

Looking at previous The Open Championship winners we can help narrow down who has the best potential to win. We start with 156 players in the field and remove players that do not meet the criteria in order below:

OWGR: The last 13 winners were ranked 40th or better entering the week

116 players do not meet the criteria

Keegan Bradley (41), Rickie Fowler (42), Gary Woodland (43), Alex Smalley (44), Jake Knapp (45), Shane Lowry (46), Sam Stevens (47), Joaquin Niemann (48), Daniel Berger (49), Marco Penge (50), Jordan Spieth (51), Nico Echavarria (52), Corey Connors (53), Jason Day (54), Michael Kim (55), Ryan Fox (56), Adam Scott (57), Johnny Keefer (58), Eugenio Chacarra (59), Michael Brennan (60), Pierceson Coody (61), Ryo Hisatsune (62), Matt McCarty (63), Brian Harman (64), Alex Fitzpatrick (65), David Puig (66), Nick Taylor (67), Keith Mitchell (68), Andrew Novak (69), Michael Thorbjornsen (70), Eric Cole (71), Matt Wallace (72), Sami Valimaki (73), Max Homa (74), Harry Hall (76), Max Greyserman (77), Jordan Smith (78), Thomas Detry (80), Sahith Theegala (81), Casey Jarvis (82), Aldrich Potgieter (83), Jayden Schaper (85), Sungjae Im (86), Rasmus Højgaard (88), Keita Nakajima (90), Rasmus Petersen Neergaard (91), Shaun Norris (94), John Parry (95), Lucas Herbert (97), Daniel Hillier (105), Haotong Li (106), Kota Kaneko (109), Angel Ayora (111), Jackson Suber (115), Brooks Koepka (118), Hennie Plessis Du (120), Andy Sullivan (122), Adrien Saddier (128), Luis Jose Ballester (132), Tom McKibbin (135), Dan Brown (136), Cameron Smith (140), Laurie Canter (143), Trav Smyth (145), Michael Hollick (149), Scott Vincent (152), Dan Bradbury (153), Bernd Wiesberger (155), Joakim Lagergren (160), Victor Perez (163), Jesper Svensson (165), Billy Horschel (168), Martin Couvra (169), Kazuki Higa (177), Peter Uihlein (189), Alistair Docherty (198), Kazuma Kobori (211), Antoine Rozner (216), Francesco Laporta (222), MJ Daffue (227), Francesco Molinari (243), Ren Yonezawa (249), Frederic LaCroix (254), Cameron John (256), Joe Dean (268), James Nicholas (292), Caleb Surratt (293), Matthew Jordan (304), Naoyuki Kataoka (387), Sam Bairstow (389), Austen Truslow (396), Woo Jeong Ham (410), Matthew Southgate (453), Ryutaro Nagano (491), Jiho Yang (525), Jack Buchanan (565), Pdraig Harrington (569), Baard Skogen (745), Marcus Plunkett (777), Matthew Baldwin (792), Tom Sloman (935), Tiger Christensen (1065), Henrik Stenson (1382), Tim Wiedemeyer (1565), Stewart Cink (2003), Jack McDonald (2218), Lev Grinberg (2380), Nevill Ruiter (2501), Mateo Pulcini (2580), Stuart Grehan (3482), Darren Clarke (4604), David Howard (5079), Mason Howell (5079), Fifi Laopakdee (5079), Alejandro Piera Castro De (NR) & David Duval (NR)

Best Major Finish: The last 14 winners have either won or finished 2nd in a major

17 players do not meet the criteria

Russell Henley (3), Chris Gotterup (3), Tyrrell Hatton (3), Patrick Cantlay (3), T J Poston (4), Kurt Kitayama (4), Woo Min Lee (5), Alex Noren (6), Ben Griffin (8), Woo Si Kim (8), Ryan Gerard (8), Nicolai Højgaard (14), Akshay Bhatia (16), Maverick McNealy (18), Bud Cauley (26), Kristoffer Reitan (30) & Jacob Bridgeman (39)

Best Open Championship Finish: 12 of the last 14 winners had finished 9th or better at the event

6 players do not meet the criteria

Patrick Reed (10), Justin Thomas (11), Aaron Rai (19), J.J. Spaun (23), Ludvig Aberg (23) & Sam Burns (31)

The Open Championship Winners: The last 12 winners had not won the event

4 players do not meet the criteria

Rory McIlroy (2014), Collin Morikawa (2021), Xander Schauffele (2024) & Scottie Scheffler (2025)

Major Cuts Made: The last 6 winners had made a cut in a major that season

1 player does not meet the criteria

Bryson DeChambeau

Season Major Finish: 5 of the last 6 winners had finished 8th or better in a major that season

7 players do not meet the criteria

Tommy Fleetwood (11), Hideki Matsuyama (12), Matt Fitzpatrick (14), Harris English (18), Viktor Hovland (18), Robert MacIntyre (39) & Sepp Straka (41)

The five remaining players for your fantasy team are....

The 154th Open Championship

Who Will Win?



	Criteria	Timeframe	Wyndham Clark	Jon Rahm	Justin Rose	Cameron Young	Tom Kim
OWGR	40 th or better	Last 13	8 th	11 th	10 th	4 th	33 rd
Best Career Major Finish	2 nd or better	Last 14	WON	WON	WON	2 nd	2 nd
Best Open Championship Finish	9 th or better	12 of Last 14	4 th	2 nd	2 nd	2 nd	2 nd
The Open Championship Winner	No	Last 12	No	No	No	No	No
Season Major Cuts Made	1+	Last 6	2	2	3	3	1
Best Season Major Finish	8 th or better	5 of Last 6	WON	2 nd	3 rd	3 rd	3 rd