



Media Information
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BMW Championship 2020: The top 70 players on the PGA TOUR tee off in Chicago, with qualification for the season finale at stake.

- **World-class field at Olympia Fields Country Club (Chicago): World number one Dustin Johnson, defending champion Justin Thomas (both USA), reigning FedExCup champion Rory McIlroy (NIR), and a host of other top stars in action.**
- **BMW Championship is taking place behind closed doors this year, due to the coronavirus pandemic.**
- **Tournament proceeds go to the Evans Scholars Foundation.**

Chicago/Munich. The PGA TOUR season is entering the finishing straight. The BMW Championship (25th to 30th August, Olympia Fields Country Club, Chicago, USA) is the penultimate Playoff tournament, with only the top 70 players in the FedExCup rankings eligible to tee off. And the field will be whittled down significantly again in Chicago: Only 30 players will qualify for the finale, the TOUR Championship in Atlanta. As with all PGA TOUR tournaments since the re-start in June, no spectators are permitted at Olympia Fields Country Club, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

More BMW Championship facts.

Venue.

Olympia Fields Country Club, Chicago (US state of Illinois).
North Course (6,723 metres, par 70).

Venue for the U.S. Open (1928, 2003), PGA Championship (1925, 1961), U.S. Senior Open (1997), U.S. Amateur (2015), Women's PGA (2017).

Defending champion.

Justin Thomas (USA).



The players.

The field contesting the prestigious title at the BMW Championship 2020 includes:

- Record BMW Championship winners Tiger Woods (USA, 2007 & 2009) and Dustin Johnson (USA, 2010 & 2016), who leads both the world rankings and the FedExCup rankings.
- Justin Thomas (USA), defending champion, number two in the FedExCup rankings and world number three.
- Collin Morikawa (USA), the only major winner of the year so far (PGA Championship).
- Former BMW Championship winners: Rory McIlroy (NIR, 2012), Billy Horschel (USA, 2014), Jason Day (AUS, 2015), Marc Leishman (AUS, 2017).
- All of the current top ten in the world rankings, with the exception of the injured Brooks Koepka (USA).

Charity.

All tournament proceeds from the BMW Championship go to the Evans Scholars Foundation, which awards full college scholarships to hard-working young caddies. Since the inaugural BMW Championship in 2007, the foundation has received more than 35 million US dollars.

Prize money.

9.5 million US dollars.

History.

The history of the BMW Championship dates back to 1899, when the tournament debuted under the name Western Open. This makes it the third-oldest tournament on the PGA TOUR calendar. Only the Open Championship and the U.S. Open have existed longer.



Previous BMW Championship winners and venues.

2019	Justin Thomas (USA)	Medinah Country Club (Chicago)
2018	Keegan Bradley (USA)	Aronimink Golf Club (Philadelphia)
2017	Marc Leishman (AUS)	Conway Farms Golf Club (Chicago)
2016	Dustin Johnson (USA)	Crooked Stick Golf Club (Indianapolis)
2015	Jason Day (AUS)	Conway Farms Golf Club (Chicago)
2014	Billy Horschel (USA)	Cherry Hills Country Club (Denver)
2013	Zach Johnson (USA)	Conway Farms Golf Club (Chicago)
2012	Rory McIlroy (NIR)	Crooked Stick Golf Club (Indianapolis)
2011	Justin Rose (ENG)	Cog Hill Golf & Country Club (Chicago)
2010	Dustin Johnson (USA)	Cog Hill Golf & Country Club (Chicago)
2009	Tiger Woods (USA)	Cog Hill Golf & Country Club (Chicago)
2008	Camilo Villegas (COL)	Bellerive Country Club (St. Louis)
2007	Tiger Woods (USA)	Cog Hill Golf & Country Club (Chicago)

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