup. Keefer finished No. 25 in the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking and earned nine top-10s, highlighted by a victory, in 10 starts on PGA TOUR Americas last season.
- Seven finishers from the PGA TOUR University Class of 2024 are in the field: **Christo Lamprecht** (No. 2), **Austin Greaser** (No. 3), **Nick Gabrelcik** (No. 5), **Cole Sherwood** (No. 7), **Jonas Baumgartner** (No. 16), **Petr Hruby** (No. 21), and **Johnny Keefer** (No. 25).
- Field includes 22 first time members, highlighted by 36-year-old PGA of America professional and winner of the 2021 National Assistant PGA Professional Championship **Jin Chung**, who finished tied for eighth in his first appearance at Final Stage of 2024 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry.

### KORN FERRY TOUR POINTS LIST

At the end of the 26-event Korn Ferry Tour season, the top 20 players on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List will be awarded PGA TOUR cards (i.e. - membership) for the 2026 season. Below is a look at the top 30 players from the 2024 Points List.

Click here to view the full points list:  
[2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List](#)

Rank	Player	Points
1	Matt McCarty	2703
2	Max McGreevy	2149
3	Frankie Capan III	1793
4	Steven Fisk	1703
5	Tim Widing	1709
6	Taylor Dickson	1538
7	Brian Campbell	1512
8	Harry Higgs	1395
9	Thomas Rosenmueller	1390
10	William Mouw	1319
11	Quade Cummins	1271
12	Ryan Gerard	1262
13	Kevin Roy	1260
14	Cristobal Del Solar	1219
15	Kevin Velo	1143
16	Braden Thornberry	1117
17	Paul Peterson	1050
18	Isaiah Salinda	1049
19	Karl Vilips	1020
20	Jackson Suber	1019
21	Jeremy Paul	1000
22	Mason Andersen	983
23	John Pak	962
24	Kris Ventura	955
25	Kaito Onishi	855
26	Ricky Castillo	823
27	Trevor Cone	819
28	Danny Walker	815
29	Aldrich Potgieter	812
30	Noah Goodwin	808

### PAST CHAMPIONS

Year	Player (Score)
2024	Jeremy Paul (-17 / 271)
2023	Chandler Phillips (-14 / 274)
2022	Akshay Bhatia (-14 / 274)
2020	Tommy Gainey (-11 / 277)
2019	Zecheng Dou (-18 / 270)
2018	Sungjae Im (-13 / 275)
2017	Kyle Thompson (-2 / 286)

### 2024 LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Jeremy Paul	70	67	67	67	271 (-17)
2	Kevin Roy	67	68	69	68	272 (-16)
3	Ross Steelman	70	68	72	63	273 (-15)
4	Cristobal Del Solar	67	69	70	69	275 (-13)
5	Kyle Westmoreland	71	67	70	68	276 (-12)
6	Max McGreevy	65	70	74	68	277 (-11)

### TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

**Low 18-Hole Score:** 63 -- John Oda (2019/R1)  
 Ross Steelman (R4/2024)

**Low 36-Hole Score:** 131 -- John Oda (2019)

**Low 54-Hole Score:** 200 -- Zecheng Dou (2019)

**Low 72-Hole Score:** 270 -- Zecheng Dou (2019)

**Largest Margin of Victory:** 4 -- Sungjae Im (2018)  
 Tommy Gainey (2020)

### TV WINDOWS

All four rounds of competition will be broadcast live (all times ET):

» Sunday, Jan. 12 - 12-3 p.m. (Golf Channel and NBC Sports App)

» Monday, Jan. 13 - 2-5 p.m. (Golf Channel and NBC Sports App)

» Tuesday, Jan. 14 - 2-5 p.m. (Golf Channel and NBC Sports App)

» Wednesday, Jan. 15 - 1-4 p.m. (Golf Channel and NBC Sports App)

### COURSE INFORMATION

**Ocean Club Golf Course at Atlantis**

**Years Hosted:** 2025

**Architect:** Tom Weiskopf (2001)

**Par/Yardage:** 70 (34-36) / 7,118 yards

**Notable Events Hosted:** White Sands Bahamas Men's & Women's NCAA Golf Invitational (2019-present), LPGA Pure Silk Invitation (2012-2018)