

**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)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, October 10, 2026

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 70. Wind E-SE 3-10 mph, gusts of 10-15 mph.

[Leaderboard](#)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Blades Brown	68	61	68	197 (-16)
2	Austin Hitt	68	62	68	198 (-15)
3	Barend Botha	65	65	69	199 (-14)
4	Cole Sherwood	67	65	68	200 (-13)
T5	Five Players Tied				201 (-12)

Charting the Leader (stats entering week)

Category	Blades Brown
Age	19
2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 14
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2026	17-0-5
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	31-0-7
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at Korn Ferry Tour Championship	1-0-0

Blades Brown (1st/-16)

- Cards 3-under 68 to maintain one-stroke lead over Austin Hitt at 16-under 197
- Holds his fourth 54-hole lead/co-lead in what is his 32nd career start on the Korn Ferry Tour; he is 0-for-3 converting to victory
- At 19 years, 4 months, 19 days of age, becomes the fourth-youngest 54-hole leader/co-leader in Korn Ferry Tour history, only trailing three of his own performances
 - 18 years, 10 months, 7 days/2026 Club Car Championship at The Landings Golf and Athletic Club/finished 3rd
 - 18 years, 10 months, 28 days/2026 Tulum Championship at PGA Riviera Maya/finished 2nd
 - 19 years, 2 months, 11 days/2026 Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health/finished T6
- Bidding to become the second-youngest winner in Korn Ferry Tour history and the fifth teenager to win on the Korn Ferry Tour; the previous four all went on to become PGA Tour winners
 - Aldrich Potgieter – 19 years, 4 months, 11 days (2024 The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club)
 - **Blades Brown – 19 years, 4 months, 20 days (2026 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by Virginia's Richmond Region)**
 - Jason Day – 19 years, 7 months, 26 days (2007 Legend Financial Group Classic)
 - Sungjae Im – 19 years, 9 months, 17 days (2018 The Bahamas Golf Classic)
 - Akshay Bhatia – 19 years, 11 months, 19 days (2022 The Bahamas Golf Classic)
- Stands No. 14 on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List and is the highest-ranked player yet to be declared TourBound

- In line to become the youngest graduate in Korn Ferry Tour history (current: Jason Day, 19 years, 11 months, 23 days in 2007)
- Holds Special Temporary Membership on the PGA Tour and owns seven top-25s in 11 starts on Tour this season, highlighted by a solo third at the 2026 Puerto Rico Open
- Previously earned Special Temporary Membership and finished No. 68 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- Recorded a T2 finish at the 2025 Veritex Bank Championship, the highest finish by a player under the age of 18 in Korn Ferry Tour history, usurping 17-year-old Si Woo Kim's T11 finish at the 2013 Mid-Atlantic Championship
- Named the 2024 AJGA Rolex Junior Player of the Year and turned professional on December 17, 2024 at 17 years of age

Austin Hitt (2nd/-15)

- Entered the week at No. 22 on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List in bid to earn first PGA Tour card; he currently projects to finish No. 10 in the standings
- Ties his career-high 54-hole position in what is his 78th career start on the Korn Ferry Tour (previous: 2025 Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation/finished 2nd)
- Previously finished No. 30 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, and No. 48 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List as a rookie
- Finished No. 4 on the 2023 PGA Tour Latinoamerica Order of Merit and earned Korn Ferry Tour membership
- Played five seasons at University of North Carolina (2016-21), where he was a two-time All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection

Barend Botha (3rd/-14)

- 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
- Stands in the top three through 54 holes for the third time in 50 career starts on the Korn Ferry Tour (previous: 1st/2025 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by Virginia's Richmond Region/finished 2nd; T2/2026 The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club/finished 4th)
- 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 with back-to-back wins at the BioSteel Championship and Elk Ridge Saskatchewan Open
- 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** (T5/-12) is the only player who can pass **Sandy Scott** (T45/-2) for the No. 1 position on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List; Steelman is currently projected to finish No. 1 by 67.237 points
 - 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
- Steelman and **Ian Holt** (T5/-12) are bidding to achieve the Three-Victory Promotion, which would grant the winner an immediate promotion to the PGA Tour and eligibility for the remaining 2026 FedExCup Fall events; the last player to achieve the Three-Victory Promotion was Matt McCarty (2024)
- **Davis Lamb** (T10/-11), who plays from Potomac, Maryland, entered the week at No. 23 on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List and currently projects to finish No. 22; he is currently 13.977 points
- Two players are currently projected to move into the top 20:
 - **Austin Hitt** (2nd/-15) – started No. 22, projected No. 10
 - **Yuta Sugiura** (T23/-7) – started No. 21, projected No. 20
- Two players are currently projected to fall out of the top 20:
 - **Cole Hammer** (T38/-5) – started No. 20, projected No. 21
 - Ben Kohles (not in field) – started No. 19, projected No. 23