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# Reigning PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year Jordan Spieth joins world-class Tournament field

Past Memorial Tournament winners and international stars
Justin Rose and Ernie Els commit

Golden Bear Club sells out in inaugural year

**Dublin, Ohio** – Officials of the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide Insurance announced today that the Tournament has accepted the commitment of Jordan Spieth, one of the best young players in professional golf and the reigning PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year.

The Memorial has also accepted commitments from major championship winners and two of the top international stars in the game: five-time PGA TOUR winner and 2013 U.S. Open Champion Justin Rose, and Ernie Els, a four-time major championship winner with 19 career TOUR titles.

**Spieth** burst onto the PGA TOUR in 2013 and recorded one of the top rookie performances in TOUR history, culminating with a selection to the U.S. Presidents Cup Team. The 20-year-old Texas native recorded nine top-10 finishes last season, including his first-career PGA TOUR victory at the John Deere Classic. Spieth made 18 of 23 cuts and finishing 2013 ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in FedExCup points. He has continued his inspired play this season posting six top-10s over 14 starts, including two runner-up outings at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions and The Masters Tournament. Spieth currently sits a career-high No. 8 in the Official World Golf Ranking and No. 6 in FedExCup standings, to go with career earnings of \$7,051,243. He debuted in last year's Memorial Tournament finishing T63 after rounds of 72-73-82-68 for a 73.75 scoring average and earnings of \$13, 206.

**Rose**, 33, is the reigning U.S. Open champion and 2010 winner of the Memorial Tournament. He will be making his 10<sup>th</sup> start at this year's Memorial where he is ranked 5<sup>th</sup> on both the Tournament's

career money list with \$2,198,620, and in scoring average with 71.16. Rose finished the 2013 Memorial in a five-way tie for eighth place, his fifth top-10 finish at Muirfield Village Golf Club. A resident of London, England, Rose has recorded five career PGA TOUR victories and career earnings of \$26,973,944. He has posted five top-10 finishes in the 2013-2014 season and is ranked 36<sup>th</sup> in FedExCup points and No. 9 in the Official World Golf Ranking.

Memorial Tournament veteran and 2004 winner, **Els**, will be teeing it up for the 21<sup>st</sup> time at the 2014 installment of the prestigious invitational Tournament hosted by golfing legend Jack Nicklaus. Els has career earnings at the Memorial totaling \$2,001,604.81, placing him 6<sup>th</sup> in Tournament history, and a 71.33 scoring average. His T37 finish in 2013 marked his 18<sup>th</sup> made cut at Muirfield Village Golf Club, with six top-10 finishes to his credit. The 44 year-old South African is currently ranked No. 96 in FedExCup Points and No. 48 in the world. Els has been a member of seven international Presidents Cup Teams and has career PGA TOUR earnings of \$46,746,464 to go with 19 TOUR victories.

In other Tournament news, badges for the **Golden Bear Club** have officially sold out. Fans that purchased the new upgraded badge will have access to a menu of items for purchase catered by Cameron Mitchell Premier Events, a cash bar, television viewing, private restrooms, scoring terminals and open seating in a sports bar atmosphere.

The Golden Bear Club is located within the new **Patron Village** in the heart of Tournament play between Hole No. 10 fairway and No. 14 green. Patron Village includes an area that is open to the public featuring upgraded food and beverage options, special merchandise, a large video screen, a patio and more.

All-week Patron Badges to the 2014 Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide Insurance remain available to the general public. The badges, valid May 26 – June 1, cost \$165 and include three complimentary any-day Practice Round tickets at no extra cost. Badges ordered through tomorrow, May 16, will be shipped. Orders placed after tomorrow can be picked up at Memorial Patron Will Call beginning May 26. As always, kids 12 and under can attend for free, and kids 18 and under are admitted free on Wednesday for Junior Golf Day with a ticketed adult. The public may call the Tournament Ticket Office 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays at 877-MT BADGE or visit www.mtbadge.com to purchase badges. Daily tickets for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday practice rounds are also available. The cost is \$35, and they are valid for all three practice-round days.

## 2014 the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide Insurance Schedule of Events

Monday, May 26	Practice Rounds All Day	
Tuesday, May 27	Practice Rounds	All Day
Wednesday, May 28	Practice Rounds	All Day
	Nationwide Invitational at the Memorial (Official Pro-Am)	8:30am
	Military Appreciation Day	All Day
	Junior Golf Day	All Day
	Honoree Ceremony  •Annika Sorenstam – Tournament Honoree  •Jaime Diaz - Journalism Honoree	3:00pm
	Jack Nicklaus Golf Clinic	4:30pm
	Junior Golf Clinic - Safari Golf Club	5:30pm
Thursday - Sunday (May 29 – June 1)	Tournament Play - 8:00am start (estimated)  Awards Ceremony Following Play of Final Round	

<sup>\*</sup>All times subject to change

## the 2014 Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide Insurance Television Schedule

Date	Network	Times	Show Description
Thursday, May 29	Golf Channel	2:30 – 6:30 P.M. (ET)	Live First Round Coverage
	Golf Channel	7:00 – 11:00 P.M. (ET)	First Round Replay
	Golf Channel	11:30 P.M. – 3:30 A.M. (ET)	First Round Replay
Friday, May 30	Golf Channel	2:30 – 6:30 P.M. (ET)	Live Second Round Coverage
	Golf Channel	9:30 P.M. – 1:30 A.M. (ET)	Second Round Replay
Saturday, May 31	Golf Channel	12:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.	Live Bonus Coverage
	CBS/DirecTV	3:00 – 6:00 P.M.	Live Third Round Coverage
	Golf Channel	7:30 P.M – 12:30 A.M.	Third Round Replay
Sunday, June 1	Golf Channel	12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.	Live Bonus Coverage
	CBS/DirecTV	2:30 – 6:00 P.M.	Live Final Round Coverage
	Golf Channel	7:30 P.M – 12:30 A.M.	Final Round Replay
Monday, June 2	Golf Channel	1:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.	Final Round Replay

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### About the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide Insurance

The Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide Insurance is held annually at Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio, a suburb of Columbus. The Tournament, founded and hosted by Jack Nicklaus, is conducted each year with three goals in mind: to honor the memory of individuals living and deceased who have distinguished themselves in the game of golf; to showcase the world's best golfers competing on one of the most challenging venues in the world for the enjoyment of spectators; and to benefit many Greater Columbus Charities in alliance with the Nicklaus Children's Healthcare Foundation, Nationwide Children's and numerous other local organizations. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.thememorialtournament.com">www.thememorialtournament.com</a> or call 614-889-6700.

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