



**2025 Hero World Challenge  
PGA TOUR Challenge Season Event (unofficial)**

**Albany Golf Course  
Albany, Bahamas**

**December 4-7, 2025  
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,449**

**Purse: \$5,000,000**

**Pre-Tournament Information – 2025 Hero World Challenge**

**Player Interviews**

**Tuesday, December 2**

9 a.m. – Tiger Woods, tournament host, and Dr. Pawan Munjal, Executive Chairman, Hero MotoCorp

10:30 a.m. – Keegan Bradley

11 a.m. – J.J. Spaun

**Wednesday, December 3**

After 8 a.m. (18-hole) Pro-Am - Scottie Scheffler

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**Tiger Woods**

- Tournament host will not compete at the Hero World Challenge as he continues to recover from lumbar disc replacement surgery in October
- Won the Hero World Challenge five times (all at Sherwood Country Club), most recently in 2011; last competed at the Hero World Challenge in 2023 (18<sup>th</sup>)
- 82-time PGA TOUR winner last competed on TOUR at the 2024 Open Championship (MC)

**Scottie Scheffler**

- Two-time defending champion of the Hero World Challenge seeks to become the first to win three consecutive titles
- Making his first start on TOUR since winning the Procore Championship in September for his 19<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR victory and sixth of the season
- Winner of the Byron Nelson Award for Low Scoring Average (68.131); led the TOUR in Par 4 Scoring Average (3.89) and Bounce Back Percentage (36.36%)
- Recorded a TOUR-best 17 top-10s and did not miss a cut
- Fifth appearance at Hero World Challenge (Won/2024, Won/2023, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2022, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2021)
- Never shot an over-par 18-hole score at the Hero World Challenge (12 rounds)
- 72-hole total of 263 in 2024 tied the tournament record since the event moved to Albany in 2015 (Bubba Watson/2015)

**J.J. Spaun**

- One of three players making their Hero World Challenge debut this week (Chris Gotterup, Andrew Novak)
- Seven top-10 finishes in 25 starts in 2025, including three runner-up results (Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches, THE PLAYERS Championship, FedEx St. Jude Championship) and his second career PGA TOUR title at the U.S. Open
- Finished T25 in the FedExCup and made his first career appearance at the TOUR Championship
- Made two starts during the FedExCup Fall (6<sup>th</sup>/Procore Championship, T11/World Wide Technology Championship)
- World No. 6 ended the 2024 calendar year at No. 119 in the Official World Golf Ranking
- Ranked inside the top 10 in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (8<sup>th</sup>/1.045) and Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (5<sup>th</sup>/0.738) during the 2025 season

**Keegan Bradley**

- Eight-time PGA TOUR winner is making his first start on TOUR since finishing T7 at the TOUR Championship

- Six top-10 finishes in 2025, including his win at the Travelers Championship; has at least one victory on TOUR in each of the last three seasons
- Most recently competed in the “The Skins Game” on Nov. 28, collecting 11 skins worth \$2.1 million to win in the return of the competition against Tommy Fleetwood, Shane Lowry and Xander Schauffele at Panther National Golf Club
- Making his eighth career appearance at the Hero World Challenge and fourth at Albany Golf Course; finished solo fifth in 2024

#### Hero World Challenge Notes

- The Hero World Challenge, an unofficial PGA TOUR event played annually following the FedExCup Fall, returns to Albany in the Bahamas for the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive time, and 26<sup>th</sup> edition overall
- Past host venues include Grayhawk Golf Club (2000), Sherwood Country Club (2000-2013) and Isleworth (2014)
- 2014 Hero World Challenge champion **Jordan Spieth** joins Scottie Scheffler (2023, 2024) and Hideki Matsuyama (2016) as past champions in the field. Spieth is making his first start on TOUR since the FedEx St. Jude Championship (T38); finished the FedExCup Playoffs at No. 54 in the standings and dropped to No. 61 by the conclusion of the FedExCup Fall
- Eleven of the 20 players in the field won a PGA TOUR event in 2025: **Keegan Bradley, Harris English, Chris Gotterup, Brian Harman, Hideki Matsuyama, Andrew Novak, Justin Rose, Scottie Scheffler, J.J. Spaun, Sepp Straka, Cameron Young**
- **Andrew Novak** (Zurich Classic of New Orleans) and **Cameron Young** (Wyndham Championship) both claimed their first career PGA TOUR titles in 2025
- All three players making their Hero World Challenge debut ended the 2024 calendar year outside the top 100 in the Official World Golf Ranking: **J.J. Spaun** (No. 119 to No. 6), **Chris Gotterup** (No. 191 to No. 28), **Andrew Novak** (No. 123 to No. 31)
- Eight players in the field competed in the 2025 Ryder Cup: **Sam Burns, Harris English, Robert MacIntyre, Justin Rose, Scottie Scheffler, J.J. Spaun, Sepp Straka, Cameron Young**; joining them is 2025 U.S. Team captain **Keegan Bradley** and Team Europe vice captain **Alex Noren**
- Three sponsor exemptions: **Akshay Bhatia, Billy Horschel, Jordan Spieth**
- Eligible players for the Hero World Challenge are as follows:
  - Defending champion of the Hero World Challenge
  - Current year winners of THE PLAYERS Championship, Masters Tournament, PGA Championship, U.S. Open and The Open Championship
  - Three sponsor exemptions restricted to players ranked among the top 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking as of Monday, Aug. 25
  - To complete the field of 20 players, the top available players from the Official World Golf Ranking as of Monday Aug. 25

#### 2025 Hero World Challenge Field

Player	Country	OWGR as of 8/25/2025 eligibility date	Current OWGR
Scottie Scheffler	USA	1	1
J.J. Spaun	USA	7	6
Robert MacIntyre	Scotland	9	7
Justin Rose	England	12	10
Harris English	USA	10	11
Keegan Bradley	USA	11	14
Sepp Straka	Austria	13	15
Alex Noren	Sweden	31	17
Cameron Young	USA	20	18
Hideki Matsuyama	Japan	16	20
Aaron Rai	England	32	23
Sam Burns	USA	22	25
Chris Gotterup	USA	26	28
Corey Connors	Canada	24	30
Andrew Novak	USA	30	31
Brian Harman	USA	28	33
Wyndham Clark	USA	27	38

*Akshay Bhatia	USA	35	43
*Billy Horschel	USA	33	45
*Jordan Spieth	USA	48	70

*\*Tournament Exemptions announced 10/29/2025*