

# Korn Ferry Tour Tournament History

## The Blue Championship

2026 marks the eighth playing of the event

### TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Now in its eighth year on the Korn Ferry Tour schedule, The Blue Championship is one of the Tour's most prestigious events, as it was named the Korn Ferry Tour Tournament of the Year in both 2021 and 2023.
- TPC Colorado has hosted every playing of the event since its inception in 2019. TPC Colorado is the longest course in Korn Ferry Tour history, with the setup playing longer than 8,000 yards since 2023. The 773-yard par-5 13th is the longest hole in Korn Ferry Tour history and PGA TOUR-sanctioned play.
- Six of the seven winners of The Blue Championship earned PGA TOUR membership at season's end: Nelson Ledesma (2019), Will Zalatoris (2020), Zecheng Dou (2022), Nicholas Lindheim (2023), Cristobal Del Solar (2024), and Neal Shipley (2025).

### TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

|                           |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Low 18-Hole Score:</b> | <b>63</b>  | Chase Johnson (2020, Round 4)<br>Greyson Sigg (2020, Round 4)<br>Taylor Moore (2021, Round 1)<br>Richy Werenski (2024, Round 1)<br>Alistair Docherty (2024, Round 3)<br>Kevin Dougherty (2025, Round 3)<br>Ross Steelman (2025, Round 3) |
| <b>Low 36-Hole Score:</b> | <b>131</b> | Tyson Alexander (2021)                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Low 54-Hole Score:</b> | <b>197</b> | Matt McCarty (2024)                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Low 72-Hole Score:</b> | <b>266</b> | Cristobal Del Solar (2024)                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Margin of Victory:</b> | <b>4</b>   | Cristobal Del Solar (2024)                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Playoffs:</b>          | <b>1</b>   | 2021   Tag Ridings defeated David Skinnis and Kevin Yu                                                                                                                                                                                   |

### PAST CHAMPIONS

| Year | Winner              | Score (RTP) | Margin    |
|------|---------------------|-------------|-----------|
| 2025 | Neal Shipley        | 270 (-18)   | 1 stroke  |
| 2024 | Cristobal Del Solar | 266 (-22)   | 4 strokes |
| 2023 | Nicholas Lindheim   | 268 (-20)   | 2 strokes |
| 2022 | Zecheng Dou         | 271 (-17)   | 1 stroke  |
| 2021 | Tag Ridings         | 272 (-16)   | Playoff   |
| 2020 | Will Zalatoris      | 273 (-15)   | 1 stroke  |
| 2019 | Nelson Ledesma      | 273 (-15)   | 1 stroke  |

### 2025 TOURNAMENT RECAP

#### FINAL LEADERBOARD

| Pos. | Player                 | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | Total     |
|------|------------------------|----|----|----|----|-----------|
| 1    | Neal Shipley           | 68 | 71 | 67 | 64 | 270 (-18) |
| T2   | Kevin Dougherty        | 69 | 70 | 63 | 69 | 271 (-17) |
|      | Jorge Fernández Valdés | 70 | 68 | 65 | 68 | 271 (-17) |
| T4   | Five Players Tied      |    |    |    |    | 274 (-14) |

- Neal Shipley earned his second Korn Ferry Tour title at the 2025 Blue Championship, closing in 8-under 64 (with a birdie on the par-4 18th) for a one-stroke victory; he began the final round seven strokes behind 54-hole leader Ross Steelman, marking the largest final-round comeback victory since the 2024 Astara Chile Classic.
- Shipley also earned the first regulation victory by player who began the final round seven-plus strokes behind the 54-hole leader since the 2020 Pinnacle Bank Championship.
- Shipley finished No. 4 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, earning PGA TOUR membership for the first time.
- Four of the eight players who finished T4 or higher at the 2025 Blue Championship finished in the top 20 of the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List and earned PGA TOUR membership for the 2026 season: Neal Shipley (Won), Zach Bauchou (T4), Pierceson Coody (T4), and Austin Smotherman (T4).



Will Zalatoris won the 2020 Blue Championship (pictured left), a victory which vaulted him to No. 1 in the Korn Ferry Tour standings. Two months after his July 2020 victory at TPC Colorado, Zalatoris made his final Korn Ferry Tour start of the 2020-21 season, as he kickstarted a run to Special Temporary Membership on the PGA TOUR with a T6 at the 2020 U.S. Open. Zalatoris went on to become the 2021 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year and earned his first PGA TOUR title at the 2022 FedEx St. Jude Championship (pictured right).

### COURSE HISTORY

TPC Colorado (Berthoud, Colorado)..... 2019-Present