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Time to tee off for a good cause at the FedEx St. Jude Championship



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MEMPHIS, Tenn. August 7, 2026 – The FedEx St. Jude Championship announced that Rory McIlroy has committed to compete in the 2026 field at TPC Southwind as he begins his pursuit of a record fourth FedExCup title.

McIlroy arrives in Memphis as the No. 2 player in the Official World Golf Ranking and one of the most accomplished players in PGA TOUR history. The Northern Irishman has amassed 30 PGA TOUR victories during his career and stands alone as the only three-time FedExCup Champion, capturing the season-long title in 2016, 2019 and 2022.

McIlroy joins a field comprised of the top performers in the FedExCup standings following the PGA TOUR's regular season. The field for the FedEx St. Jude Championship is made up of the top 70 players in the FedExCup standings at the conclusion of this week's Wyndham Championship. The FedEx St. Jude Championship serves as the first of three FedExCup Playoffs events, with only the top 50 players advancing to the BMW Championship and the top 30 earning a spot in the season-finales TOUR Championship.

The FedEx St. Jude Championship returns to TPC Southwind August 12-16. Tickets are available now at FedExChampion-

Rory McIlroy returns at TPC Southwind in Memphis



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About PGA TOUR

The PGA TOUR's mission is to deliver the world's most compelling professional golf competition, featuring the sport's greatest players, for fans, partners and communities. The PGA TOUR, headquartered in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, operates the PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, Korn Ferry Tour, PGA TOUR Americas and PGA TOUR University. To date, events across all Tours have generated more than \$4 billion in charitable giving.

The City of Memphis has held a PGA TOUR event year since 1958. Since 1970, the Memphis PGA TOUR stop has raised multi-millions of dollars for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, helping to ensure patients' families never receive a bill and can focus solely on helping their child. The St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was founded in 1962 by popular actor Danny Thomas who named the hospital to honor St. Jude. When Thomas was struggling as an entertainer and fell on hard times, he made the promise that if he ever made it, he would help others—a promise which continues to this day and with the generosity of prominent golf athletes, the PGA TOUR, fans, and worldwide supporters to make it a unique re-

search center and hospital to fight cancer and give hope to anyone throughout the world who needs help and will never have to worry about a bill.

Kids Score Free Admission and Free Food at the FedEx St. Jude Championship

MEMPHIS, Tenn.- New for this year's FedEx St. Jude Championship, two children ages 15 and under will receive free admission per ticketed adult and receive unlimited, complimentary food and beverages as part of the tournament's all-inclusive Grounds+ ticket program. The First Tee of Tennessee-Memphis is sponsoring the youth ticket program for

the first time in 2026, ensuring the most family-friendly experience at the first event of the FedExCup Playoffs.

"The FedEx St. Jude Championship is a community event and we want as many families as possible to be part of it," said Robert Miller, Executive Director of the FedEx St. Jude Championship. "By extending these benefits to families, we're making it easier for parents to bring their children to TPC Southwind and the FedExCup Playoffs together."

Grounds+ tickets start at \$63 and include unlimited food and non-alcoholic beverages at select market concessions throughout the course. Because each ticketed adult can bring up to two children ages 15 and under at no additional cost, a family of six can attend the FedEx St. Jude Championship and enjoy Grounds+ benefits with the purchase of just two adult tickets.

Military families can take advantage of the same benefit through the tournament's military ticket program presented by Big River Steel, with eligible children also receiving complimentary Grounds+ access.

The FedEx St. Jude Championship returns to TPC Southwind Aug. 12-16, bringing five days of world-class golf, family-friendly activities and fan experiences to Memphis. Tickets are available at: <https://www.fedexchampionship.com/tickets>



William M. Larsha, Jr.



Ashley Braun Gendek

BIHMST Travelers, join correspondents William M. Larsha, Jr. and Ashley Braun Gendek in their sports coverage of The University of Memphis Tigers, Memphis Grizzlies, TN Titans, Southern Heritage Classic, and more!

Social Media polling shows fans want these stars on the Grounds + Food Menu

GRIZZZ BURGER

Double Patty / Pickles / American Cheese / Not So Secret Sauce / Martin's Potato Roll

HOUND DOG

All-Beef Hot Dog / Martin's Potato Roll

PLAYOFF HOT LINK

Mustard / Beef Braised Onions

TPC TURKEY WRAP

Smoked Turkey / Provolone / Lettuce / Tomatoes / Cherry Pepper Aioli

SOUTHWEST GREENS

Romaine / Frisee / Roasted Corn / Tomatoes / Cucumbers / Radish / Seeds / Queso Fresco / BBQ Ranch Dressing

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