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Pre-Tournament Notes – PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry (Final Stage)

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Dates: December 11-14, 2025

Where: Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida

Host Courses: TPC Sawgrass (Dye's Valley Course) [Par 70 / 6,850 yards]

Course Designer: Pete Dye & Bobby Weed (1987)

Additional Course: Sawgrass Country Club (East-West) [Par 70 / 7,054 yards]

Course Designer: Ed Seay (1974); Robert Walker (2014 renovation)

Format: 72-hole stroke play, no cut

Field: 176 players

Purse: \$510,000 (\$50,000 winner)

Quick Links

- [Tournament Media Site](#) (for tee times, transcripts, media hub access)
- [How It Works: PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry](#)

Telecast / Livestreaming Coverage Times

- *Saturday, December 13 (Round 3)* – 1-3 p.m. ET [NBC Sports App]; 3-5 p.m. [Golf Channel]
- *Sunday, December 14 (Round 4)* – 12-2 p.m. ET [NBC Sports App]; 2-4 p.m. ET [Golf Channel]

Things to Know

- Upon conclusion of Final Stage of PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry – which will see the field play two 18-hole rounds at both Dye's Valley Course at TPC Sawgrass and Sawgrass Country Club – the top five finishers will earn PGA TOUR membership for 2026.
- In the event of a tie for the fifth and final qualifier earning PGA TOUR membership, a hole-by-hole playoff will be conducted to determine the final spot(s) – which is a new procedure for PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry, as the top five and ties at Final Stage were previously awarded TOUR membership in 2023 and 2024.
- In addition to awarding PGA TOUR cards, PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry determines 2025 season eligibility for the Korn Ferry Tour and PGA TOUR Americas, with the following performance benefits available at Final Stage:
 - **Top Five Finishers:** PGA TOUR membership for the 2026 season
 - **Next 40 Finishers and Ties:** Korn Ferry Tour membership for the 2026 season
 - The first 25 finishers and ties in this category will be subject to the third reshuffle (occurs after 14th event), while any remaining finishers within the category will be subject to the second reshuffle (occurs after 10th event)

- **All Remaining Finishers:** Conditional membership for the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Season and subject to the reshuffle (first reshuffle occurs after sixth event); membership on PGA TOUR Americas for the 2026 season and subject to the reshuffle (first reshuffle occurs after sixth event)

Field Notes (as of December 8, 2025)

- The top five players from the 2025 PGA TOUR University Eligibility Ranking earned exemptions to Final Stage, though No. 1 David Ford is not in the field. Additionally, three of the top five players – **Brendan Valdes**, **Ian Gilligan**, **Phichaskn Maichon** – already earned full status for the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Season by virtue of finishing in the top five of the 2025 PGA TOUR University Total Points List (combined FedExCup and Korn Ferry Tour points earned).
 - No. 2 **Brendan Valdes** (Auburn University)
 - No. 3 **Ian Gilligan** (University of Florida)
 - No. 4 **Jackson Van Paris** (Vanderbilt University)
 - No. 5 **Phichaskn Maichon** (Texas A&M University)

Three additional players from the top 25 of the 2025 PGA TOUR University Ranking qualified for Final Stage, including **Carson Bacha**, who finished No. 10 on the 2025 PGA TOUR Americas Points List and earned full status for the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Season.

- No. 12 **Jackson Buchanan** (University of Illinois)
 - No. 14 **Carson Bacha** (Auburn University)
 - No. 19 **Jake Peacock** (University of South Florida)
- Youngest player in the field is **Jackson Van Paris**, who turned 22 years old in August; he is one of six 22-year-olds in the field. The other five are (from youngest to oldest) **Jake Peacock**, **Luke Gutschewski**, **Ian Gilligan**, **Greyson Leach**, and **Brendan Valdes**.
- Field features five players who advanced through each stage of 2025 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry, beginning with Pre-Qualifying.

Parker Hlekamp
Marshall Meisel

Greyson Leach
Tyler Wilkes

Tyler Leach

- Field features 15 PGA TOUR winners, including five-time TOUR winner **Camilo Villegas**.

Cameron Champ (3)	Lanto Griffin	Adam Hadwin
Nick Hardy	Jim Herman (3)	Russell Knox (2)
Luke List (2)	Ben Martin	Taylor Moore
Trey Mullinax	S.Y. Noh	Ted Potter Jr. (2)
Andrew Putnam	Adam Svensson	Camilo Villegas (5)
- **Doug Ghim** is the highest-ranked player in the field in the Official World Golf Ranking (No. 146).

Seeking Status Improvements

- Numerous Final Stage entrants and qualifiers already earned conditional status for the 2026 PGA TOUR Season, or full status for the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Season, making Final Stage an opportunity to improve their status.
 - Final Stage entrants who finished Nos. 101-150 in the final 2025 FedExCup Fall standings will have, at minimum, conditional status on TOUR in 2026. Additionally, Nos. 126-150 will have full status on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2026.

No. 102 Ricky Castillo	No. 113 Doug Ghim	No. 114 Andrew Putnam
No. 120 Justin Lower	No. 121 Taylor Moore	No. 123 Sam Ryder
No. 124 Jackson Suber	No. 125 Lanto Griffin	No. 127 Frankie Capan III
No. 129 Carson Young	No. 130 Chan Kim	No. 131 Hayden Springer
No. 132 Harry Higgs	No. 133 Henrik Norlander	No. 135 Jeremy Paul
No. 136 Greyson Sigg	No. 137 Alejandro Tosti	No. 139 Adam Hadwin
No. 140 Ben Silverman	No. 142 Noah Goodwin	No. 143 Paul Peterson
No. 144 Zac Blair	No. 145 Ben Kohles	No. 147 Cameron Champ
No. 149 Will Gordon	No. 150 Trey Mullinax	

- Final Stage entrants and qualifiers who finished Nos. 21-75 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List already earned full status for the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Season (Nos. 21-50 also earned an exemption for Final Stage).

No. 21 Mitchell Meissner	No. 22 Jeremy Gandon	No. 23 Julian Suri
No. 24 Justin Suh	No. 25 Josh Teater	No. 26 Alvaro Ortiz
No. 27 Trent Phillips	No. 28 Barend Botha	No. 29 Logan McAllister
No. 30 Austin Hitt	No. 31 Myles Creighton	No. 32 Ross Steelman
No. 33 Nicolo Galletti	No. 34 Kyle Westmoreland	No. 36 Russell Knox
No. 37 Rick Lamb	No. 38 Patrick Welch	No. 39 Davis Shore
No. 40 Robby Shelton	No. 41 Cole Sherwood	No. 42 Ian Holt
No. 43 Stuart Macdonald	No. 44 Cooper Dossey	No. 45 Marcelo Roza
No. 46 Peter Kuest	No. 47 Bryson Nimmer	No. 48 Michael Johnson
No. 49 Sebastian Cappelen	No. 50 Alistair Docherty	No. 54 Nick Gabrelcik
No. 56 Caleb VanArragon	No. 62 S.Y. Noh	No. 66 Jorge Fernández Valdés
No. 69 Dylan Wu		

- Final Stage entrants who finished Nos. 1-10 on the 2025 PGA TOUR Americas Points List already earned full status for the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Season. All 10 were exempt to Final Stage of 2025 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry, and the only player not in this week's field is Michael Brennan, who earned PGA TOUR membership with his victory as a sponsor exemption at the 2025 Bank of Utah Championship.

No. 2 Jay Card III	No. 3 Davis Lamb	No. 4 David Perkins
No. 5 Brett White	No. 6 Derek Hitchner	No. 7 John Marshall Butler
No. 8 Drew Nesbitt	No. 9 Theo Humphrey	No. 10 Carson Bacha

- Medalists (and co-medalists) from each Second Stage site earned membership for the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Season and, should they fail to improve their status at Final Stage, will be subject to the second reshuffle (occurs after 10th event). **Nick Gabrelcik** previously earned full status for the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Season with a No. 54 finish on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List.
 - Valdosta, Georgia (Kinderlou Forest Golf Club) – **Ryan Burnett**
 - Dothan, Alabama (Robert Trent Jones – Highlands / Marshwood) – **Sam Choi**
 - Savannah, Georgia (The Landings Golf & Athletic Club – Deer Creek) – **Hunter Eichhorn**
 - Palm Coast, Florida (Hammock Beach Golf Resort & Spa – Conservatory) – **Nick Gabrelcik**
 - Tucson, Arizona (The Club at Starr Pass – Gamber / Pioneer) – **Tyler Leach, James Song**

Past Q-School Medalists (bolded name denotes player is in Final Stage field)

<i>PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry (2023-Present)</i>									
Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total	Margin
2024	Lanto Griffin	67	72	69	63	--	--	271 (-9)	3
2023	Harrison Endycott	65	68	65	67	--	--	265 (-15)	4
<i>Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament (2013-22)</i>									
Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total	Margin
2022	Bo Hoag	67	67	71	65	--	--	270 (-14)	1
2021	Zack Fischer (2)	67	67	65	69	--	--	268 (-14)	4
2020	n/a	--	--	--	--	--	--	---	--
2019	Curtis Thompson	68	62	69	66	--	--	265 (-21)	None
	Braden Thornberry	65	70	65	65	--	--	265 (-21)	None
2018	Danny Walker	67	65	66	63	--	--	261 (-27)	1
2017	Lee McCoy	65	67	63	65	--	--	260 (-28)	2
2016	Jim Renner	68	69	69	63	--	--	269 (-17)	3
2015	Adam Svensson	64	65	65	72	--	--	266 (-20)	7
2014	Brad Fritsch	72	64	65	65	70	66	402 (-27)	7
2013	Zack Fischer	75	67	66	65	64	64	401 (-31)	2
<i>PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament (1985-2012)</i>									
Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total	Margin
2012	D.H. Lee	68	72	65	64	71	67	407 (-25)	1
2011	Brendon Todd	71	68	69	71	68	68	415 (-17)	1
2010	Billy Mayfair	69	69	68	68	67	70	411 (-18)	1
2009	Troy Merritt	67	69	68	67	70	69	410 (-22)	1
2008	Harrison Frazar	69	64	72	59	69	67	400 (-32)	8
2007	Frank Lickliter II	62	62	68	72	68	71	403 (-29)	4
2006	George McNeill	73	66	67	69	67	67	409 (-23)	5
2005	J.B. Holmes	69	69	68	67	66	69	408 (-24)	3
2004	Brian Davis	72	65	67	69	68	74	415 (-17)	1
2003	Mathias Grönberg	67	69	67	71	70	68	412 (-20)	2
2002	Jeff Brehaut	71	64	72	73	63	73	416 (-16)	1
2001	Pat Perez	67	68	63	70	65	72	405 (-27)	1
2000	Steve Allan	65	69	65	65	68	68	400 (-32)	2
1999	Blaine McCallister	70	69	68	66	61	67	401 (-19)	2
1998	Mike Weir	75	65	66	68	70	64	408 (-24)	3
1997	Scott Verplank	66	64	67	70	69	71	407 (-22)	6
1996	Allen Doyle	72	70	70	72	68	--	352 (-8)	None
	Jimmy Johnston	71	72	68	71	70	--	352 (-8)	None

1995	Carl Paulson	70	65	69	65	69	71	409 (-23)	1
1994	Woody Austin	70	68	72	68	69	67	414 (-18)	4
1993	Ty Armstrong	71	70	68	71	67	68	415 (-17)	None
	Robin Freeman	70	68	68	68	70	71	415 (-17)	None
	Dave Stockton Jr.	68	72	66	68	70	71	415 (-17)	None
1992	Skip Kendall	79	67	69	70	67	71	423 (-9)	None
	Massy Kuramoto	70	71	72	69	71	70	423 (-9)	None
	Perry Moss	71	74	66	70	71	70	423 (-9)	None
	Brett Ogle	70	70	71	72	69	71	423 (-9)	None
	Neale Smith	67	72	71	70	71	72	423 (-9)	None
1991	Mike Standly								
1990	Duffy Waldorf								
1989	David Peoples								
1988	Robin Freeman								
1987	John Huston								
1986	Steve Jones								
1985	Tom Sieckmann								