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NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHAMPIONSHIP CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF GOLF, PARTNERSHIP AND CHARITABLE GIVING IN COLUMBUS

20th playing of the official Korn Ferry Tour Finals event returns
Sept. 17-20 to The Ohio State University Golf Club – Scarlet Course
Commemorative logo honors two decades of excellence and community impact

COLUMBUS, Ohio. – Tournament officials announced today the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship will celebrate its 20th playing September 17-20, 2026 at The Ohio State University Golf Club – Scarlet Course, marking two decades of Korn Ferry Tour competition in Columbus and a longstanding partnership supporting Nationwide Children's Hospital.

The 20th playing will also mark the 20th consecutive year that Nationwide has served as a founding partner and that The Ohio State University - Scarlet Course has hosted the event. Since the tournament's inception in 2007, nearly \$33 million has been raised in support of Nationwide Children's Hospital's pediatric cancer program.

In additional news, tournament officials unveiled a commemorative 20th playing logo for the 2026 tournament, recognizing the tournament's history and the partnerships that have supported its growth over the past two decades.

"The 20th playing is an opportunity to recognize the people that have contributed to the success of this tournament over the past two decades," said Kip Eriksen, Executive Director. "From our partnership with Nationwide and Nationwide Children's Hospital to the continued support of The Ohio State University Golf Club, our corporate partners, volunteers and fans, this event has remained focused on providing a stage for the future stars of the PGA TOUR while generating meaningful support for the Central Ohio community."

The tournament's partnership structure was recognized by the Korn Ferry Tour in December 2025 when the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship received the Tour's Tournament of the Year Award. In announcing the award, Korn Ferry Tour officials cited the longstanding relationship among the host organization, Nationwide and The Ohio State University Golf Club – one of the longest partnerships on Tour – along with the tournament's charitable impact and player, partner and fan experience.

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The tournament's history is also defined by the level of golfers who have competed on the Scarlet Course over the years, with past winners continuing to achieve significant success across professional golf.

The 19 past champions of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship have combined for 33 Korn Ferry Tour victories and 50 PGA TOUR victories, including 21 PGA TOUR wins by Scottie Scheffler and 16 from Justin Thomas.

Past champions include Thomas (2014), Scheffler (2019), Harris English (2011), Robert Streb (2018), Grayson Murray (2016), Adam Svensson (2021) and David Lingmerth (2022).

The Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship will play a pivotal role in determining who will earn PGA TOUR membership. The top-20 players in the season-long standings at the end of the 2026 campaign will earn PGA TOUR membership for the 2027 season.

The 132-player field for the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship will compete over 72 holes of stroke play, with a cut to the top 65 players and ties after 36 holes. Golf Channel will broadcast tournament coverage from Thursday's opening round to the trophy presentation on Sunday.

For general tournament information, including how to volunteer, please visit www.ncc-golf.com or call (614) 764- GOLF. Stay connected with the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship on X (@NCHC_Golf), Instagram (@nchcgolf), and Facebook (www.facebook.com/NationwideChildrensChampionship).

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.

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.

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 77 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 or follow the Korn Ferry Tour on social media. In 2026, 10 Korn Ferry Tour events 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.

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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.

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