



PGA TOUR releases opening portion of 2017-18 schedule

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (August 15, 2017) – The PGA TOUR has announced the first portion of its 2017-18 schedule, a seven-week stretch through mid-November that features four official domestic and four official international tournaments – including the inaugural THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES in Korea – all of which offer FedExCup points.

The season will open October 2-8 with the Safeway Open in Napa, California, before transitioning to Asia for three straight tournaments, starting with the CIMB Classic in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, October 9-15. THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, the PGA TOUR's first-ever official event in Korea, will be held October 16-22 on Jeju Island. Then comes the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions in Shanghai, China, October 23-29.

That same week of October 23-29, the TOUR also returns to the mainland with the Sanderson Farms Championship in Jackson, Mississippi. The schedule continues with the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open in Las Vegas (October 30-November 5), the OHL Classic at Mayakoba in Playa del Carmen, Mexico (November 6-12), and concludes with The RSM Classic at St. Simons Island, Georgia (November 13-19) before the official season breaks until January.

All eight tournaments will be televised by Golf Channel.

“We are extremely pleased to announce such an outstanding start to the 2017-18 PGA TOUR season and the race for the FedExCup, including the debut of THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES,” said Tyler Dennis, PGA TOUR Chief of Operations. “Since going to the wraparound schedule in 2013, we have seen that a strong performance during this first portion of the season greatly increases a player’s chances to advance into and through the FedExCup Playoffs. Our members will have the opportunity to get off to a strong start with the FedExCup points available at these eight tournaments.”

Regarding the FedExCup, a strong start has proven to be an important element toward finishing in the top 125 in the points standings and qualifying for the FedExCup Playoffs. In the last two PGA TOUR seasons, all 14 winners of the first seven events have qualified for the Playoffs, and eight of those 14 have advanced to the TOUR Championship. This current season, all of players who were in the top 30 at the end of November remain in the top 125, including 11 in top 30.

While the 2017 portion of the official season concludes with The RSM Classic, three additional, popular events will be held in December: The Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas (November 27-December 3); the QBE Shootout in Naples, Florida (December 4-10); and the PNC Father/Son Challenge in Orlando, Florida (December 11-17). Each of those will be televised by Golf Channel during the first two rounds, with weekend coverage provided by NBC.

The remainder of the 2017-18 schedule will be announced at a later date.



Season Opening Events



2017-2018 PGA TOUR Season

DATE	TOURNAMENT	TV NETWORKS	GOLF COURSE(S)	LOCATION
O 2-8	Safeway Open	GOLF	Silverado Resort and Spa (North Course)	Napa, CA
9-15	CIMB Classic	GOLF	TPC Kuala Lumpur	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
16-22	THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES	GOLF	Nine Bridges	Jeju Island, Korea
23-29	World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions	GOLF	Sheshan International Golf Club	Shanghai, China
23-29	Sanderson Farms Championship	GOLF	Country Club of Jackson	Jackson, MS
N 30-5	Shriners Hospitals for Children Open	GOLF	TPC Summerlin	Las Vegas, NV
6-12	OHL Classic at Mayakoba	GOLF	El Camaleon Golf Club at the Mayakoba Resort	Playa del Carmen, MX
13-19	The RSM Classic	GOLF	Sea Island Resort (*Seaside Course, Plantation Course)	St. Simons Island, GA
20-26	OPEN			
D 27-3	Hero World Challenge #	GOLF/NBC	Albany	New Providence, Bahamas
4-10	QBE Shootout #	GOLF/NBC	Tiburón Golf Club (Gold Course)	Naples, FL
11-17	PNC Father/Son Challenge #	GOLF/NBC	Ritz Carlton Golf Club, Orlando	Orlando, FL
18-24	OPEN			
25-31	OPEN			
	# Not PGA TOUR co-sponsored		*Host Course	

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The PGA TOUR co-sanctions more than 130 tournaments on the PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, Web.com Tour, PGA TOUR Latinoamérica, Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada and PGA TOUR China. Its members represent the world's best players, hailing from 24 countries (89 members are from outside the United States). Worldwide, PGA TOUR tournaments are broadcast to more than 1.1 billion households in 227 countries and territories in 23 languages. Virtually all tournaments are organized as non-profit organizations in order to maximize charitable giving. In 2016, tournaments across all Tours generated a record of more than \$166 million for local and national charitable organizations, bringing the all-time total to \$2.46 billion.

The PGA TOUR's web site is PGATOUR.COM, the No. 1 site in golf, and the organization is headquartered in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

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