



**2019 Bermuda Championship pre-tournament notes**

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**Dates:** October 28 – November 3, 2019

**Where:** Southampton, Bermuda

**Course:** Port Royal Golf Course, 36-35—par 71/6,828 yards

**Field size:** 120

**2018 champion:** Inaugural event

**Purse:** \$3,000,000 (\$540,000/winner)

**FedExCup:** 300 points to the winner

**Format:** 72-hole stroke play

**Things to Know**

- The Bermuda Championship is a first-year PGA TOUR event and represents the TOUR’s first official event in Bermuda
- Second first-year event of the season (The ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP, Bermuda Championship)
- Ninth of a record 11 official FedExCup events contested in the fall portion of the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season
- Field of 120 is headlined by FedExCup points leader Lanto Griffin
- 17 PGA TOUR rookies, including 2019 Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year Scottie Scheffler, scheduled to compete

**Newest PGA TOUR events**

The following events on the 2019-20 PGA TOUR schedule made their debut since the start of the 2017-18 season:

Tournament	First season	First winner
Bermuda Championship	2019-20	--
The ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP	2019-20	Tiger Woods
3M Open	2018-19	Matthew Wolff
Rocket Mortgage Classic	2018-19	Nate Lashley
Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship	2017-18	Brice Garnett
THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES	2017-18	Justin Thomas

**Notes on the field**

- Five players in the top 30 of the FedExCup standings, highlighted by No. 1 Lanto Griffin
- 17 of the 21 PGA TOUR rookies (all but Viktor Hovland, Tom Lewis, Matthew NeSmith and Vincent Whaley)
- Five Bermuda natives: Daniel Augustus IV, Jarryd Dillas, Kenny Leseur, Dwayne Pearman, Michael Sims
- Two PLAYERS Championship winners: Davis Love III (1992, 2003), Fred Funk (2005)
- Two major championship winners: Love III (1997 PGA Championship), Mike Weir (2003 Masters)

**Bermuda Championship and the FedExCup**

- FedExCup No. 1 Lanto Griffin is in the field; last FedExCup leader to win on TOUR: Brooks Koepka, 2019 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational
- The Bermuda Championship is one of a record 11 official FedExCup events held in the fall portion of the 2019-20 season, providing players more opportunities to get off to a strong start in the FedExCup
- In 2018-19, six of the eight fall winners went on to qualify for the season-ending TOUR Championship, the highest success rate since the start of the wraparound season; three of those players finished inside the top five of the inaugural Wyndham Rewards Top 10 (Brooks Koepka/1, Matt Kuchar/3, Xander Schauffele/4)
- For the first time since the inception of the FedExCup in 2007, all 30 players who advanced to the TOUR Championship in 2018-19 made starts in the fall

**Current FedExCup standings**

The top 10 in the FedExCup at the conclusion of the PGA TOUR Regular Season will be recognized through the Wyndham Rewards Top 10 program and be well-positioned entering the FedExCup Playoffs

Position	Player	Points	Wins	Top-10s	Points Behind	Starts	Projected Bonus
1	Lanto Griffin	710	1	1	--	5	\$2 million
2	Justin Thomas	662	1	2	48	3	\$1.5 million
3	Sebastian Munoz	627	1	2	83	5	\$1.2 million
4	Kevin Na	603	1	1	107	5	\$1.1 million
5	Joaquin Niemann	587	1	1	123	5	\$1 million
6	Cameron Champ	561	1	1	149	4	\$850,000
7	Sungjae Im	530	--	2	180	5	\$700,000
8	Tiger Woods	500	1	1	210	1	\$600,000
9	Hideki Matsuyama	497	--	2	213	4	\$550,000
10	Adam Hadwin	428	--	2	282	3	\$500,000

### Player notes

#### Lanto Griffin

- Claimed his first career PGA TOUR title at the Houston Open in his most recent start
- Was the only player to finish in the top 20 in each of the first five events of the season (13<sup>th</sup>/A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier, T11/Sanderson Farms Championship, T17/Safeway Open, T18/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, Won/Houston Open)
- No player has won twice in the fall in the same season since the wraparound started in 2013-14

#### Scottie Scheffler

- Earned 2019 Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year honors, winning twice (Evans Scholars Invitational, Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship) and collecting eight additional top-10s
- Finished T7 at A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier and has not missed a cut in four starts on the season
- One of 17 rookies in the field

#### Alex Noren

- Making first start of the 2019-20 season
- Playing out of the 126-150 in 2018-19 FedExCup category after finishing 129<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings
- Seven top-10s in 70 career starts on the PGA TOUR, highlighted by a playoff loss at the 2018 Farmers Insurance Open
- 10-time winner on the European Tour and reached as high as No. 8 in the Official World Golf Ranking in 2017

### Bermudians in the Field

#### Daniel Augustus IV

- Competing on sponsor exemption
- Played Division II golf at Paine College in Augusta, Georgia before attending University of Georgia his senior year
- Turned pro in 2010
- Has won mini tour events in Florida

#### Jarryd Dillas (a)

- 34-year-old Bermuda native competing on a sponsor exemption
- Former winner of Bermuda Amateur Stroke Play & Match Play titles
- Played collegiately at University of Rhode Island and Columbus State University
- Represented Bermuda at the World Amateur Team Championship multiple times

#### Kenny Leseur (a)

- 15-year-old Bermudian competing on Sponsor Exemption
- Attends the International Junior Golf Academy in Howey in the Hills, Florida
- At least five players have competed on TOUR at a younger age since 2000 (Michelle Wie, Guan Tianlang, Andy Zhang, Lorens Chan, Tadd Fujikawa)
- Would be the fourth-youngest player ever to make a cut on the PGA TOUR

#### Michael Sims

- 40-year-old Bermudian turned professional in 2002
- Poised to make PGA TOUR debut playing on a sponsor exemption
- Owns five top-10 finishes in 111 career starts on the Korn Ferry Tour
- Grew up in Bermuda playing junior golf; won the Bermuda Open at Port Royal Golf Club as a professional
- Shot 59 in the second round of the 2012 Southern Open on the eGolf Professional Tour

**Dwayne Pearman**

- 56-year-old from Bermuda turned professional in 1986 and will compete on a sponsor exemption
- Multiple winner of Bermuda Open (2), Bermuda PGA Championship (13) and Bermuda PGA Matchplay (4)
- Three World Cup appearances for Bermuda (Kapalua/1987, Grand Cypress/1990, Lake Nona/1993)

**Additional player notes**

- A two-time winner on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2019, **Kristoffer Ventura** is making his fifth start of his rookie season and in search of first top-10
- 2017 U.S. Amateur winner **Doc Redman** has made four cuts in five starts during the 2019-20 season, highlighted by a T13 at the Houston Open
- 21-time PGA TOUR winner **Davis Love III** is scheduled to make his 768<sup>th</sup> career start on TOUR; Love III has made 9,373 career birdies, the most on the PGA TOUR since 1980

**Tournament notes**

- Bermuda Tourism Authority, the event's title sponsor, signed a five-year deal, taking the event through at least 2023
- Port Royal Golf Course previously hosted the PGA Grand Slam of Golf, a specialty event for the year's major championship winners, from 2009-14