



2025 Mexico Open at VidantaWorld
(8th of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Vallarta, Mexico
Vidanta Vallarta Course

February 20-23, 2025
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,436

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$7,000,000/\$1,260,000

Pre-Tournament Information – Mexico Open at VidantaWorld

Player Interviews *(All times local CT)*

Wednesday, February 19

11:15 a.m. - José Luis Ballester

Following 8:03 a.m. pro-am - Rafael Campos

Following 9:09 a.m. pro-am - Jake Knapp

Following 9:20 a.m. pro-am - Akshay Bhatia

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José Luis (Josele) Ballester (a)

- Spain native is competing on a sponsor exemption and making his third career PGA TOUR start, including his second in three weeks (MC/2023 Open Championship, MC/2025 WM Phoenix Open)
- Senior at Arizona State University is No. 3 in the 2025 PGA TOUR University Ranking; the No. 1 player in the final 2025 PGA TOUR University Ranking at the conclusion of the collegiate season will earn PGA TOUR membership through the 2026 season, while Nos. 2-10 will earn Korn Ferry Tour membership for 2025
- Won the 2024 U.S. Amateur at Hazeltine Golf Club
- Pronunciation: Josele (ho-SAY-lay) Ballester (BYE-es-stair)

Rafael Campos

- Puerto Rico native set to make his second start at the event (T38/2024)
- Last year, recorded first career hole-in-one on with an ace at the 17th hole of the Vidanta Vallarta Course and the third ace in tournament history (Kiradech Aphibarnrat and Scott Gutschewski both aced No. 5 in the first round in 2022)
- Earned first PGA TOUR victory at the 2024 Butterfield Bermuda Championship and finished No. 82 in the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings
- Became second Puerto Rico native to win on TOUR (Chi Chi Rodriguez)
- Making sixth start of the season (best finish: 57th/The Sentry)

Defending champion Jake Knapp

- Won the 2024 Mexico Open at VidantaWorld by two strokes over Sami Valimaki, earning his first career PGA TOUR victory in his ninth start
- Nominated for the 2024 Arnold Palmer Award as PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year (won by Nick Dunlap)
- Seeks to become the first player to successfully defend his title at the Mexico Open at VidantaWorld
- Last player to successfully defend a title on TOUR: World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler (2024 THE PLAYERS Championship)
- Making his seventh start of the season and sixth consecutive after qualifying for last week's Genesis Invitational (T17)
- Finished No. 64 in the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings after qualifying for the FedExCup Playoffs in his rookie season

Akshay Bhatia

- Making his second start at the Mexico Open at VidantaWorld after playing in the final group during the final round in 2023 (T4)
- Finished T9 at last week's Genesis Invitational, his first top-10 since a runner-up at the 2024 Rocket Classic
- Two-time PGA TOUR winner (2023 Barracuda Championship, 2024 Valero Texas Open)
- Qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs for the first time in 2024 and advanced to the TOUR Championship, finishing No. 26

Mexico Open at VidantaWorld notes

- The Mexico Open at Vidanta is one of six national opens that offers FedExCup points: Puerto Rico Open, RBC Canadian Open, U.S. Open, Genesis Scottish Open, The Open Championship
- 14 players in the field have competed every year of the Mexico Open at VidantaWorld since its addition to the PGA TOUR schedule in 2022, including **Patrick Rodgers**, the only player to finish in the top 10 in each of the first three editions (10th/2022, T10/2023, T6/2024); held the 54-hole lead at last week's, Genesis Invitational (T3)
- 2025 Latin America Amateur Championship winner **Justin Hastings**, a native of the Cayman Islands who is currently a senior at San Diego State, qualified for three majors in 2025 with his victory (Masters Tournament, U.S. Open, The Open Championship); set to make his second TOUR start (MC/2024 Puerto Rico Open)
- Five players from Mexico in the field: Álvaro Ortiz, Santiago de la Fuente, José Cristóbal Islas, Gerardo Gómez, José Antonio Safa

PGA TOUR season notes

- 10 players in the field competed at last week's Genesis Invitational held at Torrey Pines Golf Course (South Course): Patrick Rodgers (T3), Akshay Bhatia (T9), Michael Kim (T13), Jake Knapp (T17), Kevin Yu (T17), Sam Stevens (T31), Aaron Rai (T37), Ben Griffin (T44), Stephan Jaeger (T44), Rasmus Højgaard (MC)
- Through seven events of the 2025 PGA TOUR Season, seven different countries have been represented by winners, the longest streak in PGA TOUR history (Japan/Hideki Matsuyama, Canada/Nick Taylor, Austria/Sepp Straka, United States/Harris English, Northern Ireland/Rory McIlroy, Belgium/Thomas Detry, Sweden/Ludvig Åberg)
- One first-time PGA TOUR winner through seven events this season (Thomas Detry/WM Phoenix Open)
- The Mexico Open at VidantaWorld marks the first opportunity for players to earn FedExCup points toward the Aon Swing 5 for the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard. The five players, not otherwise exempt, that earn the most FedExCup points at the Mexico Open at VidantaWorld and next week's Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches will qualify for the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard.
- Five players in the field at the Mexico Open at VidantaWorld are currently qualified for the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard: **Akshay Bhatia** (Top 50 in 2024 FedExCup), **Stephan Jaeger** (Top 50 in 2024 FedExCup), **Aaron Rai** (Top 50 in 2024 FedExCup), **Patrick Rodgers** (Aon Next 10), **Sam Stevens** (Aon Next 10)
- The winner of the Mexico Open at VidantaWorld will earn a spot in all five remaining Signature Events (if a non-member, must accept membership after the win)
- In 2024, **Justin Lower** (T3) and PGA TOUR rookie **Sami Valimaki** (2nd) used top-five finishes at the Mexico Open at VidantaWorld to qualify for the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard through the Aon Swing 5