



71st ECP Brazil Open

Rio Olympic Golf Course | Rio de Janeiro, Brazil | April 16-19, 2026

First-Round Notes – Thursday, April 16

Weather: Sunshine and a few clouds. High near 80. Winds SE at 10-15 mph.

Golf Course: Par 71 / 7,163 yards

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Play was suspended due to darkness at 5:42 p.m. BRT with eight players left to finish. The first round will resume Friday at 7:20 a.m., and the second round will begin as scheduled.

Pos.	Player	Score
1	Andre Chi (USA)	-9 (thru 17)
T2	Dawson Armstrong (USA)	-8 (63)
T2	Jake Sollon (USA)	-8 (63)
T4	Petr Hruby (Czechia)	-7 (64)
T4	Chris Nido (Puerto Rico)	-7 (64)
T4	Joshua Lee (USA)	-7 (64)
T4	Patrick Flavin (USA)	-7 (64)
T4	Joey Vrzich (USA)	-7 (64)

Andre Chi (Flushing, New York) was 9-under through 17 holes when the first round was suspended due to darkness Thursday at the 71st ECP Brazil Open, the first event of the 2026 PGA TOUR Americas season. When he returns Friday morning, a birdie on the par-5 closing hole at Rio Olympic Golf Course would give him a 10-under 61, tying the course record set by Jonathan De Los Reyes at this event in 2024.

Chi is making his PGA TOUR Americas debut after earning membership via Final Stage of PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry last year. In 2025, he made his first PGA TOUR start at the Valspar Championship after Monday qualifying, and in April, he finished T5 at the PGA Professional Championship (representing Deepdale Golf Club, where he was an assistant pro) to qualify for the PGA Championship.

Americans **Dawson Armstrong** and **Jake Sollon** carded rounds of 8-under 63, while five players are T4 at 7-under. **Rafael Becker** carded a 2-under 69 and is the low Brazilian.

About PGA TOUR Americas

PGA TOUR Americas identifies and prepares the game's future stars as players compete to earn membership on the Korn Ferry Tour and eventually the PGA TOUR. The 2026 schedule consists of

15 events in nine countries, and the season culminates in October with the PGA Oceans 4 Tour Championship presented by Scotiabank, where the top 10 players on the season-long points list earn Korn Ferry Tour membership the following season.

Since the inaugural PGA TOUR Americas season in 2024, Johnny Keefer (2024) and Michael Brennan (2025) have finished No. 1 on the PGA TOUR Americas Points List, and both players earned their PGA TOUR cards for the 2026 season.

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