

Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship
(23rd of 25 events on 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule)
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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)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, September 19, 2026

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 83. Wind SW 5-10 mph, gusts 10-12 mph.

[Leaderboard](#)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	John Marshall Butler	65	66	66	197 (-16)
2	Jorge Fernández Valdés	65	66	67	198 (-15)
3	S.Y. Noh	63	73	64	200 (-13)
4	Sandy Scott	69	64	68	201 (-12)
T5	Dylan Menante	68	66	68	202 (-11)
	Cole Hammer	67	67	68	202 (-11)

Charting the Leader (stats entering week)

Category	John Marshall Butler
Age	24
2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 48
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2026	22-0-2
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	22-0-2
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship	0-0-0

John Marshall Butler (1st/-16)

- Carries a one-stroke lead into Sunday's final round after a bogey-free 5-under 66 in the third round
- Breaks the 54-hole tournament scoring record at 16-under 197, breaking the previous record of 198 established by Stephen Jaeger and Vince Whaley in 2021
- Holds first 54-hole lead/co-lead of his Korn Ferry Tour career (previous 54-hole high position: 2nd/2026 AdventHealth Championship/finished T9)
- Korn Ferry Tour rookie bidding for his first career victory in what is his 23rd start on Tour (career-best finish: T3/2026 Visit Knoxville Open)
- Entered the week off back-to-back top-25 finishes, including a top-10 result at the AdventHealth Championship (T9) after holding a share of the 36-hole co-lead
- Stands No. 48 on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List with two top-10s and three additional top-25 finishes (best finish: T3/2026 Visit Knoxville Open)
- Finished No. 7 on the 2025 PGA Tour Americas Points List off the strength of his victory at the Mexico Championship presented by Scotia Wealth Management, earning Korn Ferry Tour membership for the 2026 season
- Finished No. 80 on the 2024 PGA Tour Americas Points List in his rookie season after earning membership through PGA Tour Americas Q-School
- Turned professional in 2024 after four seasons at Auburn University (2020-24); secured the winning point against Florida State's Luke Clanton to seal Auburn's 2023-24 National Championship

Additional Notes

- Korn Ferry Tour winner **Jorge Fernández Valdés** (2nd/-15), who stands No. 44 on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, cards a bogey-free 4-under 67 and stands inside the top five through 54 holes for the first time since the 2025 Blue Championship (T3/finished T2)
- First-round co-leader **S.Y. Noh** (3rd/-13), winner of the 2013 Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, bounces back from a second-round 2-over 73 with a 7-under 64 in Saturday's third round
- **Sandy Scott** (4th/-12), who stands No. 13 on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, is bidding for his third consecutive top-five finish (T4/AdventHealth Championship; 2nd/Simmons Bank Open for the Snedker Foundation)
- **Cole Sherwood** (T15/-8), winner of the 2026 Colonial Life Charity Classic, becomes the sixth player on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Season to achieve TourBound status, officially securing one of the 20 PGA Tour cards for the 2027 season available via the Korn Ferry Tour with a made cut at this week's Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship
- 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
 - 11 players who began the week outside the top 100 on the Points List made the cut:
 - No. 132 **Russell Knox** (T33/-6) – projected No. 120
 - No. 129 **Brett Stegmaier** (T42/-5) – projected No. 123
 - No. 128 **RJ Manke** (T42/-5) – projected No. 122
 - No. 126 **Brett White** (T9/-9) – projected No. 102
 - No. 125 **Sebastian Cappelen** (73/+4) – projected No. 128
 - No. 123 **Filip Jakubcik** (T57/-3) – projected No. 124
 - No. 118 **Brandon Berry** (T26/-7) – projected No. 111
 - No. 109 **Blaine Hale Jr.** (T9/-9) – projected No. 93
 - No. 108 **Theo Humphrey** (T26/-7) – projected No. 101
 - No. 106 **Luke Potter** (T33/-6) – projected No. 104
 - No. 102 **Christiaan Maas** (T42/-5) – projected No. 103