



## 2026 Sony Open in Hawaii

(1<sup>st</sup> of 34 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Honolulu, Hawaii

Waialae Country Club

January 15-18, 2026

Par/Yards: 35-35-70/7,044

Purse: \$9.1 million (\$1.638 million/winner)

FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)

### First-Round Notes – Thursday, January 15, 2026

**Weather:** Partly cloudy. High of 77. Wind NNW 10-15 mph, with gusts to 20 mph.

#### First-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Player	Total
T1	Nick Taylor	62 (-8)
T1	Kevin Roy	62 (-8)
T3	Ben Griffin	63 (-7)
T3	Chris Gotterup	63 (-7)
T3	John VanDerLaan	63 (-7)
T3	S.H. Kim	63 (-7)

#### Nick Taylor (T1/-8)

- Posts a bogey-free 8-under 62 in bid to become the event's first back-to-back champion since Jimmy Walker (2015)
- Second-lowest opening round of his career; opened with a 60 en route to winning the 2024 WM Phoenix Open
- Now has 17 consecutive par-or-better rounds at Waialae Country Club (68-under during that stretch), including 12 straight rounds in the 60s
- Making his 10<sup>th</sup> start at the Sony Open in Hawaii, with four straight finishes of T11 or better (T11/2021, T7/2023, T7/2024, 1<sup>st</sup>/2025)
- Fifth 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR (2-for-4 to date; 2020 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, 2024 WM Phoenix Open)

#### Kevin Roy (T1/-8)

- Records a bogey-free 8-under 62, equaling his career-low round (2025 Puerto Rico Open/R1, 2025 Rocket Classic/R1)
- Led the field in Strokes Gained: Around the Green (2.571), Scrambling (T1; 7/7)
- Making his third start at the Sony Open in Hawaii (MC/2023, T45/2025)
- Third 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR (0-for-2 to date; 2025 Puerto Rico Open/T6, 2025 Rocket Classic/T8)

#### Miscellaneous Notes

- Chris Gotterup and Ben Griffin, two of the 14 players in the field who advanced to the 2025 TOUR Championship, sit T3 following 7-under 63s; Gotterup has won each of the last two seasons on TOUR (2024 ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic, 2025 Genesis Scottish Open), while Griffin won three times last season (Zurich Classic of New Orleans/with teammate Andrew Novak, Charles Schwab Challenge, World Wide Technology Championship)
- With a 7-under 63, John VanDerLaan (T3/-7) posted the best score of the 22 players in the field who are part of the 2026 new member class; earned PGA TOUR membership with a No. 17 finish on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List (top 20 earned TOUR membership for 2026)
- Despite double bogeys on Nos. 4 and 10, 62-year-old World Golf Hall of Fame member Vijay Singh (T41/-2) posts a 2-under 68 in his first round on the PGA TOUR in a non-major since 2021; the 2005 Sony Open in Hawaii champion is making his 25<sup>th</sup> start at the event (first since 2021)

#### Aon Swing 5

- The Sony Open in Hawaii, the first event of the 2026 PGA TOUR Season, is the first opportunity for players to earn FedExCup points towards the Aon Swing 5 with entry into each of the next two Signature Events (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, The Genesis Invitational); the top five players, not otherwise exempt, who earn the most FedExCup points during the Sony Open in Hawaii, The American Express, Farmers Insurance Open and the WM Phoenix Open will qualify for those two events
  - Projected Aon Swing 5 Leaderboard through R1: Kevin Roy (T1), S.H. Kim (T3), John VanDerLaan (T3), Adrien Dumont de Chassart (T7), Alex Smalley (T7)