



**2026 Texas Children's Houston Open**  
(12<sup>th</sup> of 34 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Houston, Texas  
Memorial Park Golf Course

March 26-29, 2026  
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,475

FedExCup points: 500 (winner)  
Purse: \$9,900,000 (\$1,782,000/winner)

**Pre-Tournament Information - 2026 Texas Children's Houston Open**

**Player Interviews (all times local)**

**Tuesday, March 24**

2:30 p.m. – Min Woo Lee

**Wednesday, March 25**

11 a.m. – Texas Children's kids press conference (with Ben Griffin, Aaron Rai)

Following 9:27 a.m. (9-hole) Pro-Am – Chris Gotterup

1 p.m. – Brooks Koepka

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**Chris Gotterup**

- Four-time PGA TOUR winner is the season's only multiple winner (Sony Open in Hawaii, WM Phoenix Open)
- Other PGA TOUR wins: 2024 ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic, 2025 Genesis Scottish Open
- Making his third start at the Texas Children's Houston Open (T57/2024, T18/2025)
- Making his eighth start of the 2026 season; in addition to his two wins, best finishes were T18s at the Farmers Insurance Open and Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard
- Currently No. 7 in the FedExCup standings

**Min Woo Lee**

- Defending champion is seeking to become the second player to successfully defend a Texas Children's Houston Open title (Vijay Singh/2005/GC of Houston) and the first to achieve the feat at Memorial Park Golf Course
- One-stroke win over Gary Woodland and Scottie Scheffler in 2025 marked his first PGA TOUR win in his 56<sup>th</sup> start
- Set the tournament 72-hole scoring record of 260 (20-under) since the event moved to Memorial Park in 2020
- Won in tournament debut, becoming the first player since Paul Casey (2009) to win in his first start at the event
- Became the 17<sup>th</sup> first-time winner at the tournament and third since the event moved to Memorial Park Golf Course in 2020 (Carlos Ortiz/2020, Stephan Jaeger/2024)
- Will make his seventh start of the 2026 season, with two top-10 finishes (T2/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, T6/Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard); currently No. 8 in the FedExCup standings

**Brooks Koepka**

- Assisted Tom Doak and Houston Astros owner Jim Crane on the 2019 renovation of Memorial Park Golf Course
- Nine-time TOUR winner is making his fourth Texas Children's Houston Open start (MC/2016, T5/2020, MC/2021)
- Will make his sixth start since making his return to the TOUR via the Returning Member Program following a T18 at last week's Valspar Championship; was added to the field (133) so not to take a spot from a current TOUR member; to round out threesomes, the field was officially expanded to 135 as of Monday at noon CT, with the first two alternates at that time – Andrew Putnam and Kris Ventura – being added to the field
- Enters the week with top-20 finishes in his last three starts (T9/Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches, T13/THE PLAYERS Championship, T18/Valspar Championship)
- Currently No. 60 in the FedExCup standings

**Texas Children's Houston Open notes:**

- The Texas Children's Houston Open will be played in the spring for the third consecutive season after a four-year stint in the fall from 2019-2022
- The tournament is being hosted at Memorial Park Golf Course for the sixth consecutive time after undergoing a renovation in 2019 led by the Astros Golf Foundation to prepare it for PGA TOUR competition
- The field includes 18 of the top 50 players in the Official World Golf Ranking, headlined by No. 10 **Chris Gotterup**
- 30 players in this week's field are qualified for the Masters Tournament. The top 50 players in the Official World Golf Ranking through the Texas Children's Houston Open will qualify for the Masters Tournament if not already exempt. The winners of the next two PGA TOUR events will also qualify for the Masters if not otherwise exempt (next week: Valero Texas Open).

- Players in the field between Nos. 40-65 in the OWGR who have not qualified for the Masters: **Jake Knapp** (No. 42), **Nicolai Højgaard** (No. 47), **Pierceson Coody** (No. 51), **Michael Thorbjornsen** (No. 56), **Rickie Fowler** (No. 61) and **Jordan Smith** (No. 65).
- Should he go on to qualify, Plano, Texas native **Pierceson Coody**, grandson of 1971 Masters champion Charles Coody, would become the first grandson of a Masters champion to compete in the tournament. After finishing the 2025 calendar year No. 96 in the world, Coody opened the 2026 season with four consecutive top-20 finishes, highlighted by back-to-back top-10s at the Farmers Insurance Open (T2) and WM Phoenix Open (T10).
- 2007 champion **Adam Scott** will make his 10<sup>th</sup> start at the Texas Children's Houston Open, with his only other top-10 finish coming in 2002 (T6); is the only winner of all four traditional Texas tournaments on the PGA TOUR (2007 Texas Children's Houston Open, 2008 CJ CUP Byron Nelson, 2010 Valero Texas Open, 2014 Charles Schwab Challenge)
- Additional field features:
  - 2026 winners: **Chris Gotterup** (Sony Open in Hawaii, WM Phoenix Open), **Nico Echavarria** (Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches), **Ricky Castillo** (Puerto Rico Open)
  - Four past champions: **Adam Scott** (2007), **Tony Finau** (2022), **Stephan Jaeger** (2024), **Min Woo Lee** (2025)
  - Past FedExCup champions: **Billy Horschel** (2014)
  - Sponsor exemptions: The Woodlands, Texas and Texas A&M alum **Bronson Burgoon**, Houston native and University of Texas alum **Cole Hammer**, 18-year-old high school senior and University of Georgia commit **Mason Howell**, 2022 ISCO Championship winner **Trey Mullinax**
  - Section Champion: **Casey Russell**
  - Open Qualifiers: **Sam Ryder**, **Jackson Suber**

#### PGA TOUR season trends:

- **54-hole leaders:** Through 11 events of the 2026 PGA TOUR Season, only three players have successfully converted the 54-hole lead/co-lead into victory (Justin Rose/Farmers Insurance Open, Jacob Bridgeman/The Genesis Invitational, Ricky Castillo/Puerto Rico Open). The final-round stroke average of the 12 players who have held the 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR this season is 70.83.
- **Close Calls:** Seven of the last eight TOUR events have either been decided by one stroke or in a playoff (other: Cognizant Classic/2 strokes)
- **First-Time winners:** Of the 11 events played on TOUR this season, there have only been two first-time winners: Jacob Bridgeman (The Genesis Invitational) and Ricky Castillo (Puerto Rico Open). Of the five winners of the Texas Children's Houston Open since the event moved to Memorial Park in 2020, three recorded their first PGA TOUR win (Carlos Ortiz/2020, Stephan Jaeger/2024, Min Woo Lee/2025)
- **Winners in their 20s:** Players in their 20s have won eight of the 11 tournaments this season, most recently Cameron Young at THE PLAYERS Championship; eight of the last 25 winners (since 2000) of the Texas Children's Houston Open were in their 20s, including two since the event moved to Memorial Park in 2020 (Carlos Ortiz/2020, Min Woo Lee/2025)

#### Aon Swing 5 and Next 10:

- **Aon Swing 5:** The top five players, not otherwise exempt, who earn the most FedExCup points during the Puerto Rico Open, Valspar Championship, Texas Children's Houston Open and Valero Texas Open will qualify for the RBC Heritage. *Aon Swing 5 entering the Texas Children's Houston Open (**bold** = in the field):*

Rank	Player	Points
<b>1</b>	<b>David Lipsky</b>	<b>311</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Chandler Blanchet</b>	<b>207</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Jordan Smith</b>	<b>190</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Marco Penge</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>S.H. Kim</b>	<b>89</b>

- **Aon Next 10:** The Aon Next 10 for the RBC Heritage will be determined by top 10 FedExCup points earners, not already exempt, through the Masters Tournament. *Aon Next 10 entering the Texas Children's Houston Open (**bold** = in the field):*

Rank	Player	Points
<b>1</b>	<b>Jake Knapp</b>	<b>680</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Nico Echavarria</b>	<b>671</b>
3	Ryo Hisatsune	579
<b>4</b>	<b>Sahith Theegala</b>	<b>540</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Adam Scott</b>	<b>531</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Patrick Rodgers</b>	<b>466</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Ricky Castillo</b>	<b>466</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Pierceson Coody</b>	<b>464</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Sudarshan Yellamaraju</b>	<b>397</b>
10	Jordan Spieth	385

