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Two-time Masters champion Bubba Watson, fan favorite Rickie Fowler and major champion and 2010 Memorial Tournament winner Justin Rose commit

Badges only available through Friday, May 27, 2016

Dublin, Ohio – Officials of the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide announced today that the Tournament has accepted entries from world No. 4 Bubba Watson, world No. 5 Rickie Fowler and world No. 10 Justin Rose, a past Memorial winner, to compete in the 41st edition of the prestigious invitational hosted by golfing legend Jack Nicklaus. The additions of Watson and Fowler give the Tournament the top five players in the world.

The Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide is May 30 – June 5 at world-renowned Muirfield Village Golf Club.

Watson, 37, recorded his ninth-career PGA TOUR title in February at the Northern Trust Open. He has claimed at least one TOUR victory in six of his past seven seasons, including two Masters titles and three multiple-win seasons in 2011, 2014 and 2015. A resident of Windermere, Fla., Watson has competed in nine TOUR events in the 2015-2016 season and recorded three top-10 finishes, including a runner-up effort at the World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship to go with his Northern Trust Open win. He is currently ranked No. 4 in the world and No. 12 in FedExCup points. Additionally, Watson holds the ninth spot on the TOUR's money list with \$2,741,720, raising his career earnings to \$34,674,413. Watson's best finish in his nine previous appearances at the Memorial Tournament is third in 2014, his last appearance. His scoring average at Muirfield Village Golf Club is 71.88 and his career earnings total \$652,646.25.

Fowler, 27, has been a fan favorite on the PGA TOUR since turning professional in 2009. Since then, he has garnered \$20,065,533 in career TOUR earnings, played on two Ryder Cup teams (2010 and 2014) and posted three PGA TOUR victories, the first in 2012 at the Wells Fargo Championship and then his second and third in 2015 at THE PLAYERS Championship and Deutsche Bank Championship. In 2014,

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Fowler finished inside the top-5 in all four major championships, tying for second at the U.S. Open and Open Championships. A resident of Jupiter, Florida, Fowler has posted six top-10 finishes this season, including a playoff loss at the Waste Management Phoenix Open to 2014 Memorial Tournament winner Hideki Matsuyama. Fowler is ranked No. 5 in the world and No. 15 in FedExCup points. This year will mark his seventh Memorial Tournament start. He posted his best finish in his first appearance in 2010 with a runner-up effort to Rose. His career Tournament earnings total \$745,464 and his scoring average is 71.55. He missed the cut last year with rounds of 72-72.

Rose, 35, will make his 12th start at this year's Memorial, where he is ranked third on the Tournament's career money list with \$2,868,220, and fourth in scoring average with 70.92. His playoff loss to David Lingmerth last year was Rose's sixth top-10 finish at Muirfield Village Golf Club. A resident of London, England, Rose has recorded seven career PGA TOUR victories, including the 2010 Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide and the 2013 U.S. Open Championship. He has posted five top-10 finishes in 11 starts during the 2015-16 season, with a third-place finish at the Wells Fargo Championship his best outing. He is No. 10 in the Official World Golf ranking and No. 30 in FedExCup points. His career earnings on the PGA TOUR total \$36,415,051.

The additions of Watson, Fowler and Rose further strengthen a field at the 2016 Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide that now boasts seven of the top-10 players in the world, including the top-5 of No. 1 Jason Day, No. 2 Jordan Spieth No. 3 Rory McIlroy, No. 4 Watson and No. 5 Fowler. Day is coming off a wire-to-wire victory at THE PLAYERS Championship and is the reigning PGA Championship winner. Spieth is the reigning U.S. Open champion and McIlroy a four-time major championship winner and the newly minted champion of The Irish Open.

In other news, badges and package options for the 41st Memorial Tournament remain available through Friday, May 27, 2016. Weekly Patron badges, which are valid Monday through Sunday and provide access to the Tournament grounds, are available for \$182 each. Golden Bear Club badges, also valid Monday through Sunday, are \$292 each and provide access to the Tournament grounds and the Golden Bear Club, a climate controlled venue located within Patron Village in the heart of Tournament play between Hole No. 10 fairway and No. 14 green. The Golden Bear Club provides 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 public may call the Tournament Ticket Office 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays at 877-MT BADGE (877-682-2343) or visit www.memorialbadges.com to purchase badges. Kids 16 and under can attend for free with a ticketed adult and kids 18 and under are admitted free on Wednesday, June 1, for Junior Golf Day. Daily practice round tickets for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are also available. The cost is \$35 and they are valid for all three practice-round days.

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2016 the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide Schedule of Events

Monday, May 30	Practice Rounds	All Day
Tuesday, May 31	Practice Rounds	All Day
Wednesday, June 1	Practice Rounds	All Day
	Nationwide Invitational at the Memorial (Official Pro-Am)	7:30am
	Patient Champion Program	7:30am
	Military Appreciation Day	All Day
	Junior Golf Day	All Day
	Honoree Ceremony (Driving Range)	3:00pm
	▪ Johnny Miller – Tournament Honoree plus Leo Diegel and Horton Smith	
	▪ John Garrity – Memorial Golf Journalism award recipient plus Rhonda Glenn	
	Jack Nicklaus Golf Clinic (Driving Range)	4:30pm
	Junior Golf Clinic (Safari Golf Club)	5:30pm
Thursday - Sunday (June 2 - 5)	Tournament Play - 8:00 am start (<i>estimated</i>) <i>Trophy Presentation Following Play of Final Round</i>	

All times subject to change*2016 the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide Television Schedule**

Date	Network	Times	Show Description
Wednesday, June 1	Golf Channel	4:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. (ET)	Live Honoree Ceremony
Thursday, June 2	Golf Channel	3:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. (ET)	Live First Round Coverage
	Golf Channel	7:30 P.M. – 10:30 P.M. (ET)	First Round Replay
	Golf Channel	10:30 P.M. – 1:30 A.M. (ET)	First Round Replay
	Golf Channel	1:30 A.M. – 4:30 A.M. (ET)	First Round Replay
Friday, June 3	Golf Channel	3:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. (ET)	Live Second Round Coverage
	Golf Channel	9:00 P.M. – 12:00 A.M. (ET)	Second Round Replay
	Golf Channel	4:00 A.M. – 7:00 A.M. (ET)	Second Round Replay
Saturday, June 4	Golf Channel	12:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.	Live Bonus Coverage
	CBS	3:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.	Live Third Round Coverage
	Golf Channel	8:00 P.M. – 1:00 A.M.	Third Round Replay
	Golf Channel	3:00 A.M. – 7:00 A.M.	Third Round Replay
Sunday, June 5	Golf Channel	12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.	Live Bonus Coverage
	CBS	2:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.	Live Final Round Coverage
	Golf Channel	7:00 P.M. – 12:30 A.M.	Final Round Replay
	Golf Channel	2:30 A.M. – 7:00 A.M.	Final Round Replay
Monday, June 6	Golf Channel	12:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.	Final Round Replay

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About the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide

The Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide 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 Health Care Foundation, Nationwide Children's Hospital and numerous other local organizations. For more information, visit www.thememorialtournament.com or call 614-889-6700.

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