



2026 Puerto Rico Open
(9th of 34 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Rio Grande, Puerto Rico
Grand Reserve Golf Club

March 5-8, 2026
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,506

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

First-Round Notes – Thursday, March 5, 2026

Weather: Partly cloudy with possible showers. High of 84. Wind ENE 10-20 mph, with gusts up to 30 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	R1
1	Chandler Blanchet	64 (-8)
2	Gordon Sargent	65 (-7)
3	Jesper Svensson	67 (-5)
T4	<i>Six Players Tied</i>	68 (-4)

Chandler Blanchet (T1/-8)

- PGA TOUR rookie cards an 8-under 64 in the first round to set his career-low 18-hole score on TOUR (previous best: 66/R1/2022 Butterfield Bermuda Championship)
- Holds first 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR (previous best 18-hole position: T20/2026 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches /finished MC)
- Making his ninth career start on TOUR and sixth start this season (MC/Sony Open in Hawaii, MC/The American Express, MC/Farmers Insurance Open, MC/WM Phoenix Open, MC/Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches)
- Making his Puerto Rico Open debut and leads the field in birdies (9); nine birdies marks his career-high birdies posted in a round on TOUR (previous best: 6, R1/2022 Butterfield Bermuda Championship)
- Enters the week at No. 141 in the Official World Golf Ranking
- Two-time Korn Ferry Tour winner (2025 Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Hiland Dairy Foods, 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance) finished No. 2 in the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List to secure PGA TOUR membership for 2026 season

Miscellaneous Notes

- The Puerto Rico Open marks the 18-year anniversary since the first playing of the event in 2008 at Grand Reserve Golf Club in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico; home to 11 first-time winners, notably Tony Finau (2016), Viktor Hovland (2020) and Nico Echavarria (2023)
- The winner will receive 300 FedExCup points, a two-year exemption on the PGA TOUR and an invitation to next week's PLAYERS Championship (if not previously eligible)
- **Gordon Sargent** (2nd/-7) cards a 7-under 65, setting his career-low 18-hole score on TOUR (previous best: 66, R2/2025 Rocket Classic/finished T67, R4/2025 ISCO Championship/finished T24); holds career best 18-hole position on TOUR (previous: T10/2025 ISCO Championship)
- Sweden native **Jesper Svensson** (3rd/-5) opens with a bogey-free 5-under 67, one shy of his best 18-hole score on TOUR this season (best: 66/R3/The American Express/MC)
- 18-year-old **Blades Brown** (T10/-3) posts a 3-under 69, marking his 16th round in the 60s in 34 career rounds on TOUR; has one top-25 finish on TOUR this season in two starts (T18/The American Express, MC/Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches)
- PGA TOUR winner and Puerto Rico native **Rafael Campos** (T21/-2) opens with a 2-under 70; making his 16th start at the Puerto Rico Open, the most of any player at the event (best finish: T3/2021)
- Making his PGA TOUR debut as a sponsor exemption, **John Daly II** (T21/-2) cards a 2-under 70; has made one career start in a TOUR-sanctioned event as an amateur (2024 Compliance Solutions Championship on the Korn Ferry Tour/MC)
- 17-year-old and two-time AJGA Rolex Junior Player of the Year **Miles Russell** (T39/-1) posts a 1-under 71 in the first round; sponsor exemption seeks first made cut on TOUR in fifth career start (best finish in a TOUR-sanctioned event: T20/2024 LECOM Suncoast Classic on Korn Ferry Tour)
- First-round scores for players from Puerto Rico: **Rafael Campos** (70/Guaynabo), **Chris Nido** (70/San Juan), **Reinaldo Simoni** (76/Dorado), **Evan Pena** (79/Toa Alta)