



2026 Corales Puntacana Championship
(31st of 34 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
Puntacana Resort (Corales Golf Course)

July 16-19, 2026
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,670 yards

FedExCup points: 300 (winner)
Purse: \$4 million/\$720,000

First-Round Notes – Thursday, July 16, 2026

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 88. Wind ENE 10-15 mph, gusting to 22 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1
T1	Todd Clements	65 (-7)
T1	Ivan Cantero Gutierrez	65 (-7)
T3	Austin Eckroat	66 (-6)
T3	Alejandro Del Rey	66 (-6)
T3	Johannes Veerman	66 (-6)
T3	Mackenzie Hughes	66 (-6)
T3	Jonathan Byrd	66 (-6)
T3	Gordon Sargent	66 (-6)

Todd Clements (T1/-7)

- Englishman opens with a 7-under 65, highlighted by nine birdies against two bogeys (Nos. 5 and 17)
- Marks career-low 18-hole score on TOUR by two strokes (previous best: 67, 2026 ISCO Championship/R1/finished MC)
- Holds 18-hole lead/co-lead for first time on TOUR (previous best 18-hole position: T4, 2025 Barracuda Championship /finished 3rd)
- Making second start on TOUR this season (ISCO Championship/MC)
- Owns five top-25 finishes on the DP World Tour this season (best: T11/DS Automobiles 83° Open d'Italia)
- Making tournament debut at the Corales Puntacana Championship
- Best finish on TOUR in six career starts: 3rd/2025 Barracuda Championship
- Owns one title on the DP World Tour: 2023 D+D Real Czech Masters

Ivan Cantero Gutierrez (T1/-7)

- Opens with a 7-under 65 after carding two consecutive bogeys on his first two holes (Nos. 10 and 11) followed by nine birdies
- Spainard sets his low 18-hole score on TOUR (previous best: 67, 2025 ISCO Championship/R3/finished T40)
- Holds 18-hole lead/co-lead for first time on TOUR (previous best 18-hole position: T45, 2026 ISCO Championship/finished MC)
- Making tournament debut and second start on TOUR this season (ISCO Championship/MC)
- Best finish in five career starts on TOUR: T40/2025 ISCO Championship
- Best finish in last five starts on the DP World Tour: T26/Austrian Alpine Open presented by Kitzbühel Tirol

Additional Player Notes

- Two-time PGA TOUR winner **Austin Eckroat** (T3/-6) cards bogey-free 66 in the first round; has made one other appearance at the Corales Puntacana Championship (5th/2023)
- Spainard **Alejandro Del Rey** (T3/-6) opens with 6-under 66, setting his best opening-round score in seven career starts on TOUR (previous best: 67, 2025 Genesis Scottish Open/finished T60); best finish on TOUR was at the 2024 Genesis Scottish Open (T15)
- Making his tournament debut, two-time DP World Tour winner **Johannes Veerman** (T3/-6) posts 66 in the first round; best finish in 11 career starts on TOUR is T10 at 2024 ISCO Championship
- **Mackenzie Hughes** (T3/-6) cards first-round 66, highlighted by an eagle on No. 4; owns two top-3 finishes in two starts at the Corales Puntacana Championship (T2/2019, 3rd/2021)
- **Jonathan Byrd** (T3/-6) posts 6-under 66; best finish in eight tournament appearances: 4th/2019
- **Gordon Sargent** (T3/-6) cards bogey-free 66; owns one top-10 finish in 13 starts on TOUR this season: T8/Puerto Rico Open
- Four past champions are in the field and in search of becoming the first multiple winner of the event: **Chad Ramey** (T47/-2), **Joel Dahmen** (T69/-1), **Garrick Higgo** (T92/E), **Brice Garnett** (T105/+1)

- First-round scores for players from the Dominican Republic: **JJ Guerra** (69/Santo Domingo), **Willy Pumarol** (72/Santo Domingo), **Julio Santos** (72/Puerto Plata), **Hiram Silfa** (79/Santo Domingo)
- **Taylor Moore** WD prior to the first round and was replaced by **Jeff Overton**
- *Final round finish time has been moved forward to 2 p.m. local time