

BMW Championship

NEW DATES ANNOUNCED FOR 2020 BMW CHAMPIONSHIP AT OLYMPIA FIELDS ***PGA TOUR alters schedule, including all three dates for FedExCup Playoffs***

GLENVIEW, Illinois (April 6, 2020) – In conjunction with the PGA TOUR, tournament officials announced today that the 2020 BMW Championship will now take place August 25-30, one week later than originally planned as part of a PGA TOUR schedule adjustment due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. The penultimate event of the PGA TOUR FedExCup Playoffs will remain at its scheduled host site at Olympia Fields Country Club in Olympia Fields, Illinois.

“We’ve been working closely with the PGA TOUR, BMW and our host club, Olympia Fields, to ensure a smooth transition to our new dates, while focusing on the health and safety of all involved. That is our top priority,” said Vince Pellegrino, Western Golf Association senior vice president of tournaments.

As part of the BMW Championship schedule change, the Wyndham Championship and the other two FedExCup Playoff events will also slide back one week enabling the rescheduling of the PGA Championship to the week of August 3-9 from its original May date. The Wyndham Championship will now take place from August 10-16, while the first leg of the PGA TOUR’s FedExCup Playoffs – The Northern Trust – will move to August 17-23. The TOUR Championship will be held from September 1-7. Additional schedule adjustments are expected to be made by the PGA TOUR as they become available.

“We appreciate the open and collaborative approach taken by BMW, the Western Golf Association and Olympia Fields Country Club to help get us to this solution,” said PGA TOUR Commissioner Jay Monahan. “It’s a complex situation, and we want to balance the commitments to our various partners with playing opportunities for the world’s best players – while providing compelling competition to our fans – but all of that must be done while safely navigating the unprecedented global crisis impacting every single one of us.

“While we are moving forward with the plan announced today,” Monahan added, “it’s important to restate that we will absolutely continue to follow the advice and recommendations of the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Controls and local and national authorities to ensure we are thoughtfully and safely presenting the PGA TOUR to our fans worldwide – at the right time and in the right manner.”

All 2020 BMW Championship tickets already purchased, including for general admission and hospitality, will be honored on the days of the week noted on the tickets, but for the new dates of August 25-30. For further information on tickets and hospitality opportunities for the 2020 BMW Championship, please visit www.bmwchampionship.com.

The BMW Championship will once again raise funds for its sole beneficiary, the Evans Scholars Foundation. In 2019, the BMW Championship drew more than 130,000 golf fans to Medinah Country Club and raised \$4.4 million for the Foundation’s Evans Scholarships.

“We’re committed to hosting a safe and entertaining event for the Chicago Southland, while also continuing to provide the Evans Scholars Foundation with vital funding for college scholarships for

deserving caddies,” said Pellegrino. “As we navigate this challenging time, we remain committed to fulfilling our mission to help young men and women build better lives for themselves while building stronger communities.”

About The BMW Championship

The BMW Championship dates back to 1899 when it debuted as the Western Open, making it the third-oldest tournament on the PGA TOUR schedule, behind only the British Open and U.S. Open. BMW has sponsored the tournament since 2007 when it became the penultimate event of the PGA TOUR’s FedExCup Playoffs. The event features a field of the top 70 players in the FedExCup standings to determine the final 30 players for the FedExCup finale at the TOUR Championship in Atlanta. Since 2007, The BMW Championship has contributed more than \$35 million to the Evans Scholars Foundation, the event’s charitable beneficiary. To learn more, visit www.bmwchampionship.com.

About Olympia Fields Country Club

Olympia Fields Country Club, founded in 1915 in Olympia Fields, Illinois, is home to two nationally acclaimed courses, the North Course and the South Course. The nationally-ranked North Course was designed in 1923 by Scottish native Willie Park Jr., who won the Open Championship in 1887 and 1889, and is considered the grandfather of inland golf design. Park’s work as a golf course architect includes more than 100 courses worldwide, with the North Course at Olympia Fields often regarded as Park’s greatest achievement.

The North Course has been ranked continually by Golf Digest as one of America’s “Top 100 Greatest Courses,” currently at No. 79 among all golf courses in the United State. The North Course also is ranked No. 47 on Golfweek’s latest list of “Best Classic Courses.” Rickie Fowler and Vijay Singh share the course record of 63.

About Western Golf Association

The Western Golf Association conducts six national golf championships and sponsors the nationally acclaimed Evans Scholars Foundation. Headquartered in Glenview, Illinois, the organization was founded in 1899 by 11 Chicago-area golf clubs to promote their interests in golf. In addition to the BMW Championship on the PGA TOUR and the Evans Scholars Invitational on the Korn Ferry Tour, the WGA conducts four prestigious amateur championships, the Western Amateur, the Western Junior, and the Women’s Western Golf Association’s Amateur and Junior championships.

About the Evans Scholars Foundation

Established by famed amateur golfer Charles Chick Evans Jr. and the Western Golf Association, the Evans Scholars Foundation provides full housing and tuition scholarships to high-achieving caddies across the country. Currently, a record 1,010 caddies are enrolled in 18 universities across the nation as Evans Scholars. The Program, which is supported by the Western Golf Association, is funded by contributions from more than 32,500 Evans Scholars Par Club members, including Evans Scholars Alumni, as well as proceeds from the BMW Championship. Since the Program’s inception in 1930, more than 11,050 caddies nationwide have graduated as Evans Scholars. To learn more, visit www.wgaesf.org.

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