



Korn Ferry Tour Tournament History

Visit Knoxville Open

2026 marks the 36th playing of the event



TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- The Visit Knoxville Open is one of two events played every season since the Korn Ferry Tour's inaugural 1990 season, with the other being the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron.
- There are 13 past champions of the event who became PGA TOUR winners: Jeff Maggert (1990), Brian Henninger (1992), Tom Scherrer (1995), J.J. Henry (2000), Heath Slocum (2001), Vaughn Taylor (2003), Chez Reavie (2007), Chris Kirk (2010), Peter Malnati (2013), Patton Kizzire (2015), J.J. Spaun (2016), Talor Gooch (2017), and Stephan Jaeger (2018).

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

Low 18-Hole Score:	60	Dylan Menante (2025, Round 3)
Low 36-Hole Score:	126	Stephan Jaeger (2021)
Low 54-Hole Score:	191	Sam Ryder (2016) Stephan Jaeger (2021)
Low 72-Hole Score:	258	J.J. Spaun (2016)
Margin of Victory:	7	Tim Conley (1993)
Playoffs:	9	Last: 2025 (Pontus Nyholm def. Johnny Keefer)

PAST CHAMPIONS

Year	Winner	Score (RTP)	Margin
2025	Pontus Nyholm	265 (-19)	Playoff
2024	Harry Higgs	261 (-19)	Playoff
2023	Rico Hoey	266 (-14)	1 stroke
2022	Anders Albertson	260 (-20)	1 stroke
2021	Greyson Sigg	260 (-20)	1 stroke
2020	<i>Tournament Canceled [COVID-19 Pandemic]</i>		
2019	Robby Shelton	269 (-15)	1 stroke
2018	Stephan Jaeger	268 (-16)	3 strokes
2017	Talor Gooch	266 (-18)	1 stroke
2016	J.J. Spaun	258 (-26)	1 stroke
2015	Patton Kizzire	264 (-20)	4 strokes
2014	Martin Piller	262 (-22)	2 strokes
2013	Peter Malnati	268 (-16)	1 stroke
2012	Darron Stiles (2)	266 (-18)	1 stroke
2011	Kirk Triplett	267 (-21)	2 strokes
2010	Chris Kirk	268 (-20)	2 strokes
2009	Kevin Johnson	268 (-20)	Playoff
2008	Jarrold Lyle	269 (-19)	Playoff
2007	Chez Reavie	271 (-17)	3 strokes
2006	Hunter Haas (2)	269 (-19)	5 strokes
2005	Kim Felton	277 (-11)	1 stroke
2004	Hunter Haas (1)	275 (-13)	Playoff
2003	Vaughn Taylor	268 (-20)	Playoff
2002	Darron Stiles (1)	272 (-16)	1 stroke
2001	Heath Slocum	265 (-23)	6 strokes
2000	J.J. Henry	273 (-15)	1 stroke
1999	Jeff Gove	277 (-11)	1 stroke
1998	Robin Freeman	270 (-18)	Playoff
1997	Dave Rummells	271 (-17)	2 strokes
1996	Eric Johnson	272 (-16)	2 strokes
1995	Tom Scherrer	275 (-13)	Playoff
1994	Vic Wilk	275 (-9)	1 stroke
1993	Tim Conley	261 (-23)	7 strokes
1992	Brian Henninger	200 (-13)	2 strokes
1991	Frank Conner	198 (-15)	1 stroke
1990	Jeff Maggert	202 (-11)	Playoff

2025 TOURNAMENT RECAP

FINAL LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Pontus Nyholm	65	66	68	66	265 (-19)
2	Johnny Keefer	66	70	64	65	265 (-19)
T3	Jeffrey Kang	68	71	63	64	266 (-18)
	Dylan Menante	67	70	60	69	266 (-18)
5	Ross Steelman	69	68	65	68	267 (-17)

- Pontus Nyholm earned his first Korn Ferry Tour title as he defeated Johnny Keefer with an eagle on the first playoff hole (par-5 18th).
- Nyholm went on on to finish No. 20 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, earning PGA TOUR membership for the first time and occupying the final spot in the standings which awarded TOUR membership for the 2026 season.
- Keefer finished No. 1 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List off the strength of two victories, in addition to being voted the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year.
- Jeffrey Kang recorded what was his career-high finish on Tour, and he later posted a pair of runner-up finishes en route to a No. 14 finish on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, which earned him PGA TOUR membership for the first time.
- Two other players who finished in the top 10 -- S.H. Kim (T6) and Emilio Gonzalez (T9) finished in the top 20 of the Korn Ferry Tour Points List and earned PGA TOUR membership.

COURSE HISTORY

Willow Creek Golf Club (Knoxville, Tennessee).....	1990-1994
Three Ridges Golf Course (Knoxville, Tennessee).....	1995-1998
Fox Den Country Club (Knoxville, Tennessee)	1999-2019
Holston Hills Country Club (Knoxville, Tennessee).....	2021-Present