

The Panama Championship
(Third of 25 events on 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule)
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Panama City, Panama
 Club de Golf de Panama

January 29-February 1, 2026
 Par/Yards: 70 / 7,534

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

Partial Second-Round Notes – Friday, January 30, 2026

The second round was suspended due to darkness at 6:34 p.m. and will resume Saturday at 8 a.m., with nine players needing to complete the second round. Third-round tee times are expected to run from 9:15-11:40 a.m.

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 90. Wind NE 10-15 mph, gusts of 20 mph.

Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	Total
1	Stuart Macdonald	65	67	132 (-8)
2	Jorge Fernández Valdés	67	66	133 (-7)
3	Ian Gilligan	67	--	-6 (thru 17*)
4	Tyler Duncan	69	66	135 (-5)
T5	Ian Holt	65	71	136 (-4)
	Barend Botha	69	67	136 (-4)
	Taylor Montgomery	67	69	136 (-4)

Charting the Leader (stats entering week)

Category	Stuart Macdonald
Age	31
2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 47
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2026	2-0-0
2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 43
Starts – Wins – Top-10s on Korn Ferry Tour in 2025	24-0-3
Starts – Wins – Top-10s in Korn Ferry Tour Career	103-0-8
Starts – Wins – Top-10s at The Panama Championship	4-0-0

Stuart Macdonald (1st/-8)

- Made four birdies against one bogey en route to a 3-under 67 in the second round
- Opened with a 5-under 65, his lowest score in 16 career rounds at The Panama Championship (previous: 68/Round 2, 2025)
- In line to hold the second 36-hole lead/co-lead of his Korn Ferry Tour career (2025 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by Virginia's Richmond Region/finished T6)
- Finished No. 43 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, earning full status for the 2026 season
- Runner-up finisher at the 2025 Tulum Championship at PGA Riviera Maya, where he forced a playoff with a hole-out birdie from the fairway of the 72nd hole of regulation (lost to Bryson Nimmer in playoff)
- Regained Korn Ferry Tour membership with a No. 10 finish on the 2024 PGA TOUR Americas Eligibility Points List
- In three previous seasons on the Korn Ferry Tour prior to 2025, recorded Korn Ferry Tour Points List finishes of No. 181 (2018), No. 60 (2020-21), and No. 118 (2022)
- Will log his fourth made cut in what is his fifth career start at The Panama Championship (best finish: T42/2020)
- Boasts two PGA TOUR-sanctioned wins: 2023 Commissionaires Ottawa Open (PGA TOUR Canada), 2024 Diners Club Peru Open (PGA TOUR Americas)

- Turned professional in 2016 after four seasons at Purdue University (2012-16)

Additional Notes

- Argentinian **Jorge Fernández Valdés** (2nd/-7), who is a Korn Ferry Tour winner, records his lowest 18-hole score at The Panama Championship with a 4-under 66 in his 16th career round at the event (previous 68/three occurrences)
- **Ian Gilligan** (3rd/-6), who finished No. 4 in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2025, is poised to hold his best 36-hole position on the Korn Ferry Tour through 17 holes of his second round (previous: T18/2025 Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron/finished T40)
- PGA TOUR winners **Tyler Duncan** (4th/-5) and **Adam Hadwin** (T8/-3), who is making his first start of the 2026 season, currently stand inside the top 10
- 18-hole co-leader **Ian Holt** (T5/-4), who won last time out at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club, follows up a 5-under 65 with a 1-over 71 in the second round
- Open qualifier **Jorge Garcia** (T8/-3) is positioned to make the 36-hole cut in his first Korn Ferry Tour start