

## The Panamá Championship

January 29 - February 1, 2026 • Panamá City, Panamá

Club de Golf de Panamá • Par 70 • 7,534 yards

144 players • Purse: \$1,000,000 (\$180,000/Winner)

Reigning Champion: Josh Teater

### THIS WEEK ON TOUR



**Ian Holt** captured his first career Korn Ferry Tour victory in his most recent start at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club. Holt stands atop the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List off the strength of his victory and a T22 finish at the season-opening The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island. Holt finished No. 42 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, and previously earned Korn Ferry Tour membership with a No. 10 finish on the 2024 PGA TOUR Americas Points List.



Defending champion of The Panamá Championship, **Josh Teater** is one of two past champions in this week's field. Teater's victory last season marked the second of his career on the Korn Ferry Tour (first since the 2009 Utah Championship) and propelled him to a No. 25 finish on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List (top 20 earned PGA TOUR membership).



18-year-old **Blades Brown** finished T18 as a sponsor exemption last week at The American Express, which marked his best finish in 10 career starts on the PGA TOUR. Brown set the tournament 18-hole scoring record at the Nicklaus Tournament Course with a second-round 12-under 60, becoming the youngest player in TOUR history to card a round of 60 or better, and shared the 36-hole lead with world No. 1 Scottie Scheffler.



**Maxwell Moldovan**, who finished No. 20 in the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking, will make his second career Korn Ferry Tour start. Moldovan, who holds conditional membership for 2026, earned a spot in this week's field with his top five finish from 2025 PGA TOUR Americas Segment I, highlighted by his first career victory at the 70th ECP Brazil Open.



**Nick Gabrelcik** logged his career-high finish on the Korn Ferry Tour at the 2025 Panamá Championship, finishing T2 alongside Johnny Keefer and Dylan Wu. Gabrelcik, who finished No. 54 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List for full status this season, has made cuts in both of his starts to begin 2026, highlighted by a T23 finish at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club.

### TOURNAMENT NOTES

- The 2026 Korn Ferry Tour season continues with The Panamá Championship, the third tournament of the 25-event schedule and the first of five events to be contested in Latin America.
- This will be the 22nd playing of The Panamá Championship. Club de Golf de Panamá has hosted every iteration of the event since its inaugural playing in 2004.
- Josh Teater** captured his second career Korn Ferry Tour victory at the 2025 The Panamá Championship, claiming a two-stroke victory over a trio of runners-up (**Nick Gabrelcik**, Johnny Keefer, Dylan Wu). Teater carded a 5-under 65 in the final round to overcome a six-stroke deficit to 54-hole leader Johnny Keefer.
- Field includes 15 PGA TOUR winners with 30 total victories, led by five-time winner **Jonathan Byrd**.
- Field includes 61 Korn Ferry Tour winners - including past champions **Josh Teater** and **Carson Young** (2022) - with 91 career victories, led by **Ben Kohles** and **Robby Shelton** with four wins each.
- Four players in the field stand inside the top 200 of the Official World Golf Ranking: **Taylor Dickson** (No. 142), **Carson Young** (No. 177), **Barend Botha** (No. 194), and **Taylor Montgomery** (No. 197).
- Panamanians **Lucca Gonzalez** and **Juan Pablo Motta** will represent their home country this week as sponsor exemptions at The Panamá Championship. Motta, a 26-year-old amateur, will make his first career start in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event. Both Motta and Gonzalez finished T31 at the Latin America Amateur Championship in Lima, Peru earlier this month.

### 2026 KEY STORYLINES

- The 2026 Korn Ferry Tour season, the 36th in the Tour's history, will feature 25 events across seven countries and 15 states. There will be 10 televised events throughout the season, beginning with this week's The Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island.
- Two new events are featured on the 2026 schedule: Colonial Life Charity Classic (May 14-17) in Columbia, South Carolina, and the OccuNet Classic presented by Amarillo National Bank (June 11-14) in Amarillo, Texas.
- Through its partnership with The R&A, the 119th Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro (Feb. 26-March 1) will once again award an exemption to The Open Championship. This year's winner will earn an exemption for the 2026 Open Championship at Royal Birkdale, scheduled for July 16-19.
- At the conclusion of the 25-event Korn Ferry Tour season, the top 20 players on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List will be awarded PGA TOUR cards (i.e. - membership) for the 2027 season. Additionally, the player who finishes No. 1 on the Points List will earn exemptions for the 2027 PLAYERS Championship and 2027 U.S. Open.
- Following the Compliance Solutions Championship, the third of four season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Finals events, the top 60 players on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List will qualify for the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by Virginia's Richmond Region at The Federal Club in Glen Allen, Virginia. Those 60 players will also earn full status for the 2027 Korn Ferry Tour season.