

Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship
(23rd of 25 events on 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule)
[Tournament Media Site](#)

Columbus, Ohio
 Ohio State University Golf Club

September 17-20, 2026
 Par/Yards: 71 / 7,445

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

First-Round Notes – Thursday, September 17, 2026

Weather: Morning showers and partly cloudy. High of 87. Wind W → SW 5-10 mph, gusts 10-15 mph.

Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	Total
T1	Phichaksn Maichon	63 (-8)
	S.Y. Noh	63 (-8)
T3	Matthew Riedel	64 (-7)
	Christiaan Maas	64 (-7)
T5	Jorge Fernández Valdés	65 (-6)
	Rick Lamb	65 (-6)
	John Marshall Butler	65 (-6)

Charting the Co-leaders (stats entering week)

Category	Phichaksn Maichon	S.Y. Noh
Age	24	35
2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 72	No. 49
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2026	22-0-2	17-0-1
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	31-0-2	71-1-5
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship	0-0-0	5-1-1

Phichaksn Maichon (T1/-8)

- Made a hole-in-one on the par-3 fifth with a 5-iron from 229 yards en route to a career-low bogey-free 8-under 63 (previous 18-hole career low: 64/three occurrences)
- Holds first 18-hole lead/co-lead of his career in what is his 32nd start on the Korn Ferry Tour (previous 18-hole high position: T2/2026 The Blue Championship/finished T3)
- Making his first career start at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship
- Second-year Korn Ferry Tour member finished No. 157 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List as a rookie
- Finished No. 6 in the 2025 PGA TOUR University Ranking, earning membership for the remainder of the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour season
- Played four seasons at Texas A&M University (2021-25), where he earned four collegiate victories and finished solo second individually at the 2025 NCAA Championship

S.Y. Noh (T1/-8)

- Matches his career-low 18-hole score on the Korn Ferry Tour with an 8-under 63 (fifth occurrence)
- First 18-hole lead/co-lead of his Korn Ferry Tour career in what is his 72nd start (previous 18-hole high position: T2/2025 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open presented by Syndeo/MC)
- Winner of the 2013 Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship is making his sixth career start at the event this week; owns two additional top-25 finishes along with his victory (2022/T14, 2025/T16)

- Finished No. 62 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List for a second consecutive season to retain full membership for the 2026 season
- PGA TOUR winner (2014 Zurich Classic of New Orleans) returned to the Korn Ferry Tour following a No. 171 finish in the 2023 FedExCup Fall
- Owns 248 starts on the PGA TOUR with 44 top-25 finishes and 13 top-10 along with his aforementioned victory

Additional Notes

- **Matthew Riedel** (T3/-7), who stands No. 91 on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, birdies his final four holes (Nos. 15-18) of the round for a 7-under 64, logging a new 18-hole high position (previous 18-hole high position: T12/2024 Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank and Intermountain Health/finished T15)
- **Christiaan Maas** (T3/-7), who stands No. 102 on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, cards a bogey-free 7-under 64 and establishes a new 18-hole high position (previous best: T4/2026 Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Woodhouse/finished T33); earned membership for the remainder of the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour season with a No. 2 finish in the 2026 PGA Tour University Ranking
- **Rick Lamb** (T5/-6), who stands No. 66 on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, made an ace on the par-3 eighth with a 6-iron from 199 yards en route to a bogey-free 6-under 65
- Uniontown, Ohio native **Maxwell Moldovan** (T60/-1), who played four seasons at Ohio State University (2020-24), opens in 1-under 70 with birdies on two of his final three holes (Nos. 7, 8)
- The Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship is the second of four season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Finals events; the top 100 players on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List upon conclusion of this week's final round will qualify for the Compliance Solutions Championship