



**2025 Sony Open in Hawaii**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Honolulu, Hawaii  
Waialae Country Club

January 9-12, 2025  
Par/Yards: 35-35-70/7,044

Purse: \$8.7 million (\$1.566 million/winner)  
FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)

**Pre-Tournament Information – 2025 Sony Open in Hawaii**

**Player Interviews**

**Tuesday, January 7 (all times local)**

8:30 a.m. – Webb Simpson

**Wednesday, January 8**

9 a.m. - Keith Mitchell

9:30 a.m. - Michael Thorbjornsen

Following 7:11 a.m. Pro-Am - Camilo Villegas

Following 8:39 a.m. Pro-Am - Keegan Bradley

Following 9:32 a.m. Pro-Am - Gary Woodland

**To Be Determined**

Ricky Castillo

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**Keegan Bradley**

- Lost in a playoff to Grayson Murray at the 2024 Sony Open in Hawaii, his lone top-10 in 12 starts at Waialae
- Finished T15 at last week's The Sentry; qualified for the event via his seventh career PGA TOUR title at the 2024 BMW Championship, one of three top-10s last season that led to a 21<sup>st</sup>-place finish in the FedExCup
- 2025 U.S. Ryder Cup Captain; clinched the winning putt for the U.S. Team at the 2024 Presidents Cup

**Ricky Castillo**

- One of 25 new members in the field
- Rookie earned TOUR membership by finishing No. 26 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- University of Florida alum finished No. 9 in the 2023 PGA TOUR University Ranking and won his Korn Ferry Tour debut at the 2023 Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open, where he was the youngest winner of the season
- Wears his trademark puka shell necklace in honor of his grandmother, a huge supporter of his golf career; during his childhood, his father, Mark, took the family to Hawaii where they visited an old sugar cane plantation where Mark's grandparents – immigrants from the Philippines and Japan – worked and lived
- Of Filipino descent, last name is pronounced *cuh-STILL-ee-oh*

**Keith Mitchell**

- Finished No. 75 in the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings, with a season-best T3 at the Sanderson Farms Championship
- Making his eighth start at the Sony Open in Hawaii, with a T7 in 2022 his best finish
- Winner of the 2019 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches, his lone win in 189 PGA TOUR starts
- Member of the 2024 Player Advisory Council (PAC)

**Webb Simpson**

- Last of his seven PGA TOUR victories came at the 2020 RBC Heritage
- Finished No. 160 in the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings, failing to record a single top-10 on the season for the first time since joining the TOUR in 2009
- Making his 15<sup>th</sup> start at the Sony Open in Hawaii, where he owns four top-10s
- One of six Player Directors on the PGA TOUR Policy Board

**Michael Thorbjornsen**

- Stanford alum earned his PGA TOUR card as the No. 1 in 2024 PGA TOUR University
- Making 20<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start, with a T2 at the 2024 John Deere Classic his best result
- Finished T8 in two of his final three starts of the 2024 FedExCup Fall (Sanderson Farms Championship, The RSM Classic)
- Making debut appearance at the Sony Open in Hawaii

## Camilo Villegas

- Making his eighth start at the Sony Open in Hawaii; has missed the cut in his last four starts at Waialae Country Club
- Finished No. 197 in the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings; is in his last year of a tournament winners exemption from his most recent of five PGA TOUR wins (2023 Butterfield Bermuda Championship)
- After serving as the Player Advisory Committee Chairman in 2024, replaced Jordan Spieth as one of the Player Directors on the PGA TOUR Policy Board on January 1 and will serve a three-year term through 2027

## Gary Woodland

- Making his 10<sup>th</sup> start at the Sony Open in Hawaii
- After undergoing surgery to remove a brain lesion in August 2023, returned to competition at the 2024 Sony Open in Hawaii; Missed the cut but said “Obviously you never want to miss the cut, never want to be out of contention, but it was bigger for me this week than golf.”
- Finished No. 140 in the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings, with a T9 at the Shriners Children’s Open his lone top-10 in 26 starts
- Four-time PGA TOUR winner seeking first win since the 2019 U.S. Open and is on the final year of his exemption

## Sony Open in Hawaii notes

- The Sony Open in Hawaii is the first Full-Field Event of the season, following last week’s The Sentry, the first of eight Signature Events in 2024
- With his victory at last week’s The Sentry, 2022 Sony Open in Hawaii winner Hideki Matsuyama became the seventh player to win both Hawaii events during their career, joining Jim Furyk (1996 Sony, 2001 Sentry), Ernie Els (2003 Sentry, 2003 and 2004 Sony), Vijay Singh (2005 Sony, 2007 Sentry), Zach Johnson (2009 Sony, 2014 Sentry), Justin Thomas (2017 Sentry and 2020 Sentry, 2017 Sony) and Cameron Smith (2020 Sony, 2022 Sentry)
- Thirty-five players who competed in The Sentry at Kapalua on Maui are in the Sony Open in Hawaii field, highlighted by The Sentry winner Hideki Matsuyama, and Keegan Bradley and Byeong Hun An, who were part of the 2024 playoff at Waialae. The full list includes Byeong Hun An, Keegan Bradley, Rafael Campos, Eric Cole, Corey Connors, Cam Davis, Thomas Detry, Nick Dunlap, Nico Echavarria, Austin Eckroat, Brice Garnett, Chris Gotterup, Adam Hadwin, Harry Hall, Brian Harman, Russell Henley, Tom Hoge, Billy Horschel, Stephan Jaeger, Si Woo Kim, Chris Kirk, Patton Kizzire, Jake Knapp, Robert MacIntyre, Peter Malnati, Hideki Matsuyama, Denny McCarthy, Matt McCarty, Maverick McNealy, Taylor Pendrith, J.T. Poston, Sepp Straka, Nick Taylor, Sahith Theegala and Davis Thompson.
- The field features:
  - 20 of the top-50 players in the Official World Golf Ranking, highlighted by World No. 5 Hideki Matsuyama; the 2022 Sony Open in Hawaii winner recorded his 11<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR win last week at The Sentry, extending his record for most wins by an Asian player (next: K.J. Choi/South Korea), and set the PGA TOUR record for lowest score (relative to par) in a 72-hole event (since 1983) at 35-under.
  - Seven of eight FedExCup Fall winners: Rafael Campos, Nico Echavarria, Austin Eckroat, Patton Kizzire, Matt McCarty, Maverick McNealy, J.T. Poston
  - Seven past champions: Zach Johnson (2009), Ryan Palmer (2010), Russell Henley (2013), Patton Kizzire (2018), Matt Kuchar (2019), Hideki Matsuyama (2022), Si Woo Kim (2023)
- 2024 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year Nick Dunlap will make his tournament debut as he is just weeks away from the one-year anniversary of his historic win at The American Express, where he became the first amateur to win on TOUR in three decades; he added to his historic season with a victory at the Barracuda Championship, becoming the first player in TOUR history to win as an amateur and a professional in the same season.

## Sony Open in Hawaii Rookie Notes

- The 2025 new member class includes 32 rookies and three first-year members. Among those 35 players, 25 are in the Sony Open in Hawaii field.

<b>Player</b>	<b>Path to the PGA TOUR</b>	<b>Hometown/Country</b>
Mason Andersen	2024 Korn Ferry Tour	Queen Creek, Arizona
Frankie Capan III ( <i>SAPP-in</i> )	2024 Korn Ferry Tour	North Oaks, Minnesota
Ricky Castillo ( <i>cuh-STILL-ee-oh</i> )	2024 Korn Ferry Tour	Yorba Linda, California
Quade Cummins	2024 Korn Ferry Tour	Weatherford, Oklahoma
Cristobal Del Solar	2024 Korn Ferry Tour	Vina del Mar, Chile
Taylor Dickson	2024 Korn Ferry Tour	Gastonia, North Carolina
Steve Fisk	2024 Korn Ferry Tour	Stockbridge, Georgia
Ryan Gerard*	2024 Korn Ferry Tour	Raleigh, North Carolina
Noah Goodwin	2024 Korn Ferry Tour	Dallas, Texas
Rikuya Hoshino	2024 DP World Tour	Japan
Takumi Kanaya*	2024 Q-School	Japan
William Mouw ( <i>MAO</i> )	2024 Korn Ferry Tour	Chino Hills, California
Kaito Onishi ( <i>KYE-toh</i> )	2024 Korn Ferry Tour	Tokyo, Japan

John Pak ( <i>POCK</i> )	2024 Korn Ferry Tour	Scotch Plains, New Jersey
Jeremy Paul	2024 Korn Ferry Tour	Germany
Paul Peterson	2024 Korn Ferry Tour	Corvallis, Oregon
Aldrich Potgieter ( <i>POT-gee-tur</i> )	2024 Korn Ferry Tour	South Africa
Thomas Rosenmueller	2024 Korn Ferry Tour	Germany
Isaiah Salinda ( <i>suh-LIND-uh</i> )	2024 Korn Ferry Tour	South San Francisco, California
Jackson Suber ( <i>soo-BER</i> )	2024 Korn Ferry Tour	Tampa, Florida
Jesper Svensson ( <i>SVEN-sin</i> )	2024 DP World Tour	Sweden
Braden Thornberry	2024 Korn Ferry Tour	Olive Branch, Mississippi
Kevin Velo ( <i>VEL-loh</i> )	2024 Korn Ferry Tour	Danville, California
Danny Walker	2024 Korn Ferry Tour	Bradenton, Florida
Tim Widing ( <i>VEE-ding</i> )	2024 Korn Ferry Tour	Sweden

*\*First-year member; not an official rookie because player has made seven or more starts in a previous season on TOUR*

- Notably, all three new Japanese members are in the field. Rikuya Hoshino and Kaito Onishi are in the field via their category, while Takumi Kanaya, who earned his card via PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry in December, received a sponsor exemption. Kanaya has made four previous starts in the Sony Open in Hawaii (MC – 2019, 2021, 2022, 2024), highlighted by his PGA TOUR debut in 2019 as an amateur having received a sponsor invite following a 2018 victory at the Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship. Hoshino has three previous starts at the Sony Open in Hawaii (2019/T67, 2020/T45, 2022/MC) and Onishi has missed the cut at the 2023 Sony Open, his lone start in the event.
- All five Japanese TOUR members are in the field, highlighted by 2022 Sony Open winner Hideki Matsuyama, the most winningest Asian player in TOUR history. Five Japanese members marks the most in a single season on TOUR since 2003.

#### PGA TOUR season notes

- The 2025 Sony Open in Hawaii is the second event of the 2025 FedExCup Regular Season and FedExCup Playoffs schedule
- The 36-event Regular Season schedule features the 51<sup>st</sup> playing of THE PLAYERS Championship in March, the four major championships, eight Signature Events, 18 Full-Field events and five additional events
- The 2025 season includes events contested in the United States across 18 states as well as Mexico, Canada, Northern Ireland, Scotland, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico
- Eight Signature Events are on the schedule: The Sentry (won by Hideki Matsuyama), AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, The Genesis Invitational, Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, RBC Heritage, Truist Championship, the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday and the Travelers Championship
- The three-event FedExCup Playoffs follow during the month of August, with the FedExCup Champion being crowned at the TOUR Championship; the 19<sup>th</sup> edition of the FedExCup Playoffs will feature the top 70 players in the FedExCup standings qualifying for the first FedExCup Playoffs event, the FedEx St. Jude Championship (August 4-10) at TPC Southwind in Memphis, Tennessee; those players are also exempt for the Full-Field Events and THE PLAYERS in 2026
- Following the FedEx St. Jude Championship, the top 50 players advance to the BMW Championship (August 11-17) at Caves Valley Golf Club in Owings Mill, Maryland; players who advance to the BMW Championship are fully exempt for the following season and qualify for all Signature Events in 2026
- Following the BMW Championship, the top 30 will move to the season-ending TOUR Championship (August 18-24) at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta, Georgia, where the FedExCup Champion will be crowned and receive a \$25 million bonus
- After the TOUR Championship, the 2025 FedExCup Fall will finalize the top 100 (previously 125) eligibility for the 2026 season, as well as starts in THE PLAYERS; while players in the top 50 will continue to be eligible for FedExCup Fall events, players ranked No. 51 and beyond carry over their FedExCup points from the Regular Season and FedEx St. Jude Championship and will continue to accumulate points through the FedExCup Fall toward their eligibility status for 2026

#### Aon Swing 5

- The Sony Open in Hawaii, the second event of the 2024 PGA TOUR Season and first Full-Field Event, is the first opportunity for players to earn FedExCup points towards the Aon Swing 5 with entry into each of the next two Signature Events (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, The Genesis Invitational)
- The top five players, not otherwise exempt, who earn the most FedExCup points during the Sony Open in Hawaii, The American Express and Farmers Insurance Open will qualify for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, while the top five players not otherwise exempt who earn the most FedExCup points during those three events and the WM Phoenix Open, will qualify for The Genesis Invitational
- The Aon Next 10 represents the top 10 players not already exempt, from the FedExCup standings, while the Aon Swing 5 includes the top five FedExCup points earners, not already exempt, from a collection of Full-Field Events leading up to each Signature Event. The Aon Next 10 for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and The Genesis Invitational was determined through the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings