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## AdventHealth Championship announces Tournament Advisory Council

**KANSAS CITY, Missouri** – The AdventHealth Championship, the only PGA TOUR-sanctioned professional golf tournament in Kansas City, announced today the formation of a Tournament Advisory Council. The mission of the Tournament Advisory Council, which is comprised of key leaders across Kansas City, is to assist the AdventHealth Championship by advising and directing the leadership team on strategies for enhancing and elevating the event and the overall impact on the greater Kansas City community.

“I’m honored to join this advisory council and look forward to supporting Kansas City’s premier golf tournament,” says Kathy Nelson, President & CEO of the Kansas City Sports Commission. “As a lifelong sport, golf should be celebrated and adopted by Kansas City through youth, recreational and professional events. The AdventHealth Championship is a critical piece of that development and outreach.”

“Kansas City is an incredible sports market and one that is extremely important to the Korn Ferry Tour and the PGA TOUR,” said Korn Ferry Tour President Alex Baldwin. “We’re honored to work alongside these key city leaders to produce an event the Kansas City community will continue to be proud of.”

Members of the Tournament Advisory Council include:

- Jeff Bennett - Director, McCarthy Building Companies
- Patrick Cocherl III - Cocherl Family Foundation
- Brad Demo - Executive Director & CEO, Midwest Section PGA
- Doug Habel - Executive Director, Central Links Golf
- Gary Jankowitz - Market Executive, Wealth, JP Morgan Chase
- Mike Jenkins - Producer, IMA Financial Group
- Michael Knecht - President, AdventHealth Shawnee Mission
- Jennifer Lyon - Vice President Investor Relations, Kansas City Area Development Council
- Chase McAnulty - Founder & CEO, Charlie Hustle
- Laurie McCormack - Executive Director, AdventHealth Foundation
- Kathy Nelson - President & CEO, Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation
- David Vande Ven - Managing Director, Commercial Banking, CIBC
- Mike Wagner - Tournament Chairperson, Blue Hills Country Club

“The Tournament Advisory Council will identify opportunities to further build a collaborative fabric within the Kansas City community of like-minded partners, advancing the greater good of the city,” said Executive Director Drew Van Meeteren. “We are excited to partner with such an amazing group of individuals who all share a common goal to showcase the only PGA TOUR-sanctioned professional golf tournament in Kansas City.”

The AdventHealth Championship is a cornerstone Kansas City event utilizing professional golf to positively impact the KC Heartland and those charities supported. The 2022 AdventHealth Championship will take place May 16-22 at Blue Hills Country Club. For more information about the AdventHealth Championship, please visit [www.AdventHealthChampionship.com](http://www.AdventHealthChampionship.com).

### **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 590 PGA TOUR titles, 25 major championships and six FedEx Cup Champions, 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.

### **About AdventHealth Championship**

The AdventHealth Championship, a PGA TOUR sanctioned event on the Korn Ferry Tour, is conducted annually at Blue Hills Country Club in Kansas City, Missouri. This four-day, 72-hole competition features 156 players from around the world vying for a total purse of \$750,000. As the path to the PGA TOUR, the Korn Ferry Tour features some of the most talented professional golfers who are ready to compete and win on golf's biggest stage.