

**Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by Virginia's Richmond Region
(25th of 25 events on 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule)**

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Glen Allen, Virginia
The Federal Club

October 8-11, 2026
Par/Yards: 71 / 7,073

Points: 600 (winner)
Purse: \$1,500,000 / \$270,00 (winner)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, October 8, 2026

Weather: Sunny. High of 81. Wind NW 5-10 mph, gusts of 12-15 mph.

[Leaderboard](#)

Pos.	Player	Total
1	Ian Holt	64 (-7)
2	Barend Botha	65 (-6)
T3	Five Players Tied	66 (-5)

Charting the Leader (stats entering week)

Category	Ian Holt
Age	30
2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 3
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2026	22-2-5
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	65-2-7
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at Korn Ferry Tour Championship	1-0-0

Ian Holt (1st/-7)

- Makes eight birdies and one bogey to card 7-under 64, securing a one-stroke lead with birdies on three of the final five holes (Nos. 14, 15, 17)
- Holds his third 18-hole lead/co-lead in what is his 66th career start on the Korn Ferry Tour; he is 1-for-2 converting to victory (2025 Blue Championship/finished T12; 2026 Panama Championship/Won)
- One of 13 players declared TourBound and mathematically assured of earning a PGA Tour card
- Bidding to achieve the Three-Victory Promotion, which would earn him an immediate promotion to the PGA Tour and grant him eligibility for the remaining 2026 FedExCup Fall events
 - Most recent player to achieve Three-Victory Promotion: Matt McCarty/2024
- Stands No. 3 on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List off the strength of wins in back-to-back events – The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club and The Panama Championship, the second and third events of the season
- Became the first player in Korn Ferry Tour history (established 1990) to earn two victories in the first three events of a season; the last two players to win twice within the first six events of the season earned the Three-Victory Promotion (Wesley Bryan/2016; Carlos Ortiz/2014)
- Previously finished No. 42 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, earning full status for the 2026 season
- Finished No. 10 on the 2024 PGA Tour Americas Points List, earning Korn Ferry Tour membership for 2025; he began the 2024 PGA Tour Americas Season with conditional status and open qualified into his season debut at the 2024 Digital Commerce Group Open, the eighth event of the season, after which he recorded back-to-back top-25 finishes and won his third start at the 2024 Explore NB Open
- Turned professional in 2018 and played four seasons on PGA Tour Canada (2018, 2019, 2021, 2022)
- Played four seasons at Kent State University (2014-18), where he earned three collegiate victories, including medalist honors at the 2018 Mid-American Conference Championship, and was named the MAC Golfer of the Year in 2017 and 2018

Barend Botha (2nd/-6)

- Opens with bogey-free 6-under 65, highlighted by 5-under 30 on the back nine
- Holds a career-high 18-hole position in what is his 50th career start on the Korn Ferry Tour (previous: T3/2026 The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club/finished 4th; T3/2026 Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health/finished T15)
- Stands No. 38 on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List and needs a minimum finish of solo second to potentially finish in the top 20 and earn his first PGA Tour card
- Runner-up finisher at the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by Virginia's Richmond Region, his tournament debut; he held a one-stroke lead through 54 holes and needed a win to finish in the top 20 of the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- Previously finished No. 28 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List as a rookie
- Finished No. 4 on the 2024 PGA Tour Americas Points List and earned Korn Ferry Tour membership off the strength of back-to-back wins at the BioSteel Championship and Elk Ridge Saskatchewan Open presented by Lake Country Co-Op
- Played four seasons at University of Toledo (2020-24), where he earned four individual victories and was the 2023 and 2024 Mid-American Conference Golfer of the Year

Additional Notes

- **Ross Steelman** (T8/-4) is the only player who can pass **Sandy Scott** (T52/+2) for the No. 1 position on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List; he is currently projected to finish No. 1
 - While the top 20 players on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List earn PGA Tour membership, the No. 1 player also earns exemptions for the 2027 Players Championship and 2027 U.S. Open
- **Doc Redman** (T3/-5) is bidding to achieve the Three-Victory Promotion, which would grant him an immediate promotion to the PGA Tour and eligibility for the remaining 2026 FedExCup Fall events
- Two players are currently projected to move into the top 20:
 - **Caleb VanArragon** (T3/-5) – started No. 24, projected No. 18
 - **Barend Botha** (2nd/-6) – started No. 38, projected No. 20
- Two players are currently projected to fall out of the top 20:
 - Ben Kohles (not in field) – started No. 19, projected No. 23
 - **Cole Hammer** (T45/+1) – started No. 20, projected No. 25