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# FINAL FIELD ANNOUNCED FOR THE 43<sup>rd</sup> PLAYING OF THE MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT PRESENTED BY NATIONWIDE

## Golden Bear Club and Pavilion Badges reach sellout status

**Dublin, Ohio** – At 6:25 p.m. EDT Tournament officials announced the final playing field for the 2018 Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide. The contingent of 120 players is led by World No. 1 Justin Thomas, 2017 Memorial Tournament winner Jason Dufner and five-time winner and 14-time major champion Tiger Woods.

The 2018 Memorial Tournament begins Monday, May 28 at Muirfield Village Golf Club. This is the 43<sup>rd</sup> edition of the prestigious invitational Jack Nicklaus started in 1976.

In addition to Thomas, the list of top-10 players in the world rankings includes No. 2 Dustin Johnson, No. 3 Jordan Spieth, No. 5 Justin Rose (2010 Memorial winner), No. 6 Rickie Fowler, No. 7 Jason Day, No. 8 Rory McIlroy and No. 9 Hideki Matsuyama (2014 Memorial winner). The 2018 field also boasts the top 5 in the FedExCup standings: Thomas, No. 2 Day, No. 3 Phil Mickelson, No. 4 Patton Kizzire and No. 5 Patrick Reed, the reigning Masters champion.

One of the strongest fields of the year has created even higher interest in this year's Tournament, leading to a sellout of both Golden Bear Club and Pavilion tickets.

"We're looking forward to a special week," said Tournament Founder and Host Jack Nicklaus. "The Memorial Tournament has virtually every great player in the game today in this year's field. Plus, we're looking forward to hosting 13 of our past winners, including defending winner Jason Dufner. And we are delighted to welcome back five-time winner Tiger Woods and three-time winner Kenny Perry."

"We are gratified to see so many of the game's top players coming to Muirfield Village Golf Club and supporting not only a special Tournament but also our charitable endeavors," said Dan Sullivan, executive director of the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide. "This year's field, one of our best, is a testament to the vision and commitment to excellence of our Tournament Founder and Host Jack Nicklaus, whose mission has been to put on the best golf event in the world. In addition to many of the top players in the world, a field that includes the likes of Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Masters champion Patrick Reed and major winners like Adam Scott, Bubba Watson, Henrik Stenson and Zach Johnson is one that we're proud to have, and, furthermore, pleased to host on behalf of our patrons."

The list of past Memorial winners includes not only Dufner, Woods, Perry, Rose and Matsuyama, but also K.J. Choi, Ernie Els, Jim Furyk (who is serving as U.S. Ryder Cup captain this fall in Paris), Matt Kuchar, David Lingmerth, William McGirt, Carl Pettersson and Vijay Singh.

## **2018 FIELD OF COMPETITORS AS OF 6:25 P.M. ON 5/25/18**

An, Byeong Hun Ancer, Abraham + Aphibarnrat, Kiradech Armour, Ryan Bae, Sangmoon + Blixt, Jonas Bradley, Keegan Brown, Scott Bryan, Wesley Burns, Sam Cantlay, Patrick Cauley, Bud Cejka, Alex Chappell, Kevin Choi, K.J. + Cink, Stewart Cook, Austin Davis, Cameron Day, Jason DeChambeau, Bryson

Dorn, Andrew + Dufner, Jason Ellis, Harry Els, Ernie + Finau, Tony Fowler, Rickie Furyk, Jim + Garnett, Brice Gay, Brian Glover, Lucas Grace, Branden Grillo, Emiliano Haas, Bill Hadley, Chesson Hadwin, Adam Hahn, James Harkins, Brandon Henley, Russell Hoffman, Charley Hoge, Tom

Huh, John Ikeda, Yuta Johnson, Dustin Johnson, Zach Kang, Sung Kim, Si Woo Kim, Whee Kirk, Chris Kisner, Kevin Kizzire, Patton Knox, Russell Kodaira, Satoshi Kokrak, Jason Kraft, Kelly Kuchar, Matt

Holmes, J.B.

Horschel, Billy

Hossler, Beau Howell III, Charles

Hughes, Mackenzie

Lahiri, Anirban Laird, Martin Landry, Andrew Lee, Danny Leishman, Marc Lingmerth, David List, Luke Lovemark, Jamie Lowry, Shane Matsuyama, Hideki McGirt, William McIlroy, Rory Mickelson, Phil Mitchell, Keith Miyazato, Yusaku Moore, Ryan Mullinax, Trey Murray, Grayson Na, Kevin

Niemann, Joaquin + O'Hair, Sean Oosthuizen, Louis Pampling, Rod Perez, Pat Perry, Kenny Pettersson, Carl + Piller. Martin + Potter, Jr., Ted Redman, Doc Reed, Patrick Rodgers, Patrick Rose, Justin Sabbatini, Rory Schauffele, Xander Schniederjans, Ollie Schwartzel, Charl Scott, Adam Senden, John + Sharma, Shubhankar Singh, Vijay + Smith, Cameron Spaun, J.J. Spieth, Jordan Stanley, Kyle Stenson, Henrik Streb, Robert Streelman, Kevin Stuard, Brian Summerhays, Daniel +

Suri, Julian +

Tway, Kevin

Uihlein, Peter

Vegas, Jhonattan Watney, Nick

Watson, Bubba

Wise, Aaron Woodland, Gary

Woods, Tiger

Zalatoris. Will +

Thomas, Justin

#### **Alternates**

Pan, C.T.
Varner III, Harold
Stallings, Scott
Taylor, Nick
Villegas, Camilo
Kim, Michael
Taylor, Vaughn
Van Aswegen, Tyrone
Points, D.A.
Werenski, Richy
Blaum, Ryan
Putnam, Andrew
Garrigus, Robert
Duncan, Tyler
Gooch, Talor

#### 120 Players in Field

- \* Open Qualifier /
- + Sponsor Exemption /
- # Section Champion /
- @ Foreign

A reminder that there is still time to purchase badges for this year's edition of the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide. The public may purchase badges through midnight at <a href="www.memorialbadges.com">www.memorialbadges.com</a>. Kids 18 and under can attend for free with a ticketed adult. 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. Daily practice round tickets can be purchased online or at all public Tournament gates (cash only at gates) Monday — Wednesday (May 28-30).

## 2018 the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide Schedule of Events

Monday, May 28	Practice Rounds All Day		
Tuesday, May 29	Practice Rounds		
Wednesday, May 30	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) 2:30 p.m.  •Hale Irwin – Tournament Honoree plus Jock Hutchison and Willie Turnesa  •Larry Dorman plus Ron Balicki – Memorial Golf Journalism Award recipients		
	Jack Nicklaus Golf Clinic (Driving Range)	4:00 p.m.	
	Junior Golf Clinic (Safari Golf Club)	5:30 p.m.	
Thursday - Sunday (May 31 – June 3)	Tournament Play - 8 a.m. start (estimated)  Trophy Presentation Following Play of Final Round		

\*All times subject to change

## 2018 the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide Broadcast Schedule

Date	Network	Times	Show Description
Thursday, May 31	Golf Channel	12:00 – 1:00 P.M.	Honoree Ceremony
	Golf Channel	2:30 – 6:30 P.M.	Live First Round Coverage
Friday, June 1	Golf Channel	2:30 – 6:30 P.M.	Live Second Round Coverage
Saturday, June 2	Golf Channel	12:30 P.M. – 2:45 P.M.	Live Bonus Coverage
	CBS	3:00 – 6:00 P.M.	Live Third Round Coverage
Sunday, June 3	<b>Golf Channel</b>	Noon – 2:15 P.M.	Live Bonus Coverage
	CBS	2:30 – 6:00 P.M.	Live Final Round Coverage

## 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 Healthcare Foundation, Nationwide Children's Hospital 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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