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## **PGA TOUR announces 2022 Korn Ferry Tour schedule**

Four international events return, Lake Charles Championship to make debut

**PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida** – The PGA TOUR announced today the Korn Ferry Tour's 2022 schedule, which features 26 tournaments across four countries and 18 different states with the season culminating at the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance in September.

"True to its mission, the Korn Ferry Tour continues to identify, develop and prepare golf's next stars to compete on the PGA TOUR from day one," said PGA TOUR Commissioner Jay Monahan. "The immediate success we've seen from the likes of Sungjae Im and Scottie Scheffler and now Will Zalatoris, the last three recipients of the PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year, is indicative of the quality and talent on the Korn Ferry Tour."

The Korn Ferry Tour's 2022 schedule will feature the return of international events after they were cancelled in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Korn Ferry Tour will kick off its 2022 slate with The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay (January 16-19) and The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club (January 23-26), followed by the return of the Panama Championship (February 3-6) and Country Club de Bogota Championship (February 10-13).

The Lake Charles Championship, set for March 24-27, will make its debut on the Korn Ferry Tour's schedule after being postponed in 2020 due to the pandemic, and again in 2021 due to the impact from Hurricanes Laura and Delta along the Louisiana coast.

"After recently concluding the Korn Ferry Tour's super season in dramatic fashion, we're excited about what lies ahead in 2022, including a significant increase in purses, the return of four international events and the debut of the Lake Charles Championship," said Korn Ferry Tour President Alex Baldwin. "The Korn Ferry Tour is experiencing unprecedented growth and

fan engagement and these key additions will add to this momentum as our athletes chase their PGA TOUR dreams in 2022."

During the 2022 season, the Korn Ferry Tour will see its purses rise, as regular season events increase to a minimum purse of \$750,000. The purse for the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna – the Tour's regular season finale – will increase to \$850,000. By the 2023 season, all regular season events will feature a purse of at least \$1 million, while the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna will increase to \$1.25 million and all three events in the season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Finals will increase to \$1.5 million.

Today, the Korn Ferry Tour announced a partnership with NV5, a leading provider of compliance, technology, and engineering consulting solutions for public and private sector clients supporting sustainable infrastructure, utility, and building assets and systems, to become the title sponsor of the Korn Ferry Tour's event in Glenview, Illinois for at least the next five seasons. The tournament will now be known as the NV5 Invitational presented by First Midwest Bank and will be played May 26-29.

The Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna will continue to serve as the Korn Ferry Tour's regular season finale and will be played August 11-14 in Omaha, Nebraska. Following the conclusion of the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna, where 25 PGA TOUR cards are awarded to the top 25 players in the Korn Ferry Tour's regular season points standings, the Tour begins the three-event Korn Ferry Tour Finals.

The Korn Ferry Tour Finals commence with the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron – which announced a historic \$2.9M charitable donation during their 2021 event – and will be played August 18-21 in Boise, Idaho. Players then head to the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship (August 25-28), which recently announced a five-year extension of the tournament at The Ohio State University Golf Club's Scarlet Course. The season concludes at the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance at Victoria National Golf Club in Newburgh, Indiana on Sunday, September 4, 2022.

The regular season finale and the three Korn Ferry Tour Finals events will represent four of six tournaments broadcasted on GOLF Channel in 2022. GOLF Channel's broadcast coverage of the Korn Ferry Tour will begin with the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNNEX Corporation (June 9-12), which will feature the debut of the PGA TOUR University presented by Velocity Global Class of 2022. The Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank (August 4-7), the penultimate event of the Korn Ferry Tour regular season, will also be broadcast on GOLF Channel.

In addition to the six tournaments slated for GOLF Channel broadcasts during the 2022 season, the Korn Ferry Tour will also stream live coverage of the Veritex Bank Championship, which will be the first live Korn Ferry Tour tournament coverage available to fans during the 2022 season.

"Providing Korn Ferry Tour fans with more content and additional live coverage is extremely important to our Tour right now, and we're excited to deliver live coverage from the final two rounds of the Veritex Bank Championship, one of our best-in-class events, on Friday, April 15 and Saturday, April 16," Baldwin said.

For more information on the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour season, please visit <u>PGATOUR.com</u>.

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### About Korn Ferry

Korn Ferry is a global organizational consulting firm. We work with clients to design their organizational structures, roles and responsibilities. We help them hire the right people and advise them on how to reward, develop and motivate their workforce. And, we help professionals navigate and advance their careers.

### **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, began providing 50 PGA TOUR cards annually in 2013. Each season, the top 25 players secure PGA TOUR cards via the Korn Ferry Tour's regular season and an additional 25 players secure promotion through the Korn Ferry Tour Finals. With more than 550 PGA TOUR titles and 24 major championships, Korn Ferry Tour alumni make up over 75 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 a PGA TOUR card, visit PGATOUR.COM or follow the Korn Ferry Tour on social media.

# **2022 KORN FERRY TOUR SCHEDULE**

NO.	DATE	TOURNAMENT	COURSE	CITY, STATE	PURSE (\$)
1	Jan. 16-	The Bahamas Great Exuma	Sandals Emerald	Great Exuma,	750K
	19	Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay	Bay GC	Bahamas	/3UK
2	Jan. 23- 26	The Bahamas Great Abaco	Abaco Club on	Great Abaco,	750K
		Classic at The Abaco Club	Winding Bay	Bahamas	
3	Feb. 3-6	Panama Championship	Club de Golf de	Panama City,	750K
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4	Feb. 10- 13	Country Club de Bogota Championship	CC de Bogota -	Bogota,	750K
			Lagos & Pacos y	Colombia	
			Fabios Lakewood		
	Feb. 17- 20	LECOM Suncoast Classic	National GC	Lakewood	750K
5			(Commander	Ranch,	
			Course)	Florida	
	March	Chitimacha Louisiana Open	Le Triomphe	Broussard,	
6	17-20	presented by MISTRAS	G&CC	Louisiana	750K
7	March		The CC at Golden	Lake Charles,	750K
	24-27	Lake Charles Championship	Nugget	Louisiana	
	March 31-April 3	Club Car Championship at The Landings Club	The Landings	Cayannah	750K
8			Club - Deer	Savannah, Georgia	
			Creek GC	Georgia	
9	April 13-	Veritex Bank Championship	Texas Rangers	Arlington,	750K
	16	(KFT Livestream)	GC	Texas	
10	April 28-	Huntsville Championship	The Ledges	Huntsville,	750K
	May 1	· · ·	J	Alabama	
11	May 5-8	Simmons Bank Open for the	The Grove	College Grove,	750K
	N412	Snedeker Foundation		Tennessee	
12	May 12- 15	Visit Knoxville Open	Holston Hills CC	Knoxville, Tennessee	750K
	May 19-			Kansas City,	
13	22	AdventHealth Championship	Blue Hills CC	Missouri	750K
	May 26-	NV5 Invitational presented by		Glenview,	
14	29	First Midwest Bank	The Glen Club	Illinois	750K
	-		The CC at		
15	June 2-5	REX Hospital Open	Wakefield	Raleigh,	750K
		·	Plantation	North Carolina	
16	June 9-12	BMW Charity Pro-Am	Thornblade CC & TBD	Croonvilla	750K
		presented by SYNNEX		Greenville, South Carolina	
		Corporation (GC - TV)		South Carollia	
17	June 16-	Wichita Open Benefitting KU	Crestview CC	Wichita,	750K
	19	Wichita Pediatrics	CI CSEVICW CC	Kansas	7.501
18	June 23-	Live and Work in Maine Open	Falmouth CC	Falmouth,	750K
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19	June 30-	TPC Colorado Championship	TPC Colorado	Berthoud,	750K
	July 3	at Heron Lakes		Colorado	

20	July 14- 17	Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS	Panther Creek CC	Springfield, Illinois	750K			
21	July 21- 24	Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper	Highland Springs CC	Springfield, Missouri	750K			
22	Aug. 4-7	Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank (GC - TV)	Oakridge CC	Farmington, Utah	750K			
23	Aug. 11- 14	Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna (GC - TV)	The Club at Indian Creek	Omaha, Nebraska	850K			
KORN FERRY TOUR FINALS								
24	Aug. 18- 21	Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron (GC - TV)	Hillcrest CC	Boise, Idaho	1M			
25	Aug. 25- 28	Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship (GC - TV)	OSU GC - Scarlet Course	Columbus, Ohio	1M			
26	Sept. 1-4	Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance (GC - TV)	Victoria National GC	Newburgh, Indiana	1M			