



Media Information
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BMW Championship 2021: Quality field does battle for the prestigious title and tickets to the Playoff finale.

- The top 70 players of the PGA TOUR season tee off this week at the BMW Championship at Caves Valley Golf Club (Owing Mills, Baltimore).
- By the end of the penultimate Playoff event, only 30 pros will remain in the race for the FedExCup.
- Qualification period for Ryder Cup Team USA ends after the BMW Championship.
- Hole-in-One Award: An ace on the 17th will win the pro a BMW iX – and one fan a BMW i4.

Baltimore/Munich. The next highlight of the 2021 golf season is just around the corner: the climax of the PGA TOUR season. When the US state of Maryland hosts the BMW Championship (26th to 29th August, Caves Valley Golf Club) for the first time this week, only the top 70 pros in the FedExCup ranking will be eligible to tee off. They will be fighting it out for the 30 places at next week's season finale. Adding an extra dose of intrigue will be the Ryder Cup (21st to 26th September, Whistling Straits), as the BMW Championship is the final opportunity for the Americans in the field to score qualifying points, as they strive to make it onto captain Steve Stricker's team.

More facts on the 2021 BMW Championship.

Venue.

Caves Valley Golf Club, Owing Mills (US state of Maryland).
Championship Course (7,542 yards, par 72).

Venue for the U.S. Senior Open 2002, Palmer Cup 2007, Women's Golf Championship 2009, LPGA International Crown 2014.

Defending champion.

Jon Rahm (ESP).



Ryder Cup qualification.

The BMW Championship is the last opportunity for Americans to pick up points towards Ryder Cup qualification. Six players qualify automatically for captain Steve Stricker's team, with a further six called up as wildcards. Qualification for Ryder Cup Team Europe ends after the BMW PGA Championship (Wentworth Club, 9th to 12th September).

The players.

Among those challenging for the prestigious BMW Championship title will be:

- Defending champion and world number one Jon Rahm (ESP).
- FedExCup leader Tony Finau (USA).
- Olympic champion Xander Schauffele (USA).
- Two-time BMW Championship winner Dustin Johnson (USA).
- Two-time FedExCup champion Rory McIlroy (NIR).
- Reigning BMW International Open champion Viktor Hovland (NOR).
- All the reigning major winners: Hideki Matsuyama (JPN, Masters), Phil Mickelson (USA, PGA Championship), Rahm (U.S. Open), Collin Morikawa (USA, The Open).
- All the players in the top ten in the latest world rankings.

Charity.

All proceeds from the 2021 BMW Championship will benefit the Evans Scholars Foundation and its mission of awarding full tuition and housing college scholarships to caddies. Since 2007, the BMW Championship has contributed more than \$36 million to fund caddie scholarships. This year, a record 1,045 Evans Scholars are enrolled in 19 leading universities nationwide.

Prize money.

9.5 million US dollars.



Hole-in-One Award.

At this year's BMW Championship, the spectators will have their fingers crossed particularly tightly that the pros will hit an ace. Should a player high a hole-in-one on the 17th hole during one of the tournament rounds, he will be rewarded with a fully-electric BMW iX – and the fans do not go home empty-handed either. Everyone who has entered the "Win the i4" competition goes into a draw to win a fully-electric BMW i4.

History.

The history of the BMW Championship began back in 1899, when the tournament made its debut as the Western Open. This makes it the third-oldest tournament on the PGA TOUR calendar. Only the Open Championship and the U.S. Open have been around longer.

Previous winners and venues of the BMW Championship.

2020	Jon Rahm (ESP)	Olympia Fields CC (Chicago)
2019	Justin Thomas (USA)	Medinah CC (Chicago)
2018	Keegan Bradley (USA)	Aronimink GC (Philadelphia)
2017	Marc Leishman (AUS)	Conway Farms GC (Chicago)
2016	Dustin Johnson (USA)	Crooked Stick GC (Indianapolis)
2015	Jason Day (AUS)	Conway Farms GC (Chicago)
2014	Billy Horschel (USA)	Cherry Hills CC (Denver)
2013	Zach Johnson (USA)	Conway Farms GC (Chicago)
2012	Rory McIlroy (NIR)	Crooked Stick GC (Indianapolis)
2011	Justin Rose (ENG)	Cog Hill G & CC (Chicago)
2010	Dustin Johnson (USA)	Cog Hill G & CC (Chicago)
2009	Tiger Woods (USA)	Cog Hill G & CC (Chicago)
2008	Camilo Villegas (COL)	Bellerive CC (St. Louis)
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