

# VALSPAR CHAMPIONSHIP - COMPETITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY OVERVIEW

## WITH THIS VICTORY

### FedExCup points and Official Money

500 FedExCup points  
\$1,566,000

### Exemptions

#### Signature Events

2025 RBC Heritage  
2025 Truist Championship  
2025 Memorial Tournament presented by Workday  
2025 Travelers Championship  
2026 Sentry

#### Majors/PLAYERS

2025 Masters Tournament  
2025 PGA Championship  
2025 U.S. Open if second win since June 17, 2024  
2026 PLAYERS Championship

#### Invitationals

2025 Charles Schwab Challenge

#### PGA TOUR card

Thru 2027  
If already exempt thru 2027, add one year to exemption (max thru 2030)

## UPCOMING ELIGIBILITY CUTOFF DATES

### Monday, March 31 (thru Texas Children's Houston Open)

#### Masters Tournament

Top 50 players in the Official World Golf Ranking

### Monday, April 7 (thru Valero Texas Open)

#### RBC Heritage

Aon Swing 5 (Puerto Rico, Valspar, Houston, Valero)

### Monday, April 14 (thru Masters Tournament)

#### RBC Heritage

Aon Next 10  
PGA TOUR members in the top 30 in the Official World Golf Ranking  
Fill the field to 72 players using beyond No. 10 in Aon Next 10 standings

## MEDICAL EXTENSION SUMMARY

If a player earns the points required to reach the top 125 threshold, he is eligible to play the remainder of the season out of the Major Medical category. If a player earns the points required to reach the top 150 threshold, but falls short of top 125, he is eligible to play the remainder of the season out of the 126-150 category, subject to reshuffle. If he does not reach either of these thresholds, he will fall back into the highest category for which he is eligible, or lose status.

### Medical extension storylines

Bud Cauley finished T6 at THE PLAYERS Championship to reach his top 125 points. He is now eligible to play the remainder of the season out of the Major Medical category as he tries to finish in the top 100 to retain full status in 2026. Cauley entered THE PLAYERS with six events remaining to earn 66.893 points and collected 250 points (No. 47 in the FedExCup standings).

Philip Knowles, who is on a Korn Ferry Tour category Major Medical Extension (placed below the 300 career cuts category in the Priority Ranking) got into the field as an Open Qualifier. Knowles, who finished a career-best T16 at the Puerto Rico Open, has 13 starts remaining on his medical extension and is 376.275 FedExCup points from his top 125 number.

### Players in the field on medical extensions

Player	Type	Events left	Needed for top 125	Needed for top 150	Other status		
Will Gordon	Major	7	245.561	<i>Solo-2nd</i>	85.019	<i>2-way T7</i>	No
Philip Knowles	Major/KFT	13	376.275	<i>Win</i>	199.481	<i>3-way T2</i>	No
Ben Martin	Major	7	222.383	<i>2-way T2</i>	61.841	<i>2-way T12</i>	Yes
Danny Willett	Major	19	318.761	<i>Win</i>	158.219	<i>2-way T3</i>	Yes

### Completed medical extension tracker

Player	Type	Final event	Top 125/150 reached	Current category
Aaron Baddeley	Minor	The American Express	N/A	300 career cuts made
Bud Cauley	Major	THE PLAYERS Championship	Top 125	Major Medical
Chesson Hadley	Minor	Puerto Rico Open	Top 150	126-150
Kevin Streelman	Minor	The American Express	Top 150	300 career cuts made

## ELIGIBILITY NOTES

### Field size

As was the case in 2024, the field sizes for the Valspar Championship, Texas Children's Houston Open and Valero Texas Open will be expanded to 156 if necessary to accommodate the players in the Korn Ferry Tour and Q-School graduate categories. The field for the Valspar Championship was expanded to 156 and Q-School graduates Will Chandler and Matthew Riedel received sponsor exemptions as members from the KFT/Q-School category not otherwise exempt.

As part of the changes to PGA TOUR field sizes and eligibility in 2026 that were approved by the Policy Board in November, the Valspar Championship field next year will be 132 players, which will include two Open Qualifying spots (down from four).

### Aon Swing 5

The Valspar Championship is the second event counting towards the Aon Swing 5 for the RBC Heritage. The five players, not otherwise exempt, earning the most FedExCup points in the Puerto Rico Open, Valspar Championship, Texas Children's Houston Open and Valero Texas Open will qualify for the RBC Heritage via the Aon Swing 5.

Puerto Rico Open champion Karl Vilips is No. 1 in the Aon Swing 5 standings. Although winners of additional events are not guaranteed spots in Signature Events, in 2024, the Puerto Rico Open winner (Brice Garnett) and runner-up (Erik Barnes) qualified for the RBC Heritage as the top two players in the Aon Swing 5.

### Top-10s from the Puerto Rico Open

Three players finished in the top 10 at the Puerto Rico Open to earn a spot in the field at the Valspar Championship: Rasmus Neergaard-Petersen (2nd), Joseph Bramlett (3rd) and Kieron Van Wyk (T4). Neergaard-Petersen and Van Wyk are making their second career PGA TOUR starts following their debut in Puerto Rico, while Bramlett is competing this season out of the 126-150 category.

### PGA TOUR University

Luke Clanton, who secured his PGA TOUR card through PGA TOUR University Accelerated with a made cut at the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches, is competing on a sponsor exemption. Clanton is eligible to join the PGA TOUR as a member after the 2025 NCAA Championship.