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## **Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship wins 2025 Tournament of the Year at annual Korn Ferry Tour Awards**

**Columbus, Ohio** – Tournament officials announced today that the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship has earned the Korn Ferry Tour's prestigious Tournament of the Year Award following this week's annual Korn Ferry Tour Tournament Meetings in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

The Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, operated by HNS Sports Group and played annually at The Ohio State University Golf Club's Scarlet Course in Columbus, Ohio, was recognized on behalf of its excellence in hosting a premier event across all facets of the tournament experience.

"We are excited to congratulate the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship on being named the 2025 Tournament of the Year," said Korn Ferry Tour President Alex Baldwin. "This event is a high performer across all aspects of the tournament, player, partner and fan experience. It is an honor to recognize the hard work from the teams at HNS Sports, Champions of the Community, Nationwide, and The Ohio State University Golf Club. Their passion and collaboration are second-to-none."

### **Tournament of the Year**

- Host Organization (Champions of the Community), Title Sponsor (Nationwide) and Host Facility (The Ohio State University Golf Club) are described by many as a cohesive unit, thanks to the relationship that has been developed between these partners for many years.
- Players consistently recognize The Ohio State University Golf Club Scarlet Course as one of the top courses on the Korn Ferry Tour.
- Nationwide has served as the title sponsor since the event's inception in 2007, with the 2025 season marking the 19<sup>th</sup> playing of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, the second of four Korn Ferry Tour Finals Events.
- Winner of the 2024 Charity of the Year award, the tournament raised a record-setting \$3.94 million in charitable giving in 2025, having totaled nearly \$33 million in support of Nationwide Children's Hospital since the event's inception.
- Nationwide is deeply invested in the success of the tournament and its charitable impact, mobilizing multiple business units and employees and working closely with HNS Sports Group and Champions of the Community to produce one of the best partner programs on the Korn Ferry Tour. The partner program generates millions of dollars annually for Nationwide Children's Hospital.

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- The tournament has a strong marketing and social presence to drive fan engagement and support

The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship will be contested September 17-20, 2026, at The Ohio State University Golf Club – Scarlet Course and will be the second of four Korn Ferry Tour Finals events.

For information, including ticket options, pro-am and hospitality opportunities, how to become a volunteer and general tournament news, please visit [www.ncc-golf.com](http://www.ncc-golf.com).

Stay connected with the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship on X at @NCHC\_Golf, on Instagram at @NCHCGolf, and on Facebook at <https://NationwideChildrensChampionship.com>

#### **ABOUT THE NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

The Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship is owned and operated by Champions of the Community, Inc., an Ohio non-profit corporation. The event is one of four Korn Ferry Tour Finals tournaments where players compete for increased purses and points allocations. Featuring a purse of \$1,500,000 the tournament is conducted to showcase the best golf on the Korn Ferry Tour on one of the most challenging venues in the world, The Ohio State University – Scarlet Course, for the enjoyment of spectators and to benefit charitable organizations in central Ohio. For more information, call 614-764-GOLF or visit our website at [www.ncc-golf.com](http://www.ncc-golf.com).

#### **ABOUT NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

Named to the Top 10 Honor Roll on U.S. News & World Report's 2024-25 list of "Best Children's Hospitals," Nationwide Children's Hospital is one of America's largest not-for-profit free-standing pediatric health care systems providing unique expertise in pediatric population health, behavioral health, genomics and health equity as the next frontiers in pediatric medicine, leading to best outcomes for the health of the whole child. Integrated clinical and research programs, as well as prioritizing quality and safety, are part of what allows Nationwide Children's to advance its unique model of care. Nationwide Children's has a staff of more than 16,000 that provides state-of-the-art wellness, preventive and rehabilitative care and diagnostic treatment during more than 1.8 million patient visits annually. As home to the Department of Pediatrics of The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Nationwide Children's physicians train the next generation of pediatricians and pediatric specialists. The Abigail Wexner Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital is one of the Top 10 National Institutes of Health-funded free-standing pediatric research facilities. More information is available at [NationwideChildrens.org](http://NationwideChildrens.org).

#### **ABOUT KORN FERRY TOUR**

Founded (1990), owned and operated by the PGA TOUR, the Korn Ferry Tour identifies and develops golf's next stars, preparing them to compete and win on the game's biggest stage. The Korn Ferry Tour, which has served as a path to the PGA TOUR since its inception, annually awards 20 PGA TOUR cards based off its points list, with the No. 1 player earning exemptions into the following year's PLAYERS Championship and U.S. Open. With more than 700 PGA TOUR titles, 35 major championships and eight FedExCup champions, Korn Ferry Tour alumni make up 82 percent of the PGA TOUR's current membership. To learn more about the PGA TOUR, the Korn Ferry Tour and to follow the season-long quest for PGA TOUR cards, visit [PGATOUR.COM](http://PGATOUR.COM) or follow the Korn Ferry Tour on social media. Nine Korn Ferry Tour events in 2025 are televised on Golf Channel in the United States, with tournament coverage available internationally in more than 170 countries and territories via 23 media partners.

#### **ABOUT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT**

The Ohio State University Department of Athletics is completely self-supporting and receives no university monies, tax dollars or student fees. The Department of Athletics sponsors 36 fully funded varsity teams – 17 for women, 16 for men and three that are co-educational – and is committed to providing the very finest in academic and athletics support in an effort to provide its more than 1,000 student-athletes with a quality, life-changing experience at Ohio State.

#### **ABOUT HNS SPORTS GROUP**

HNS Sports Group is a Dublin, Ohio-based LLC founded in 2000. The company offers over 125-plus years of collective experience and is committed to providing professional, efficient and effective client representation in the categories of sponsorship consultation, event management, hospitality management, sales representation and tournament operation within the golf market. To learn more about HNS Sports Group, visit [www.hnssports.com](http://www.hnssports.com).

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