



Visit Knoxville Open

May 21-24, 2026 • Knoxville, Tennessee
Holston Hills Country Club • Par 71 • 7,267 yards
156 players • Purse: \$1,000,000 (\$180,000/Winner)
Reigning Champion: Pontus Nyholm



THIS WEEK ON TOUR



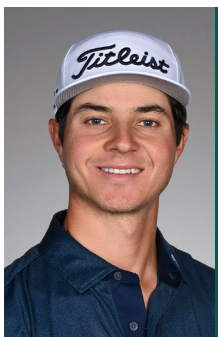
Second-year member **Ian Gilligan** logged his Tour-leading sixth top-10 finish at last week's Colonial Life Charity Classic (T7) in Elgin, South Carolina. Hunter Eichhorn (five) is the only other player on the Korn Ferry Tour this season with more than three top-10s. The former University of Florida Gator, who finished No. 4 in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2025, stands No. 8 on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List.



Ian Holt, who stands No. 1 on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, returns to the Korn Ferry Tour after making his major championship debut at last week's PGA Championship (MC) at Aronimink Golf Club in Newton Square, Pennsylvania. Holt, who is making his fourth start at the Visit Knoxville Open, finished T26 at last season's tournament in his first made cut at the event.



Knoxville, Tennessee resident **Bryce Lewis**, who is a member of Holston Hills Country Club, will make his second start at the Visit Knoxville Open. Lewis finished T17 at last year's Visit Knoxville Open, marking his best career finish on Tour at the time. Lewis, who is in his second season on the Korn Ferry Tour, played four seasons at the University of Tennessee (2019-24).



Cole Sherwood captured his first Korn Ferry Tour title at the inaugural Colonial Life Charity Classic last week in his 44th start on Tour. With his win, Sherwood rises to No. 3 on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List. After four seasons at Vanderbilt University (2020-24), Sherwood finished No. 7 in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2024, earning Korn Ferry Tour membership for the remainder of the 2024 season.



Conditional member **Hunter Wolcott**, who played five seasons at the University of Tennessee (2016-22), will make his fifth start of the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour season. Wolcott, who is a member of Holston Hills Country Club, stands No. 8 on the 2026 PGA TOUR Americas Points List through three starts, highlighted by a T3 finish at the 94 Abierto Zurich del Centro presentado por Personal.

TOURNAMENT NOTES

- The 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Season continues with the Visit Knoxville Open, the 11th tournament of the 25-event schedule.
- This will mark the 36th playing of the Visit Knoxville Open on the Korn Ferry Tour and the sixth at Holston Hills Country Club.
- Field includes six PGA TOUR winners with 13 total victories, led by three-time TOUR winners **Chez Reavie** and **Jim Herman**.
- Field includes 54 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 76 career victories, led by four-time winner **Robby Shelton**.
- Six players in the field stand in the top 200 of the Official World Golf Ranking: **Ian Holt** (No. 121), **Davis Lamb** (No. 154), **Jeremy Gandon** (No. 164), **Alistair Docherty** (No. 184), **Doc Redman** (No. 190), **Jay Card III** (No. 199).
- Field includes four former University of Tennessee Volunteers: **Jake Hall** (2019-24), **Rick Lamb** (2011-13), **Bryce Lewis** (2019-24), **Hunter Wolcott** (2016-22).

2026 KEY STORYLINES

- **Ian Holt**, who stands No. 1 on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List off the strength of back-to-back victories at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club and The Panama Championship (the second and third events of the season), made his major championship debut at last week's PGA Championship (MC).
- **Alistair Docherty** won the 119th Visa Argentina Open presented by Macro, earning an exemption for the 154th Open Championship at Royal Birkdale through The Open Qualifying Series. Docherty stands No. 2 on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List with a win, a runner-up finish, and four additional top-25s in nine starts.
- First-time winners are responsible for victories at seven of this season's 10 events: **Alistair Docherty**, **Ian Holt**, **Davis Lamb**, **Dylan Menante**, **James Nicholas**, **Doc Redman**, and **Cole Sherwood**.
- The last 24 Korn Ferry Tour events ended in regulation, marking the second-longest stretch without a playoff in Tour history (2000-01).
- The 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Season, the 36th season in the Tour's history, features 25 events across seven countries and 15 states. There will be 10 televised events throughout the season.
- Upon 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 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.