

**Tulum Championship at PGA Riviera Maya**  
*(Ninth of 25 events on 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule)*

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Tulum, Mexico  
 PGA Riviera Maya

April 16 – 19, 2026  
 Par/Yards: 72 / 7,272

Points: 500 (winner)  
 Purse: \$1,000,000 / \$180,00 (winner)

**Third-Round Notes – Saturday, April 18, 2026**

**Weather:** Mostly Sunny. High of 85. Wind E/SE 5-10 mph, gusts of 15 mph.

**Leaderboard**

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Blades Brown	70	67	68	205 (-11)
T2	Ben Taylor	69	72	65	206 (-10)
	Dylan Menante	70	67	69	206 (-10)
4	Nicolo Galletti	68	69	70	207 (-9)
T5	Joseph Bramlett	71	70	67	208 (-8)
	Sandy Scott	69	69	70	208 (-8)
	Blaine Hale Jr.	68	69	71	208 (-8)
	Caleb VanArragon	66	69	73	208 (-8)

**Charting the Leader (stats entering week)**

Category	Blades Brown
Age	18
2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 30
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2026	6-0-1
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	20-0-3
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at Tulum Championship	1-0-0

**Blades Brown (1st/-11)**

- Cards a bogey-free 4-under 68 to take the 54-hole solo lead, marking his second 54-hole lead/co-lead in what is his 21st start on the Korn Ferry Tour
- Held a share of the 54-hole co-lead earlier this season at the Club Car Championship at the Landings Golf & Athletic Club, finished solo third
- Second-youngest 54-hole leader/co-leader in a Korn Ferry Tour event at 18 years, 10 months, 28 days; he set the record as the youngest 54-hole leader/co-leader at the 2026 Club Car Championship at 18 years, 10 months, 7 days
- Bidding to become the youngest winner in Korn Ferry Tour history, a title currently held by Aldrich Potgeiter, who won the 2024 The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club at 19 years, 4 months, 11 days
- At 11-under 205, breaks the 54-hole tournament scoring record of 207 set by Davis Chatfield at last season’s first rendition of the Tulum Championship at PGA Riviera Maya on the Korn Ferry Tour
- In total, owns three top-25 finishes and a top 10 in six previous starts on Tour this season
- Turned professional in 2024 and earned special temporary membership for the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Season; finished No. 68 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, including four top-25s in 14 starts, to secure full status for the 2026 season
- Logged his first made cut at the Tulum Championship this week after missing the cut in 2025
- Owns four starts on the PGA TOUR this season, highlighted by a solo-third finish at the 2026 Puerto Rico Open and a T18 at the 2026 American Express

- Carded a round of 12-under 60 on the PGA West Nicklaus Tournament Course in the second round of the 2026 American Express, setting the 18-hole tournament scoring record for the Nicklaus Tournament Course and usurping Patrick Cantlay as the youngest player in PGA TOUR history to record a round of 60 or better

**Youngest 54-hole leader/co-leader in Korn Ferry Tour History**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Tournament</b>	<b>Age</b>
Blades Brown	2026 Club Car Championship at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club	18 years, 10 months, 7 days
<b>Blades Brown</b>	<b>2026 Tulum Championship at PGA Riviera Maya</b>	<b>18 years, 10 months, 28 days</b>
Óscar Serna	1998 Monterrey Open	19 years, 4 months, 11 days
Haotong Li	2015 The Panama Championship	19 years, 5 months, 28 days

**Additional Notes**

- Six of the eight Korn Ferry Tour events this season were won by the 54-hole leader/co-leader
- **Ben Taylor** (T2/-10), an Epsom, England native, matches Rick Lamb (2026/R2) for the 18-hole tournament scoring record with a 7-under 65 and stands inside the top five through 54 holes for the first time this season (previous season-high 54-hole position: T19/Club Car Championship/finished T65)
- **Dylan Menante** (T2/-10), who finished No. 53 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List as a rookie, matches his 54-hole high position on the Korn Ferry Tour (T2/2025 Visit Knoxville Open/finished T3)
- Of the 10 players who stand T9 or higher, only Taylor (2018 Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard) and **Joseph Bramlett** (2021 Korn Ferry Tour Championship) have won on the Korn Ferry Tour
- **Nicolo Galletti** (4th/-9), who's made 18 birdies this week to lead the field, overcame a double bogey and bogey on his first two holes of the day to card a 2-under 70
- 36-hole solo-leader **Caleb VanArragon** (T5/-8), who's made the cut in all nine Korn Ferry Tour events this season, posts a 1-over 73
- **Rob Oppenheim** (T11/-6), who finished No. 74 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, made a hole-in-one with an 8-iron from 167 yards on the par-3 fifth, the third ace of his career in his 927th round on the Korn Ferry Tour