

The Blue Championship
(16th of 25 events on 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule)
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Berthoud, Colorado
 TPC Colorado

July 9-12, 2026
 Par/Yards: 72 / 8,022

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

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, July 12, 2026

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 98. Wind E-SE 5-15 mph, gusts 10-25 mph.

[Leaderboard](#)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Ross Steelman	66	67	65	68	266 (-22)
2	Tommy Morrison	63	69	68	67	267 (-21)
T3	Phichaksn Maichon	65	68	68	68	269 (-19)
	Noah Goodwin	66	67	67	69	269 (-19)

Charting the Champion (stats updated through tournament)

Category	Ross Steelman
Age	25
2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 4
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2026	14-1-4
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	68-1-11
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at The Blue Championship	3-1-2

Ross Steelman (1st/-22)

- Earns his first Korn Ferry Tour title and becomes the 11th first-time winner this season
- Converts a two-stroke 54-hole lead into a one-stroke victory over Tommy Morrison at 22-under 266, tying the 72-hole tournament scoring record (Cristobal Del Solar/2024)
- Closes in 4-under 68, bouncing back from bogeys at the par-4 third and fourth with six birdies across the final 14 holes (Nos. 5, 6, 9, 10, 15, 16)
- Improves to 1-for-2 converting the 54-hole lead/co-lead into victory, as he previously led the 2025 Blue Championship by three strokes through 54 holes (finished T4)
- Becomes the fifth consecutive 54-hole leader/co-leader to win (54-hole leaders/co-leaders are 12-for-16 overall converting to victory this season)
- Previously earned full status for the 2026 season with a No. 32 finish on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- Finished No. 56 on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List in his first full season on Tour
- Finished No. 4 in the 2023 PGA TOUR University Ranking after two and a half seasons at University of Missouri (2019-21) and two seasons at Georgia Tech (2021-23); he notably finished T2 at the 2023 NCAA Championship
- Developed his game at Perche Creek Golf Club in his longtime hometown of Columbia, Missouri; Perche Creek features a driving range, 18-hole par-3 course, miniature golf course, batting cages, and a go-kart track, and Steelman often perused bins full of used clubs at the facility, with his greatest find being a Titleist 910 7-wood
- Did not own a brand-new club until he was 14 years old, when he bought a Titleist 913 driver with money he saved from two years of walking his neighbor's dog, as well as a friendly discount from his swing coach at the time, Jake Poe, who played three seasons at Stanford University (1994-97)

Additional Notes

- **Tommy Morrison** (2nd/-21), who finished No. 6 in the 2026 PGA TOUR University Ranking after three and a half seasons at University of Texas (2023-26), records his third top-10 in as many starts since earning Korn Ferry

Tour membership via PGA TOUR University performance benefits (T10/OccuNet Classic presented by Amarillo National Bank; T5/Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS)

- **Phichaksn Maichon** (T3/-19), who finished No. 6 in the 2025 PGA TOUR University Ranking after four seasons at Texas A&M University (2021-25), earns his second top-10 in his 25th career start on Tour (119th Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro [2026]/T9)
- **Christiaan Maas** (T5/-17), who finished No. 2 in the 2026 PGA TOUR University Ranking after four seasons at University of Texas (2022-26), closes in 9-under 63 to tie the TPC Colorado course record and post his best finish in three career starts on Tour (previous: T19/Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS); he played the first six holes in 7-under par (birdie, birdie, eagle, birdie, birdie, birdie), marking the lowest birdie-eagle streak relative to par to begin a round since 2018 (Michael Arnaud/9-under par – birdie, eagle, birdie, birdie, eagle, birdie, birdie/2018 BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX)
- Making his Korn Ferry Tour debut, open qualifier and University of Colorado alum **Justin Biwer** (T5/-17) birdies the par-4 18th to post 9-under 63 and tie the TPC Colorado course record; he qualifies for the next Korn Ferry Tour event, the Evans Scholars Invitational (July 23-26), via his top-25 finish
- **Chris Korte** (T22/-12), a native of Littleton, Colorado who played collegiately at University of Denver, records his third top-25 of the season