

FedExCup



Overview

The PGA TOUR entered a new era in 2007 with the introduction of the FedExCup, a season-long points competition offering \$35 million in bonus money and culminating with the PGA TOUR's first-ever Playoff system. In 2009, the four Playoff events will offer \$30 million in prize money, meaning a total of \$65 million is on the line over the final weeks of FedExCup competition.

Over the span of 37 weeks of competition, players vie to become the FedExCup Champion, which distinguishes the one player who not only performs well during the 33-week PGA TOUR Regular Season, but also excels through the pressure of the four-event PGA TOUR Playoffs for the FedExCup. Tiger Woods won the inaugural FedExCup in 2007 and the \$10 million top prize. Vijay Singh won the title in 2008.

During the Regular Season, TOUR members earn points based on their finish, with a strong emphasis placed on winning and high finishes. Once the Regular Season concludes, the top 125 players advance to the Playoffs, a series of four \$7.5 million tournaments offering quintuple points relative to Regular Season events.

The Playoffs feature a progressive cut beginning with The Barclays in New York (125 players), continuing with the Deutsche Bank Championship in Boston (100 players) and the BMW Championship in Chicago (70 players). A reset takes place, seeding the top 30 players for the culminating TOUR Championship presented by Coca-Cola in Atlanta, where the FedExCup Champion is crowned.

The new PGA TOUR schedule divides the golf season into two parts:

- 1 FedExCup
 - PGA TOUR Regular Season (33 weeks)
 - PGA TOUR Playoffs for the FedExCup (4 weeks)
- 2 PGA TOUR Fall Series

FedExCup Points Structure

1 FedExCup

PGA TOUR Regular Season

The Regular Season will consist of 37 events in 33 weeks from the beginning of January at the Mercedes-Benz Championship in Hawaii through mid-August at the Wyndham Championship in Greensboro, NC. Points are awarded at four levels:

- Official PGA TOUR events played during the Regular Season each award 500 FedExCup points to the winner.
- The Masters Tournament, THE PLAYERS Championship, U.S. Open, British Open and the PGA Championship award 600 FedExCup points to the winner.

- World Golf Championships events award 550 FedExCup points to the winner.
- Additional events (played opposite other tournaments) award 250 FedExCup points to the winner.

The Regular Season points standings will carry over to the PGA TOUR Playoffs for the FedExCup.

PGA TOUR Playoffs for the FedExCup

The PGA TOUR Playoffs consist of four events immediately following the Regular Season – The Barclays, Deutsche Bank Championship, BMW Championship and THE TOUR Championship presented by Coca-Cola. The Regular Season points standings determine the top 125 players who qualify for the first event, The Barclays. Each playoff event offers 2,500 points (quintuple the Regular Season). The second event, the Deutsche Bank Championship in Boston, will have a 100-player field. The third tournament, the BMW Championship in Chicago, will have 70 players (with no cut).

The finale, THE TOUR Championship presented by Coca-Cola in Atlanta, will be comprised of the top-30 qualifiers following the BMW Championship. Following a points reset, those players will compete for the FedExCup with one to be crowned the FedExCup Champion. Each tournament will have a \$7.5 million purse in addition to the \$35-million FedExCup bonus pool.

Ties: Reset points will be distributed between the tying positions using the same methods for dealing with ties during events – the total points for each of the tying positions are divided equally among all players in the tying position.

In the event that a player who qualifies for a Playoff event chooses not to play in that event, there will be no alternates and the field will be shortened.

2 PGA TOUR Fall Series

Following the PGA TOUR Playoffs for the FedExCup will be the Fall Series tournaments that conclude in mid-November. These events finalize eligibility for the following season as players vie for positions 31-125 on the money list. All events will be "official" victories and award official money and Official World Golf Ranking points.



PLAYOFFS