



2026 PLAYERS Championship
(10th of 34 FedExCup Regular Season events)

Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida
TPC Sawgrass

March 12-15, 2026
Par/Yards: 36-36 – 72/7,352

FedExCup points: 750 (winner)
Purse: \$25 million/\$4.5 million

Pre-Tournament Information - 2026 PLAYERS Championship

Player Interviews (all times local)

Monday, March 9

3 p.m. - Justin Thomas
3:30 p.m. - Collin Morikawa
4 p.m. - Tommy Fleetwood

Tuesday, March 10

10 a.m. - Brooks Koepka
2 p.m. - Justin Rose
2:45 p.m. - Adam Scott
3:15 p.m. - J.J. Spaun
4 p.m. - Scottie Scheffler

Wednesday, March 11

7:45 a.m. - Rory McIlroy
8 a.m. - First-Timers Press Conference (Clubhouse Back Lawn)
10 a.m. - PGA TOUR CEO Brian Rolapp (PGA TOUR Global Home)

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Justin Thomas

- 2021 PLAYERS Champion making his second start of the 2026 PGA TOUR Season after undergoing microdiscectomy surgery in November; carded rounds of 79-79 at last week's Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard to miss the cut
- Tied the 18-hole scoring record at THE PLAYERS Championship with a 62 in round two of 2025 (other: Tom Hoge/2023/R3); carded a tournament-record 11 birdies before finishing with bogey on 18
- Making his 11th career PLAYERS appearance; has one other top-10 in addition to his victory (T3/2016)
- Of his 20 scores in the first two rounds at TPC Sawgrass, has only broken 70 three times (68/R2/2016, 69/R2/2022, 62/R2/2025)
- 16-time PGA TOUR winner claimed his most recent title at the 2025 RBC Heritage in a playoff over Andrew Novak

Collin Morikawa

- Enters the week as the FedExCup leader following his solo-fifth finish at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard
- World No. 4 is making his sixth PLAYERS appearance, having collected his first top-10 finish in 2025 (T10)
- Seven-time PGA TOUR winner won the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am in January for his first victory on TOUR since the 2023 Baycurrent Classic
- Since his victory at Pebble Beach, finished T7 at The Genesis Invitational and 5th at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard
- First time with three consecutive top-10s on TOUR since 2024 (T4/PGA Championship, 4th/Charles Schwab Challenge, 2nd/the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday)
- Enters the week ranked fifth in Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (1.066); finished the 2025 season ranked third in the category

Tommy Fleetwood

- 2025 FedExCup Champion is making his ninth PLAYERS appearance and owns two top-10 finishes (T7/2018, T5/2019)
- Three career leads/co-leads at THE PLAYERS (R1/2019, 2022; R2/2019)
- Two top-10s in three starts this season (T4/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, T7/The Genesis Invitational); finished 49th at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard after making the cut with rounds of 76-69

Brooks Koepka

- Making his fourth start since making his return to the PGA TOUR via the Returning Member Program; collected his first top-10 of the season at the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches (T9)
- Nine-time PGA TOUR winner is making his seventh PLAYERS appearance; finished career-best T11 in 2018, highlighted by a final-round 63, which tied the low 18-hole score in tournament history at the time
- One of six players with a double eagle at THE PLAYERS (No. 16/2018/R4) and one of two at No. 16 (Rafa Cabrera-Bello/2017/R4)

Justin Rose

- World No. 5 is making his 21st PLAYERS appearance, the second most of any player in the field (Adam Scott, 24)
- Owns three career top-10s at THE PLAYERS, including a T4 in 2014
- 65 (R1/2016) marks his low score in 62 career rounds at TPC Sawgrass
- 13-time PGA TOUR winner claimed the 2026 Farmers Insurance Open by seven strokes, the largest margin of victory at that event since Tiger Woods in 2008 (8 strokes)
- 45-year-old reached No. 3 in the Official World Golf Ranking with his victory at Torrey Pines, making him the second-oldest player in the top-three of the OWGR (Vijay Singh/45 years, 8 months)

Adam Scott

- 2004 PLAYERS Champion is making his 24th PLAYERS appearance, the most of any player in the field
- Qualified by virtue of his position in the FedExCup through the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches (No. 20) after finishing solo fourth at The Genesis Invitational, his first top-10 on TOUR since the 2024 TOUR Championship
- Four career top-10s at TPC Sawgrass including his victory; seeks his first top-10 finish at THE PLAYERS since 2017 (T6)
- 45-year-old is exempt through the 2026 PGA TOUR Season by virtue of his top-30 finish in the 2024 FedExCup
- Oldest winner of THE PLAYERS Championship: Fred Funk (2005, 48 years/9 months/13 days)

J.J. Spaun

- 2025 runner-up fell to Rory McIlroy in a three-hole aggregate playoff (Nos. 16-18) on Monday; posted scores of par-triple bogey and was eliminated when McIlroy made bogey on No. 18
- One of three runner-up finishes during the 2025 season (Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches, FedEx St. Jude Championship)
- Prior to his runner-up in 2025, had one made cut (T64/2024) in five PLAYERS appearances
- Went on to win the 2025 U.S. Open for his second career PGA TOUR title (2022 Valero Texas Open) and first major championship title
- Enters the week having missed his last two cuts at The Genesis Invitational and Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard; best finish in five starts this season: T40/Sony Open in Hawaii

Scottie Scheffler

- World No. 1 seeks to join Jack Nicklaus (1974, 1976, 1978) as the only three-time winners of THE PLAYERS; would be the first with three victories at TPC Sawgrass (2/Fred Couples, Steve Elkington, Davis Love III, Rory McIlroy, Hal Sutton, Tiger Woods)
- Became the first PLAYERS champion to successfully defend his title in 2024
- Making his sixth career PLAYERS appearance; led the field in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green en route to victory in 2023 and 2024; since 2004, 17 PLAYERS Champions finished inside the top 10 in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green
- Owns the longest streak of consecutive made cuts on TOUR with 69
- In five starts this season, claimed his 20th career TOUR title (The American Express) and two other top-10 finishes (T3/WM Phoenix Open, T4/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)

Rory McIlroy

- Withdrew prior to the third round of last week's Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard with back spasms
- World No. 2 and defending champion became the eighth multiple winner of THE PLAYERS and first since Scottie Scheffler in 2024
- Joined Jack Nicklaus, Scottie Scheffler and Tiger Woods as players with two major championship titles and two PLAYERS titles
- Seeks to join Jack Nicklaus (1974, 1976, 1978) as the only three-time winners of THE PLAYERS; would be the first with three victories at TPC Sawgrass (2/Fred Couples, Steve Elkington, Davis Love III, Scottie Scheffler, Hal Sutton, Tiger Woods)
- Finished fifth in Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (+1.95) en route to victory in 2025; 10th PLAYERS Champion in the last 12 years to finish inside the top 10 in Strokes Gained: Approach the Green
- Making his 16th career appearance; owns five career top-10s including his two titles
- Opened with 67 en route to his two PLAYERS titles; 64 marks his career-low score at TPC Sawgrass (R2/2016)

THE PLAYERS Championship notes:

- The last six winners of THE PLAYERS Championship all entered the week inside the top 10 in the Official World Golf Ranking:

Year	Player	OWGR
2025	Rory McIlroy	2
2024	Scottie Scheffler	1
2023	Scottie Scheffler	2
2022	Cameron Smith	10
2021	Justin Thomas	3
2019	Rory McIlroy	6

- THE PLAYERS Championship is the first of five events this season that offer 750 FedExCup points to the winner
- THE PLAYERS is the third event in the Florida Swing, which began with the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches (won by Nico Echavarria) and continued with the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard in Orlando (won by Akshay Bhatia). The TOUR will make its way to Palm Harbor for the Valspar Championship next week, where Viktor Hovland will defend his 2025 title.
- **Akshay Bhatia** won the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard for his third career PGA TOUR title and first since the 2024 Valero Texas Open; will make his third PLAYERS appearance, finishing T3 in 2025
- Second-year TOUR member and University of Florida product **Ricky Castillo** won the Puerto Rico Open for his first career PGA TOUR title; was previously qualified for THE PLAYERS by virtue of his position in the FedExCup through the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches; missed the cut in his PLAYERS debut in 2025
- With victories by 24-year-old **Akshay Bhatia** (Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard) and 25-year-old **Ricky Castillo** (Puerto Rico Open), players in their 20s have now won seven of the first nine PGA TOUR events in 2026. **Chris Gotterup** (26) is the only two-time winner so far this season.
- **Jake Knapp** leads the TOUR in top-10s (4) entering THE PLAYERS Championship (T5/Farmers Insurance Open, 8th/WM Phoenix Open, T8/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, 6th/The Genesis Invitational); withdrew prior to his first round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard.
- Conditional TOUR members **Joel Dahmen, Taylor Moore, Seamus Power** and **Andrew Putnam** qualified for THE PLAYERS based on their FedExCup rank through the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches
- With a T6 at the Sony Open in Hawaii, **Lee Hodges** reached his top 100 points threshold to satisfy his Major Medical Extension, earning him a spot in the field at THE PLAYERS Championship.
- Since 2016, only three players have successfully converted the 54-hole lead/co-lead to victory at THE PLAYERS: **Jason Day/2016, Webb Simpson/2018, Scottie Scheffler/2023**
- Four of the last five PLAYERS Champions did not hold at least a share of the lead after each of the first three rounds (**Justin Thomas/2021, Cameron Smith/2022, Scottie Scheffler/2024, Rory McIlroy/2025**)
- Oldest player in the field: **Lucas Glover** (46); youngest player in the field: **Aldrich Potgieter** (21)
- Additional field features:
 - 46 of the top 50 players in the Official World Golf Ranking, including all of the top 10
 - Seven past champions (nine wins): **Rory McIlroy** (2019, 2025), **Scottie Scheffler** (2023, 2024), **Justin Thomas** (2021), **Si Woo Kim** (2017), **Jason Day** (2016), **Rickie Fowler** (2015), **Adam Scott** (2004)
 - Eight past FedExCup Champions (10 wins): **Tommy Fleetwood** (2025), **Scottie Scheffler** (2024), **Viktor Hovland** (2023), **Rory McIlroy** (2016/2019/2022), **Patrick Cantlay** (2021), **Justin Rose** (2018), **Justin Thomas** (2017), **Jordan Spieth** (2015)
 - As part of his return to the PGA TOUR via the Returning Member Program, **Brooks Koepka** was added to the field (121) so not to take a spot from a current TOUR member. To round out threesomes, the field was officially expanded to 123 as of Monday at noon ET, with the first two alternates at that time – **Patton Kizzire** and **Seamus Power** – being added to the field.
 - 14 players in the field are making their tournament debut, highlighted by three PGA TOUR winners (in **bold**): Zach Bauchou, **Michael Brennan**, Pierceson Coody, Zecheng Dou, A.J. Ewart, **Steven Fisk**, Takumi Kanaya, Johnny Keefer, **William Mouw**, Marco Penge, Kristoffer Reitan, Jordan Smith, Michael Thorbjornsen, Sudarshan Yellamaraju.
 - Of the 14 players in the field making their tournament debut, seven are PGA TOUR rookies: Zach Bauchou, A.J. Ewart, Johnny Keefer, Marco Penge, Kristoffer Reitan, Jordan Smith, Sudarshan Yellamaraju.