



Pre-Tournament Notes The Panamá Championship

Jan. 30 - Feb. 2, 2025 • Panamá City, Panamá
 Club de Golf de Panamá • Par 70 • 7,534 yards
 144 players • Purse: \$1,000,000 (\$180,000/Winner)
 Reigning Champion: Isaiah Salinda



THIS WEEK ON TOUR

- The 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season continues with the 21st playing of The Panamá Championship, the third event of the Tour's 26-event schedule.
- Club de Golf de Panamá, host venue for The Panamá Championship since the inaugural playing in 2004, is traditionally one of the most difficult on Tour. The past two seasons, Club de Golf de Panamá finished as the No. 1 toughest course on Tour in terms of scoring average relative to par (+1.483 in 2024, +1.766 in 2023).
- The Panamá Championship is the first of four events in the Korn Ferry Tour's Latin America swing, which features events in Panamá, Colombia, Argentina and Chile.
- Second-year member **Sudarshan Yellamaraju** captured his first Korn Ferry Tour win at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club, breaking the 72-hole tournament scoring record with a 25-under 263 en route to a five-stroke victory.
- **Hank Lebioda**, winner of The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island, stands atop the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List through the first two events of the season, following a top-10 finish at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic.
- Reigning champion Isaiah Salinda rolled to an eight-stroke victory at last season's Panamá Championship, tying the fourth-largest margin of victory in Korn Ferry Tour history. Salinda went on to finish No. 18 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List and earn his first PGA TOUR card.

2024 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Matt McCarty, who became the first player since 2021 to earn the Three-Victory Promotion, clinched the No. 1 spot on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points. By virtue of finishing atop the Korn Ferry Tour Points List, McCarty earns exemptions for the 2025 PLAYERS Championship and 2025 U.S. Open, in addition to being fully exempt for the 2025 PGA TOUR season.
- 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 Korn Ferry Tour, 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 with a 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)
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	
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 2	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 presented by Old National Bank	
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 for each of the four Korn Ferry Tour Finals events.



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TOURNAMENT STORYLINES

- Club de Golf de Panamá has hosted every iteration of The Panamá Championship since its debut on Tour during the 2004 season. Club de Golf de Panamá is traditionally one of the most difficult courses on the Korn Ferry Tour, having finished with one of the five highest scoring averages relative to par in 17 of its previous 20 seasons on Tour. Club de Golf de Panamá ranked as the No. 1 toughest course on Tour six times (2004, 2008, 2009, 2019, 2023, 2024), including each of the last two seasons.
- 15 of 20 previous winners of The Panamá Championship have gone on to earn their PGA TOUR card at season's end, including each of the last eight champions.
- Field includes three past champions of The Panamá Championship: **Ryan Armour** (2016), **Michael Gligic** (2019) and **Pierceson Coody** (2023).
- Field includes 21 PGA TOUR winners with 33 total wins, led by four-time TOUR winner **Sean O'Hair**.
- Field includes 51 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 75 total wins, led by **Chesson Hadley** with four career victories.
- Field includes three players in the top 200 of the Official World Golf Ranking: No. 99 **Kensei Hirata**, No. 160 **S.H. Kim**, and No. 200 **Pierceson Coody**.
- Panamanians **Samuel Duran** and **Omar Tejeira** will represent their home country this week at The Panamá Championship. Duran, an 18-year-old amateur, will make his second career start at the championship, following a missed cut in the event last season. Tejeira, a product of St. Thomas University, will make his eighth career start in the event; he made the cut last season and went on to finish T67.

PAST CHAMPIONS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Player (Score)</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Player (Score)</u>
2024	Isaiah Salinda (-12 / 268)	2013.....	Kevin Foley (-8 / 272)
2023.....	Pierceson Coody (-3 / 277)	2012.....	Edward Loar (-4 / 276)
2022	Carson Young (-8 / 272)	2011.....	Mathew Goggin (-11 / 269)
2020	Davis Riley (-10 / 270)	2010	Fran Quinn (-15 / 265)
2019	Michael Gligic (-8 / 272)	2009	Vance Veazey (-7 / 273)
2018.....	Scott Langley (-7 / 273)	2008	Scott Dunlap (-3 / 277)
2017	Andrew Putnam (-13 / 267)	2007.....	Miguel Angel Carballo (-6 / 274)
2016	Ryan Armour (-12 / 268)	2006	Tripp Isenhour (-11 / 269)
2015	Mathew Goggin (-11 / 269)	2005	Vance Veazey (-8 / 272)
2014.....	Carlos Ortiz (-12 / 268)	2004.....	Jimmy Walker (-7 / 273)

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

Low 18-Hole Score:	61	Ryan Armour (2011 / Round 2)
Low 36-Hole Score:	130	Tripp Isenhour (2006), Curtis Thompson (2016)
Low 54-Hole Score:	194	Fran Quinn (2010)
Low 72-Hole Score:	265	Fran Quinn (2010)
Largest Margin of Victory:	8	Isaiah Salinda (2024)
Playoffs:	3	Last in 2023 (Pierceson Coody defeated Sam Saunders and Mac Meissner)
Holes-in-One:	16	Last: Keenan Huskey (2024 / No. 17 / Round 2), Emilio Gonzalez (2024 / No. 6 / Round 2)

2025 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.....	571
2	Sudarshan Yellamaraju	500
3	Russell Knox.....	313
4	S.H. Kim	300
5	Kensei Hirata	245
6	Davis Shore.....	190
7	Austin Smotherman.....	165
8	Christo Lamprecht.....	144
9	Robby Shelton.....	127
10	Emilio Gonzalez.....	123
11	Sebastian Cappelen	118
12	Luke Guthrie.....	107
13	Davis Chatfield.....	101
	Rayhan Thomas	101
15	Rick Lamb	98
16	Ross Steelman.....	91
17	Barend Botha.....	88
	Pierceson Coody	88
19	Mitchell Meissner.....	85
	Trey Winstead.....	85
21	Josh Teater.....	80
22	S.Y. Noh	77
23	Jonas Baumgartner	77
24	Brandon Harkins.....	73
25	Austin Hitt	73
26	Trace Crowe	72
27	Zach James	71
	Justin Suh	71
29	John VanDerLaan	68
30	Kevin Chappell.....	66

COURSE INFORMATION

Club de Golf de Panama	
Years Hosted:	2004-Present
Scoring Average (2024):	71.483 / +1.483
Toughest Hole (2024):	No. 11, Par 4, 499 yards (4.519 / +0.519)
Easiest Hole (2024):	No. 12, Par 5, 625 yards (4.764 / -0.236)
Front-Nine Average (2024):	35.935 / +0.935
Back-Nine Average (2024):	35.548 / +0.548