



Explore NB Open

Mactaquac Golf Course | Fredericton, New Brunswick | July 9-12, 2026

Pre-Tournament Notes – July 7, 2026

PGA TOUR Americas Season: 8th of 15 events

PGA TOUR Americas Points: 500 (winner)

Purse: \$225,000 USD (\$40,500 winner)

Resources: [Tee Times](#) | [Leaderboard](#) | [PGA TOUR Media](#)

The eighth tournament of the PGA TOUR Americas season is this week's Explore NB Open in Fredericton, New Brunswick, the first of six events in Canada this summer. Ian Holt, currently No. 2 on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List, won the inaugural event at Mactaquac Golf Course in 2024, while David Perkins won last year en route to finishing No. 4 on the PGA TOUR Americas Points List and earning his Korn Ferry Tour card for 2026.

The 2026 PGA TOUR Americas season has featured a different winner each week, with **Dawson Armstrong** becoming the seventh winner two weeks ago in Wichita. **Corey Pereira** finished T2, losing to Armstrong on the sixth playoff hole, and moved to No. 1 on the season-long points list for the first time.

Joey Savoie (No. 5) and **Étienne Papineau** (No. 25) are the highest-ranked Canadians at the midway point of the season. Savoie will make his third start at the Explore NB Open, and Papineau will make his tournament debut.

Player Notes

Corey Pereira (Sacramento, California) has posted top-five finishes in his last three starts, including a win at the Mexico Championship presented by Scotia Wealth Management in just his sixth TOUR-sanctioned start since his wife, Leah, died from cancer. The 31-year-old is No. 1 on the points list and in position to earn Korn Ferry Tour membership for the first time since 2022.

Thomas Ponder (Dothan, Alabama) leads the tour with a 67.93 scoring average and is one of just three players who has made the cut in all seven events this season. He leads the tour with five top-10 finishes and is currently No. 4 on the points list.

Tripp Kinney (Des Moines, Iowa) returns to New Brunswick after finishing second last year, his best finish in 33 career starts on PGA TOUR Americas. He has three top-20 finishes this season and is currently No. 40 on the points list.

Joey Savoie (Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec) is No. 5 on the points list off the strength of his win at the Kia Open de Ecuador presentado por Diners Club. Since that victory, Savoie competed in the RBC Canadian Open for the third time and made the cut for the first time (T67), and he is poised to make his third start at the Explore NB Open.

Étienne Papineau (Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec) missed the cut in his first five starts of the season, but is up to No. 25 on the points list after a T2 at the Inter Rapisimo Golf Championship and a T55 at the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open presented by Syndeo.

Ryan Voois (Orange County, California) finished No. 25 in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2026 and tied for 17th in his professional debut in Wichita. One week later, the Illinois grad made the cut in his PGA TOUR debut at the John Deere Classic. The Explore NB Open will mark his third start in as many weeks.

Nick Ritchie (Quispamsis, New Brunswick) won the 2025 New Brunswick Amateur at Covered Bridge Golf & Country Club to earn an exemption into this week's event.

PGA TOUR Americas Points List

1. [Corey Pereira](#) (USA)
2. [Patrick Flavin](#) (USA)
3. [Drew Doyle](#) (USA)
4. [Thomas Ponder](#) (USA)
5. [Joey Savoie](#) (Canada)
6. [Dawson Armstrong](#) (USA)
7. [Jack Lundin](#) (USA)
8. [Mason Greene](#) (USA)
9. [Cole Anderson](#) (USA)
10. [Riley Lewis](#) (USA)

At the end of the season, the top 10 players on the final [PGA TOUR Americas Points List](#) earn Korn Ferry Tour membership for the 2027 season.

Since its inaugural season in 2024, PGA TOUR Americas has prepared players for success at the highest levels. Johnny Keefer (2024) and Michael Brennan (2025) each finished No. 1 on the PGA TOUR Americas Points List and continued progressing on the path to the PGA TOUR. Keefer earned his PGA TOUR card for the 2026 season after finishing No. 1 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, while Brennan earned PGA TOUR membership by winning the 2025 Bank of Utah Championship during the FedExCup Fall.

PGA TOUR Americas – 2026 Season Summary

Dates	Tournament	Location	Champion
April 16-19	71st ECP Brazil Open	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Mason Greene
April 23-26	94 Abierto del Centro Zurich presentado por Personal	Cordoba, Argentina	Patrick Flavin
May 14-17	Diners Club Peru Open	Lima, Peru	Cole Anderson
May 21-24	KIA Open de Ecuador presentado por Diners Club	Quito, Ecuador	Joey Savoie
June 4-7	Mexico Championship presented by Scotia Wealth Management	Mexico City, Mexico	Corey Pereira
June 11-14	Inter Rapisimo Golf Championship	Bogota, Colombia	Drew Doyle
June 25-28	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open presented by Syndeo	Wichita, Kansas	Dawson Armstrong
July 9-12	Explore NB Open	Fredericton, New Brunswick	
July 16-19	Commissionaires Ottawa Open presented by Lépine Apartments	Ottawa, Ontario	
July 23-26	Osprey Valley Open	Caledon, Ontario	
Aug. 20-23	Manitoba Open	Springfield, Manitoba	
Aug. 27-30	CRMC Championship presented by Northern Pacific Center	Brainerd, Minnesota	
Sept. 10-13	Digital Commerce Group Open	Victoria, British Columbia	
Sept. 17-20	ATB Classic presented by Building Trades of Alberta	Edmonton, Alberta	
Oct. 15-18	PGA Oceans 4 Tour Championship presented by Scotiabank	Playa Nueva Romana, Dominican Republic	

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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