



2025 American Express
(3rd of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events)

La Quinta, California	January 16-19, 2025	FedExCup points: 500 (winner)
PGA WEST PETE DYE STADIUM COURSE	Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,210	Purse: \$8,800,000/\$1,584,000
PGA WEST NICKLAUS TOURNAMENT COURSE	Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,147	
LA QUINTA COUNTRY CLUB	Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,060	

Pre-Tournament Information – The American Express

Player Interviews *(All times local PT)*

Tuesday, January 14

9 a.m. – Nick Dunlap

9:30 a.m. – Blades Brown

Wednesday, January 15

11:15 a.m. – Justin Thomas

Noon – Tony Finau

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Nick Dunlap

- With his one-stroke victory over Christiaan Bezuidenhout at the 2024 American Express, became the first amateur to win a PGA TOUR event since Phil Mickelson at the 1991 Northern Telecom Open
- Became the first sponsor exemption to win on TOUR since Martin Laird at the 2020 Shriners Children’s Open
- Third-round 60 at La Quinta Country Club tied the lowest round by an amateur in TOUR history (Patrick Cantlay/2011 Travelers Championship/R2)
- At 21 years, 27 days, seeks to become the second-youngest player to successfully defend a TOUR title since 1900
 - John McDermott/1912 U.S. Open/20 years, 11 months, 21 days
 - Tom Kim/2023 Shriners Children’s Open/21 years, 3 months, 24 days
- Winner of the 2024 Arnold Palmer Award as the 2024 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year; second-youngest player to win the award (Jordan Spieth/2013)
- Finished No. 49 in the 2024 FedExCup standings after adding a second title at the Barracuda Championship, becoming the first player in history to win on TOUR as an amateur and a professional in the same season
- Making third start of the 2025 season (55th/The Sentry, T10/Sony Open in Hawaii)

Blades Brown

- Playing on a sponsor exemption, 17-year-old Nashville, Tennessee native set to make his second TOUR start and first as a professional
- Made his PGA TOUR debut as an amateur at the 2024 Myrtle Beach Classic and finished T26
- At 16 years old, shot a course-record 64 at the 2023 U.S. Amateur hosted at Cherry Hills Country Club to earn co-medalist honors
- Became the youngest co-medalist in U.S. Amateur history, breaking a record that was set 103 years ago by 18-year-old Bobby Jones in 1920
- Claimed medalist honors at the 2024 U.S. Junior Amateur, becoming the third player to earn medalist honors at both the U.S. Junior and U.S. Amateur (Bobby Clampett, Tiger Woods)
- Named 2024 AJGA Rolex Player of the Year including victories at the AJGA Junior Invitational, Huntsville.org Junior Invitational, Wyndham Invitational and Tennessee Junior Amateur
- “Blades” is the maiden name of Brown’s mother, Rhonda Brown (Blades), who played in the WNBA after a collegiate career at Vanderbilt

Justin Thomas

- Making his fourth start at The American Express after playing in the final group during the final round in 2024 and finishing T3 (other starts: MC/2014, T7/2015)
- Posted an 11-under 61 on the Stadium Course in round three, his low 18-hole score during the 2024 season
- T3 finish was the first of six top-10s during the 2024 season, which culminated with a 14th-place finish in the FedExCup
- Second start of the 2025 season (T26/The Sentry)
- 15-time PGA TOUR winner seeks first win since the 2022 PGA Championship

Tony Finau

- American Express Ambassador set to make eighth start at the event (best: 4th/2021)
- Six-time PGA TOUR winner will make second start of the season after finishing T15 at The Sentry
- Finished in a tie for 23rd in the 2024 FedExCup and advanced to the TOUR Championship for the eighth consecutive year, tied for the longest active streak (Xander Schauffele)
- Made his third Presidents Cup appearance for the victorious U.S. Team at the 2024 Presidents Cup (2-2-0)

The American Express notes

- The American Express is the third event of the 2025 PGA TOUR Season and second Full-Field Event
- Marks one of two official PGA TOUR events that uses a pro-am format (along with the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am) and one of four that is played across multiple courses (others: Farmers Insurance Open, AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, The RSM Classic); the only of the four to be played across more than two courses
- Format: Each professional will be grouped with amateurs for the first three rounds before the low 65 professionals (and ties) will play their final round at the Stadium Course at PGA WEST
- The field features:
 - 20 of the top-50 players in the Official World Golf Ranking, highlighted by World No. 7 Wyndham Clark
 - Six past champions: Charley Hoffman (2007), Bill Haas (2010, 2015), Jhonattan Vegas (2011), Jason Dufner (2016), Si Woo Kim (2021), Nick Dunlap (2024)

PGA TOUR season notes

- 12 players in the field finished in the top 10 at last week's Sony Open in Hawaii: Nick Taylor (won), Nico Echavarria (P2), J.J. Spaun (T3), Eric Cole (5th), Patrick Fishburn (T6), Adam Schenk (T6), Jackson Suber (T6), Nick Dunlap (T10), Harry Hall (T10), Paul Peterson (T10), Lee Hodges (T10), Jesper Svensson (T10)
- Nick Taylor won last week's Sony Open in Hawaii in a playoff over Nico Echavarria, earning his fifth PGA TOUR title; with the win, Taylor moved to No. 2 in the FedExCup standings and No. 29 in the Official World Golf Ranking
- 26 of the 32 PGA TOUR rookies are scheduled to compete in The American Express; three finished inside the top 10 at last week's Sony Open in Hawaii (Jackson Suber/T6, Paul Peterson/T10, Jesper Svensson/T10)

Aon Swing 5

- The American Express, the third event of the 2025 PGA TOUR Season and second Full-Field Event, marks the second 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
- **Updated Aon Swing 5 standings thru the Sony Open in Hawaii:**

Rank	Player	Points
1	J.J. Spaun	162.5
T2	Patrick Fishburn Adam Schenk Jackson Suber	88.75
T5	Harry Hall Lee Hodges Paul Peterson	63.667

	Jesper Svensson	
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