



**2025 WM Phoenix Open**  
(6<sup>th</sup> of 36 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Scottsdale, Arizona  
TPC Scottsdale (Stadium Course)

February 6-9, 2025  
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,261

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)  
Purse: \$9.2 million (\$1.656 million/winner)

**Pre-Tournament Information - 2025 WM Phoenix Open**

**Player Interviews (all times local)**

**Tuesday, February 4**

3:30 p.m. – Nick Taylor

**Wednesday, February 5**

10 a.m. – Luke Clanton

Following 9-hole Pro-Am – Scottie Scheffler

12 p.m. – Justin Thomas

12:45 p.m. – Matt McCarty

2 p.m. – Frankie Capan III

**To Be Determined**

Jose Luis Ballester Barrio

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**Nick Taylor**

- Defending champion won the 2024 WM Phoenix Open after finishing runner-up to Scottie Scheffler in 2023
- Collected fifth PGA TOUR title at the 2025 Sony Open in Hawaii in January, defeating Nico Echavarria on the second hole of sudden death to improve playoff record to 3-0
- **Taylor PGA TOUR Playoff Record (3-0)**
  - 2025 Sony Open in Hawaii – Defeated Nico Echavarria (Two holes)
  - 2024 WM Phoenix Open – Defeated Charley Hoffman (Two holes)
  - 2023 RBC Canadian Open – Defeated Tommy Fleetwood (Four holes)
- One of two players from Canada to win the WM Phoenix Open (George Knudson/1968)
- Making his 11<sup>th</sup> career appearance at the WM Phoenix Open; prior to his runner-up (2023) and win (2024), had not finished higher than T49 in eight previous appearances
- Tied the 18-hole scoring record at the 2024 WM Phoenix Open with an 11-under 60 in the first round
- Last player to successfully defend a title at the WM Phoenix Open: Scottie Scheffler (2022, 2023)

**Luke Clanton (a)**

- Florida State junior will become eligible for PGA TOUR membership if he makes the cut at this week's WM Phoenix Open through PGA TOUR University Accelerated; entering the week with 18 points in PGA TOUR University Accelerated, will earn 1 point on Wednesday, Feb. 5 after spending 26 weeks as the top-ranked player in the World Amateur Golf Ranking; will earn 1 point with a made cut to reach the 20-point threshold and earn PGA TOUR membership, which he can officially accept following the conclusion of the collegiate season in May
- 11<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR start and first at the WM Phoenix Open, highlighted by two runner-up finishes in eight starts in 2024; third start on TOUR this season (MC/Sony Open in Hawaii, T15/Farmers Insurance Open)
- In spring 2024, became the first Seminole to win three consecutive tournaments (Seminole Intercollegiate, Valspar Collegiate Invitational, Lewis Chitengwa Memorial); through his win at the 2024 Valspar Collegiate Invitational, secured an exemption into the PGA TOUR's 2025 Valspar Championship.

**Scottie Scheffler**

- World No. 1 and reigning FedExCup Champion is making his sixth start in the event; two-time WM Phoenix Open champion (2022, 2023) has top-10 finishes in last four starts at TPC Scottsdale (T7/2021, Won/2022, Won/2023, T3/2024); 2022 WM Phoenix Open was first of 13 TOUR wins

- Owns a 67.17 scoring average in 18 career rounds at TPC Scottsdale, the lowest since 2020 among players with 10 or more rounds
- Second start of the season following a T9 in his season debut at last week's AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am

#### **Justin Thomas**

- 11<sup>th</sup> career appearance at the WM Phoenix Open where he has made seven consecutive cuts (since 2018)
- Four career top-10s at TPC Scottsdale without a victory (3<sup>rd</sup>/2019, T3/2020, T8/2022, 4<sup>th</sup>/2023); Silverado Resort (Procore Championship) is only other venue on TOUR where he has earned four top-10s without a win
- Fourth start of the season, with a runner-up at The American Express his best finish
- 15-time TOUR winner seeks first title since the 2022 PGA Championship

#### **Matt McCarty**

- Scottsdale resident earned the Korn Ferry Tour's Three-Victory Promotion in 2024 and won on the PGA TOUR in his second start as a member at the 2024 Black Desert Championship in October 2024; became the first player to win on TOUR in the same year after earning the Three-Victory Promotion since Jason Gore (2005 84 Lumber Classic)
- Competed on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2022 and 2023, finishing No. 55 and No. 35 in the points list, respectively.
- Grew up attending the WM Phoenix Open (relocated from Seattle at 10-11 years old), first as a standard bearer and then as a fan; used the Champions Course junior rate; plays and practices out of TPC Scottsdale
- Making his tournament debut and fifth start of the season (T53/The Sentry, T65/Sony Open in Hawaii, MC/The American Express, MC/Farmers Insurance Open)

#### **Frankie Capan III**

- PGA TOUR rookie is competing as a sponsor exemption; earned TOUR card after finishing No. 3 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, highlighted by a victory at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship in September 2024; Capan III shot a 13-under 58 at the Veritex Bank Championship in April 2024, setting a course record and tying the second-lowest 18-hole score on the Korn Ferry Tour
- Attended highschool at Northwest Christian School in Phoenix; from Minnesota, his family spent summers in Minnesota and were based in Arizona for the school year
- Won back-to-back individual state titles at the Arizona Interscholastic Association Division III Championships in 2017 and 2018; won by 10 strokes in 2018 off the strength of a second-round 11-under 59 on the Sonoran Course at Omni Tucson National Resort
- Served as a standard bearer at the 2012 WM Phoenix Open
- Made the cut in all three TOUR starts in 2025, highlighted by a T12 at The American Express

#### **Jose Luis Ballester Barrio (a)**

- Currently ranked No. 2 in the 2025 PGA TOUR University ranking; the No. 1 finisher at the conclusion of the NCAA stroke play in May will earn immediate PGA TOUR membership for this season and 2026
- Arizona State senior is competing on a sponsor exemption; won the 2024 U.S. Amateur, becoming the first player from Spain to lift the Havemeyer Trophy when he defeated Noah Kent, 2-up, at Hazeltine National Golf Club
- Ranked No. 4 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking
- Making second start in a PGA TOUR event and first in a non-major (2023 Open Championship/MC)

#### **WM Phoenix Open notes**

- The field features:
  - 29 of the top 50 players in the Official World Golf Ranking, highlighted by World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler, No. 5 Hideki Matsuyama and No. 7 Wyndham Clark
  - Six past champions: Rickie Fowler (2019), Hideki Matsuyama (2016, 2017), Scottie Scheffler (2022, 2023), Webb Simpson (2020), Nick Taylor (2024), Gary Woodland (2018)
  - Five past FedExCup champions: Billy Horschel/2014, Jordan Spieth/2015, Justin Thomas/2017, Scottie Scheffler/2024, Brandt Snedeker/2012
- The WM Phoenix Open has been decided in a playoff in six of the last nine years, including last year's won by Nick Taylor (def. Charley Hoffman with a birdie-3 on the second extra hole).
- Making his second start of the season (T69/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am) since undergoing wrist surgery in August 2024, Jordan Spieth returns to TPC Scottsdale with top-10 finishes in three of his last four years (T4/2021, T6/2023, T6/2024).
- Two-time WM Phoenix Open champion Hideki Matsuyama (2016, 2017) joins Scheffler as the only player in the field with more than one win at TPC Scottsdale; Matsuyama captured the season-opening

event at The Sentry in January where he set the PGA TOUR record for lowest relative-to-par score in a 72-hole event (35-under)

**PGA TOUR season notes**

- Each of the first five tournaments of the 2025 PGA TOUR Season have been won by players with multiple victories on TOUR (Hideki Matsuyama/11/The Sentry, Nick Taylor/5/Sony Open in Hawaii, Sepp Straka/3/The American Express, Harris English/5/Farmers Insurance Open, Rory Mcllroy/27/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)
- This week marks the final opportunity for players to earn FedExCup points towards the Aon Swing 5 for entry into next week's Genesis Invitational; the top five players not otherwise exempt who earn the most FedExCup points during the Sony Open in Hawaii, The American Express, the Farmers Insurance Open and the WM Phoenix Open, will qualify for The Genesis Invitational
- The Aon Next 10 for the The Genesis Invitational was determined through the 2024 FedExCup Fall standings
- **Aon Swing 5 qualifiers entering WM Phoenix Open:**

Rank	Player	Points
1	Sam Stevens	311
2	J.J. Spaun	235
3	Andrew Novak	190
4	Justin Lower	178
5	Lee Hodges	150