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Reigning FedExCup champion Justin Rose is joined by World Golf Hall of Fame member Phil Mickelson and former World No. 1 and PGA champion Justin Thomas to compete in the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide

Golden Bear Club and Pavilion Badges reach sell out status for second consecutive year

Millennial Ticket offer returns

Dublin, Ohio – Officials of the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide announced today that the Tournament has accepted entries from past Memorial winner Justin Rose, the reigning FedExCup champion, World Golf Hall of Fame member Phil Mickelson and former World No. 1 and major champion Justin Thomas to compete in the premiere invitational Tournament hosted by golf legend Jack Nicklaus.

The Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide is next week, May 27–June 2, at Muirfield Village Golf Club.

Rose, 38, will make his 13th start at this year's Memorial, which he won in 2010 for his first PGA TOUR title. Rose is ranked fourth on the Tournament's career money list with \$3,177,495, and 11th in scoring average with 70.74. His T-6 finish in 2018 was his seventh top-10 finish at Muirfield Village Golf Club. In the 2016 Olympics in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, Rose became the first Olympic gold medalist in golf since 1904. Last year, Rose capped off a stellar season with a run in the FedExCup Playoffs that included three top-5 finishes, with two runner-up efforts, a T-4 at the TOUR Championship and the FedExCup title. It was the second multi-win campaign of his career (WGC-HSBC Champions, Fort Worth Invitational) and first since 2010. His 11 top-10 finishes and more than \$8 million in earnings in 2017-18 were also record marks for the former U.S. Open champion since turning professional in 1998. A resident of London, England, Rose is No. 2 in the world and No. 11 in FedExCup points on strength of five top-10 finishes in eight starts this season, including his 10th career PGA TOUR victory at the Farmers Insurance Open.

Mickelson, 48, has teed it up at the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide 18 times. His first appearance came in 1991 as an amateur when he finished tied for 66th place. In his last 13 starts at the Memorial, dating to 1999, Mickelson has finished in the top-20 eight times. His best finish was a T-4

outing in 2006. He withdrew due to injuries in 2007 and 2012 and finished T-13 last year with rounds of 74-66-70-68. His Memorial Tournament career earnings total \$1,178,188.19, and his scoring average at Muirfield Village Golf Club is 71.37. The World Golf Hall of Fame member and five-time major champion has been a member of a record 12 U.S. Presidents Cup teams and 12 U.S. Ryder Cup teams. Through 12 starts in the 2018-2019 season the Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., resident has recorded two top-10 finishes, including a win at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and a T-2 at the Desert Classic. Mickelson is currently ranked No. 24 in the Official World Golf Ranking and No. 19 in FedExCup standings. On the strength of 45 career PGA TOUR titles, the left-hander is ranked No. 2 in career earnings on the PGA TOUR with \$90,486,354.

Thomas, 26, has recorded eight PGA TOUR victories in the past two seasons. He enjoyed a career 2016-2017 campaign, that included five titles, his first major at the PGA Championship, the FedExCup trophy, the Arnold Palmer Award as the PGA TOUR's leading money winner and the Jack Nicklaus Award as the TOUR's Player of the Year. He also joined Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, and Jordan Spieth as the only players since 1960 to capture five wins in a season. Thomas backed up that epic performance with a three-win season last year and reached No. 1 in the world rankings for the first time. The Kentucky native is one of only eight players in TOUR history – and the youngest at 23 years, 8 months, 14 days – to card an 18-hole score of 59 during competition, which he achieved in the opening round of the 2017 Sony Open in Hawaii at Waialae Country Club in Honolulu. Thomas will be making his sixth start at the Memorial. His best results came in 2017 when he finished tied for fourth place. He grabbed another top-10 last year with a T-8 effort and rounds of 72-69-68-68. His Tournament earnings total \$648,520 and his scoring average at Muirfield Village Golf Club is 71.25.

In additional Tournament news, both Golden Bear Club and Pavilion badges have reached sellout status for the second consecutive year.

"Central Ohio has some of the best fans on the PGA TOUR," said Memorial Tournament Executive Director Dan Sullivan. "Reaching a sellout for a second straight year in Golden Bear Club and Pavilion badges is a testament to their support of this community and passion for world-class golf."

In related news, the Memorial Tournament officially announced today the return of the Millennial Ticket available to fans 21 to 30 years of age. This ticket option, introduced in 2018, is \$65 for a one-day grounds pass to the Tournament. Included with the offer are two complimentary tokens redeemable for select offers at the Memorial's 19th Hole and participating Bridge Park establishments, as well as free parking and shuttle service from Bridge Park to the Tournament. Tickets can be purchased online at www.thememorialtournament.com/millennial or at the Memorial Golf Shop at Bridge Park. A valid driver's license is required, and all Millennial Tickets must be picked up at the Memorial Golf Shop at Bridge Park beginning Monday, May 27. Limit one ticket per person per day.

To purchase badges for the 2019 Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide, 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 18 and under can attend the Tournament 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.

2019 the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide Schedule of Events

Monday, May 27	Practice Rounds	All Day	
Tuesday, May 28	Practice Rounds	All Day	
	Family Night (Safari Golf Club)	6 p.m.	
Wednesday, May 29	Practice Rounds	All Day	
	Nationwide Invitational at the Memorial (Official Pro-Am)	7 a.m.	
	Patient Champion Program	7 a.m.	
	Salute to Service: Honoring military, veterans and first responders	All Day	
	Junior Golf Day	All Day	
	Honoree Ceremony (Practice Range) Judy Rankin – Tournament Honoree Peter Alliss – Memorial Golf Journalism Award recipient	1 p.m.	
	Jack Nicklaus Golf Clinic (Practice Range) (Following Honoree Ceremony)	2:30 p.m.	
	Patron Appreciation Party (Golden Bear Club)	4:30 p.m.	
Thursday - Sunday (May 30 – June 2)	Tournament Play - 8 a.m. start (estimated) Trophy Presentation Following Play of Final Round		

*All times subject to change

2019 the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide Broadcast Schedule

Date	Network	Times	Show Description
Wednesday, May 29	Golf Channel	1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.	Honoree Ceremony
			(featuring Judy Rankin)
Thursday, May 30	Golf Channel	2:30 p.m. –6:30 p.m.	Live First Round Coverage
Friday, May 31	Golf Channel	2:30–6:30 p.m.	Live Second Round Coverage
Saturday, June 1	Golf Channel	12:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m.	Live Bonus Coverage
CBS Sports and Direct TV		3:00 p.m6:00 p.m.	Live Third Round Coverage
Sunday, June 2	Golf Channel	Noon-2:15 p.m.	Live Final Round Bonus Coverage
CBS Sports	and Direct TV	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 www.thememorialtournament.com or call 614-889-6700.

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