



# 2025 Corales Puntacana Championship

(18th of 36 FedExCup Regular Season Events)

Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
Puntacana Resort & Club (Corales Course)

April 17-20, 2025 Purse: \$4,000,000 / \$720,000

Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,670 FedExCup Points: 300

## Pre-Tournament Information – 2025 Corales Puntacana Championship

Player Interviews (all times local; subject to change) Tuesday, April 15

3 p.m. - Nate Lashley (and Tournament Officials)

# Wednesday, April 16

12:09 p.m. 9-hole pro-am – Chad Ramey 12:57 p.m. 9-hole pro-am – Joel Dahmen 1:45 p.m. 9-hole pro-am – Matt Wallace

#### Joel Dahmen

- 2021 Corales Puntacana Championship winner bidding for second victory in his 221<sup>st</sup> start on TOUR
- Owns two top-10 finishes in 10 starts this season (T9/Farmers Insurance Open, T6/Mexico Open at VidantaWorld);
   posted at least one top-10 result in each of his nine seasons on TOUR
- Low round on TOUR this season: 64/R1/The American Express

#### **Chad Ramey**

- 2022 Corales Puntacana Championship winner is one of four players to make the event their first career PGA TOUR title: Brice Garnett (2018), Joel Dahmen (2021), Matt Wallace (2023)
- Recorded one top-10 (T5/Valero Texas Open) and five made cuts in 11 starts this season; had one top-10 and five made cuts in 13 starts heading into his victory in 2022
- At age 29 in 2022, remains the youngest winner of the Corales Puntacana Championship
- Opening round at the 2025 Corales Puntacana Championship will be his 300<sup>th</sup> career round on TOUR

### **Matt Wallace**

- 2023 Corales Puntacana Championship winner from England is one of two international winners of the tournament and first since 2019 (Graeme McDowell/Northern Ireland)
- Owns five DP World Tour victories: 2017 Open de Portugal, 2018 Hero Indian Open, 2018 BMW International Open, 2018 Made In Denmark, 2024 Omega European Masters
- Has made three cuts in eight starts on TOUR this season

## **Aldrich Potgieter**

- 20-year-old South African native, who spent much of his childhood in Australia, makes his first appearance at the Corales Puntacana Championship
- Won The Amateur Championship in 2022 at age 17, turned professional in 2023 and became the youngest winner in Korn Ferry Tour history (19 years, 133 days) at the 2024 Bahamas Great Abaco Classic
- Made three cuts in nine starts this season (T15/Farmers Insurance Open, P2/Mexico Open at VidantaWorld, T47/Valero Texas Open)

<sup>\*</sup>Visit pgatourmedia.com for the latest interview schedule

- With a driving distance of 323.9 yards this season, ranks as the longest player off the tee; led the Korn Ferry Tour in 2024 in driving distance (336.5)
- Made a rare hole-in-one on a par-4 hole (345 yards) while competing in an Open qualifier for the 2023 John Deere

## **Connor Doyal**

- 25-year-old Charleston, South Carolina native makes PGA TOUR debut after winning the Devil's Elbow Invitational, a 54-hole Mid-Amateur tournament held at Corales Golf Course, to earn a sponsor exemption; shot 69-70-68—207 (-9)
- Industrial engineering major at Auburn University, but didn't play on the golf team
- Played his first USGA Championship, the 2024 Mid-Amateur Championship, where he reached the quarterfinals after earning a spot in a 6-for-1 qualifier
- Caddies at Kiawah Island Golf Resort's Ocean Course

#### **Nate Lashley**

- Winner of the 2019 Rocket Classic makes his 180<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start seeking his second TOUR victory
- In 10 starts this season, his lone top-25 finish came in his most recent start (T12/Valero Texas Open)
- Seeks first top-10 result this season; recorded at least one top-10 finish in each of his last six seasons on TOUR
- Won the Korn Ferry Tour's Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship in 2017, shooting 70-65-67-66—280 (-20) at the Corales Courseto claim his only Korn Ferry Tour title
- Makes seventh start at the Corales Puntacana Championship where he has one top-10 result (4<sup>th</sup>/2020)

### **Corales Puntacana Championship notes**

- The 2025 Corales Puntacana Championship marks the eighth playing of the PGA TOUR's first and only tournament in the Dominican Republic
- The winner will receive 300 FedExCup points and a two-year exemption on the PGA TOUR
- FedExCup Champions in the field: **Bill Haas** (2011), **Brandt Snedeker** (2012); last year's Corales Puntacana Championship winner Billy Horschel was the winner of the FedExCup in 2014
- The field features three past champions: Joel Dahmen (2021), Chad Ramey (2022), Matt Wallace (2023)
- Major champions in the field: Danny Willett (2016 Masters Tournament), Jason Dufner (2013 PGA Championship)
- Two players who competed in last week's Masters Tournament are in the field this week: Rafael Campos (MC), Danny Willett (T42)
- Alex Smalley owns four top-25s in four appearances at this event, the most by any player in the field; finished T2 in 2022, one of two career runner-up finishes (T2/2023 John Deere Classic); en route to a T6 finish in 2024, was one of four players last year, and seven in tournament history, to notch all four rounds in the 60s
- 2009 U.S. Open runner-up Ricky Barnes and 2010 U.S. Ryder Cup team member Jeff Overton, both sponsor exemptions, each make their first starts on TOUR since this event last year; Barnes (352 starts) and Overton (301 starts) have yet to record a victory on the PGA TOUR
- Five players share the 18-hole tournament scoring record of 63 (-9), including the first winner (Brice Garnett/R1/2018) and the most recent winner (Billy Horschel/R4/2024); Horschel also owns the 72-hole scoring record (23-under 265/2024)
- No playoffs in the seven-year history of the Corales Puntacana Championship
- Willy Pumarol (T65/2022) owns the best finish by a player from the Dominican Republic
- Open qualifying was held at Wellington National Golf Club in West Palm Beach on April 7 and the following players
  earned spots in the field: Nicholas Thompson (66), Bo Hoag (66), Cougar Collins (68), Sam Choi (68); Thompson makes
  his 230<sup>th</sup> TOUR start, but first since the 2022 Truist Championship; Collins, who also Open qualified for the 2023 Corales
  Puntacana Championship, makes his second TOUR appearance

#### **PGA TOUR season notes**

- Five first-time winners in 2025: Thomas Detry (WM Phoenix Open), Brian Campbell (Mexico Open at VidantaWorld), Joe Highsmith (Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches), Karl Vilips (Puerto Rico Open), Min Woo Lee (Texas Children's Houston Open); four players claimed their first career PGA TOUR title at the Corales Puntacana Championship (Brice Garnett/2018, Joel Dahmen/2021, Chad Ramey/2022, Matt Wallace/2023)
- International players have won 11 of the first 16 events this season: Hideki Matsuyama/Japan, Nick Taylor/Canada, Sepp Straka/Austria, Rory McIlroy/Northern Ireland/3, Thomas Detry/Belgium, Ludvig Åberg/Sweden, Karl Vilips/Australia, Viktor Hovland/Norway, Min Woo Lee/Australia
- Aon Swing 5: The Corales Puntacana Championship is the first of three events where players can qualify for the next Signature Event, the Truist Championship, via the Aon Swing 5. The five players (not exempt via the Aon Next 10 or a higher category) who earn the most FedExCup points in the Corales Puntacana Championship, Zurich Classic of New Orleans and THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson, will qualify for the Truist Championship.