



# **GOLF**

## **2024 MAJORS GUIDE**

**PGA Championship | Valhalla Golf Club | May 16-19, 2024**



# 2024 MAJORS SCHEDULE

## MASTERS

April 11-14  
Augusta National | Augusta, Ga.

## PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

May 16-19  
Valhalla Golf Club | Louisville, Ky.

## U.S. OPEN

June 13-16  
Pinehurst No. 2 | Pinehurst, N.C.

## THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

July 18-21  
Royal Troon | Troon, Scotland

# KOEPKA EYES TITLE DEFENSE



Smash GC Captain Brooks Koepka enters the 2024 PGA Championship as the defending champion, having won his third Wanamaker Trophy and fifth career major last year at Oak Hill.

It was the first major won by an active member of LIV Golf.

Koepka, who joined LIV Golf in the second tournament of the inaugural 2022 season, will seek to join Jack Nicklaus (5), Walter Hagen (5) and Tiger Woods (4) with four or more PGA Championship titles. He’s also seeking his third successful defense of a major, having won back-to-back U.S. Opens in 2017-18, and back-to-back PGA Championships in 2018-19.

Koepka’s most recent start this season was at LIV Golf Singapore, which he won by two strokes to become the first LIV Golf player to win four individual tournament titles.

“It’s all starting to come around,” Koepka said after his victory. “... “I like the way things are trending.”

## BROOKS AT THE PGA

STARTS: 11	WINS: 3	TOP 5: 6
TOP 10: 6	TOP 25: 8	CUTS MADE: 11

# PGA NOTES

- A total of 16 LIV Golf players will compete in the PGA Championship, including special invites Dean Burmester, Talor Gooch, Lucas Herbert, Adrian Meronk, Joaquin Niemann, David Puig and Patrick Reed
- Of the 16 players, eight have won major championships – Bryson DeChambeau, Martin Kaymer, Brooks Koepka, Dustin Johnson, Phil Mickelson, Jon Rahm, Patrick Reed and Cameron Smith
- The 16 players equals the total number of LIV golfers who competed in the 2023 PGA Championship at Oak Hill
- Three former PGA Champions competing at Valhalla are now captains of LIV Golf teams – Koepka with Smash GC, Mickelson with HyFlyers GC and Kaymer with Cleeks GC
- Koepka and Mickelson are multiple PGA champions; Mickelson’s win in 2021 at age 50 made him the oldest winner of any men’s major
- Mickelson has competed in all three previous PGA Championships at Valhalla, finishing solo 2nd in 2014, T9 in 2000 and T8 in 1996. He also represented Team USA in the 2008 Ryder Cup at Valhalla, partnering with fellow LIV Golf player Anthony Kim in three matches
- Mickelson is one of four LIV golfers in the 2024 field who played in 2014 at Valhalla. The other three are Koepka (T15), Reed (T58) and Kaymer (MC)
- In addition to those four players, 19 other current LIV Golf players were in the 2014 field, including Majesticks GC Co-Captain Henrik Stenson, who tied for 3rd
- Reed is making his 41st consecutive start in a major, the longest active streak of any LIV Golf player



# WHO'S IN?

21 different LIV golfers are exempt into at least one major in 2024, while players not currently exempt are still able to secure spots at the U.S. Open and Open Championship through various qualifying tournaments. The players and how they qualified.

TEAM	PLAYER	MASTERS	PGA CHAMP.	U.S. OPEN	OPEN CHAMP.
<b>S</b>	DEAN BURMESTER		Special Invite		Qualifying Series
	BRYSON DECHAMBEAU	Major Winner (2019-23)	Major Winner (2019-23)	Past Champ	Major Winner (2019-23)
	SERGIO GARCIA	Past Champ			
	TALOR GOOCH		Special Invite		
	TYRRELL HATTON	Other Exemption	Other Exemption	Other Exemption	Other Exemption
	LUCAS HERBERT		Special Invite		
<b>A</b>	DUSTIN JOHNSON	Past Champ	Major Winner (2019-23)	Past Champ	Major Winner (2019-23)
	MARTIN KAYMER		Past Champ	Past Champ	
	BROOKS KOEPKA	Major Winner (2019-23)	Past Champ	Past Champ	Major Winner (2019-23)
	ADRIAN MERONK	Other Exemption	Special Invite	Other Exemption	Other Exemption
	PHIL MICKELSON	Past Champ	Past Champ	Major Winner (2019-23)	Past Champ
	JOAQUIN NIEMANN	Special Invite	Special Invite		Qualifying Series
	ANDY OGLETREE		Other Exemption		
<b>S</b>	LOUIS OOSTHUIZEN				Past Champ
	DAVID PUIG		Special Invite		Qualifying Series
	JON RAHM	Past Champ	Major Winner (2019-23)	Past Champ	Major Winner (2019-23)
<b>A</b>	PATRICK REED	Past Champ	Special Invite		
<b>S</b>	CHARL SCHWARTZEL	Past Champ			
	CAMERON SMITH	Major Winner (2019-23)	Major Winner (2019-3)	Major Winner (2019-23)	Past Champ
	HENRIK STENSON				Past Champ
	BUBBA WATSON	Past Champ			



# PGA CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYER NOTES

Sixteen current LIV Golf League players will compete in this week's PGA Championship at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Kentucky. Three of those players have won PGA Championships.



**MARTIN KAYMER**

- **2010 at Whistling Straits (playoff over Bubba Watson)**



**BROOKS KOEPKA**

- **2018 at Bellerive (1 stroke over Tiger Woods)**
- **2019 at Bethpage Black (1 stroke over Dustin Johnson)**
- **2023 at Oak Hill (2 strokes over Viktor Hovland, Scottie Scheffler)**



**PHIL MICKELSON**

- **2005 at Baltusrol (1 stroke over Thomas Bjorn, Steve Elkington)**
- **2021 at Kiawah Island (2 strokes over Brooks Koepka, Louis Oosthuizen)**

**STINGER<sup>GC</sup>**

**DEAN BURMESTER**  
PGA Championship starts: 3  
Best finish: 54th (2023)

Exemption: Special Invite ... Has won three times in his last 11 worldwide starts, including his first LIV Golf victory in Miami in April ... Currently 3rd in the 2024 Individual standings ... Will be making his eighth career major start ... His best major result is a T11 at the 2022 Open.



**CRUSHERS**

**BRYSON DECHAMBEAU**  
PGA Championship starts: 6  
Best finish: T4 (2020, 2023)

Exemption: 2020 U.S. Open Champion ... Has four top 10s in the 2024 LIV Golf season and currently 12th in the Individual standings ... His T4 in last year's PGA Championship is his best major result since his U.S. Open win ... Will be making his 30th career start in a major.



**SMASH<sup>®</sup>**

**TALOR GOOCH**  
PGA Championship starts: 4  
Best finish: T20 (2022)

Exemption: Special Invite ... Won three LIV Golf tournaments in 2023 en route to claiming the season-long Individual Championship ... Has four top 10s in the 2024 season and currently 8th in the Individual standings ... Will be making his 12th career start in a major.



**LEGION XIII**

**TYRRELL HATTON**  
PGA Championship starts: 9  
Best finish: T10 (2016, 2018)

Exemption: Top 15 in 2023 PGA Championship; 2023 Ryder Cup ... Has three top 10s and three other top 15 finishes in his first seven starts since joining LIV Golf ... Currently 11th in the Individual standings ... Will be making his 36th career start in a major.





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**LUCAS HERBERT**  
**PGA Championship starts: 5**  
**Best finish: T13 (2022)**

Exemption: Special Invite ... Has two top-15 finishes in his first seven starts since joining LIV Golf and is currently 41st in the Individual standings ... Has four professional wins, including the 2023 ISPS Handa Championship in Japan ... Will be making his 15th major start.



**DUSTIN JOHNSON**  
**PGA Championship starts: 14**  
**Best finish: 2nd (2019), T2 (2020)**

Exemption: 2020 Masters Champion ... Won his third LIV Golf title in Las Vegas in February and is currently 9th in the Individual standings ... Has played every PGA Championship since 2009 except for Valhalla in 2014 ... Will be making his 59th major start.



**MARTIN KAYMER**  
**PGA Championship starts: 14**  
**Best finish: 1st (2010)**

Exemption: Past Champion ... Has top 20 finishes in his last two LIV Golf starts and is currently 42nd in the Individual standings ... Beat fellow LIV Golf captain Bubba Watson in a playoff to win the 2010 PGA at Whistling Straits ... Will be making his 54th major start.



**BROOKS KOEPKA**  
**PGA Championship starts: 11**  
**Best finish: 1st (2018, 2019, 2023)**

Exemption: Past/Defending Champion ... Won LIV Golf Singapore in his most recent start to become the first golfer to win four LIV titles ... Currently 5th in the Individual standings ... Seeking to join Tiger Woods as a four-time PGA champion ... Making his 40th major start.



**ADRIAN MERONK**  
**PGA Championship starts: 1**  
**Best finish: T40 (2023)**

Exemption: Special Invite ... Has three top 10s in his first seven starts since joining LIV Golf and is currently 18th in the Individual standings ... Voted as DP World Tour Player of the Year in 2023 after his three-win season ... Making his 8th major start.



**PHIL MICKELSON**  
**PGA Championship starts: 30**  
**Best finish: 1st (2005, 2021)**

Exemption: Past Champion ... Finished T6 at LIV Golf Jeddah, his best result in LIV Golf, and is currently 34th in the Individual standings ... Has won six majors, his most recent at the 2021 PGA when he set a record as oldest major winner at age 50 ... Making his 123rd major start.



# PLAYER NOTES



**JOAQUIN NIEMANN**  
**PGA Championship starts: 6**  
**Best finish: T23 (2022)**

Exemption: Special Invite ... Has two LIV Golf individual wins (Mayakoba, Jeddah) in 2024 and currently leads the Individual standings ... Has three wins and seven other top 10s in his last 12 worldwide starts since late November ... Making his 21st major start.



**ANDY OGLETREE**  
**PGA Championship starts: 0**  
**Best finish: N/A**

Exemption: Top 3 International Federation ranking ... T3 at LIV Golf Adelaide is his best result in 2024 ... Currently 28th in the Individual standings ... Earned his spot in LIV Golf after finishing atop the 2023 International Series standings on the Asian Tour.



**DAVID PUIG**  
**PGA Championship starts: 0**  
**Best finish: N/A**

Exemption: Special Invite ... Has two top 15s in LIV Golf this season and currently 43rd in the Individual standings ... In his last 10 non-LIV starts, he has two wins, four other top 5s, a top 10 and three top 15s ... Making just his second major start.



**JON RAHM**  
**PGA Championship starts: 7**  
**Best finish: T4 (2018)**

Exemption: 2023 Masters Champion; 2021 U.S Open Champion ... Only LIV Golf player this season to finish in top 10 in each of the first seven tournaments, with his best finish a T3 (twice) ... Currently 2nd in the Individual stand-ings ... Making his 31st major start.



**PATRICK REED**  
**PGA Championship starts: 10**  
**Best finish: T2 (2017)**

Exemption: Special Invite ... Has one top 10 and two other top 20s this season and is currently 30th in the Individual standings ... Finished 4th and 6th in the Individual standings in first two LIV Golf seasons ... Making his 41st consecutive start in a major.



**CAMERON SMITH**  
**PGA Championship starts: 8**  
**Best finish: T9 (2023)**

Exemption: 2022 Open Champion ... Has two T2s and one other top 10 this season and is currently 7th in the Individual standings ... Won twice in 2023 and finished 2nd in the Individual Championship race ... Making his 31st major start.

# 2024 MASTERS RECAP

A total of 13 LIV Golf players competed in the Masters at Augusta National. Crushers GC Captain Bryson DeChambeau and Ripper GC Captain Cameron Smith were the top performers, each finishing at 2 under and in a tie for sixth. Legion XIII's Tyrrell Hatton also produced a top-10 finish.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Bryson DeChambeau was the solo leader after the first round, the first time he had led after any round at the Masters
- DeChambeau's 7-under 65 in the opening round is his lowest score, relative to par, in 97 career rounds in majors. "That was one of the best rounds of golf I've played in a long time," DeChambeau said.
- DeChambeau's T6 finish is his best result in eight career starts at Augusta National
- Tyrrell Hatton's final-round 3-under 69 is his second sub-70 round in 28 career rounds at the Masters
- Hatton's T9 finish is his best result in eight Masters starts. "I'm proud of how I've played for the majority of this tournament," Hatton said.
- Thanks to his top-10 finish, Hatton earned an invitation to next year's Masters
- Cameron Smith shot four rounds of par or better for the third time in eight career starts at the Masters
- Smith's T6 is his fifth top-10 finish at Augusta National
- Patrick Reed's T12 is his fifth top-15 finish in his last seven Masters starts
- Three-time Masters champion Phil Mickelson made the cut for the 28th time in 31 Masters starts, moving him into solo fourth place for most cuts in tournament history

## FINAL RESULTS FOR LIV GOLFERS

POS.	PLAYER	FINAL SCORE	ROUNDS (TOTAL)
T6	Bryson DeChambeau	-2	65-73-75-73 (286)
T6	Cameron Smith	-2	71-72-72-71 (286)
T9	Tyrrell Hatton	E	72-74-73-69 (288)
T12	Patrick Reed	+1	74-70-73-72 (289)
T22	Joaquin Niemann	+4	70-78-71-73 (292)
T43	Phil Mickelson	+8	73-75-74-74 (296)
T45	Brooks Koepka	+9	73-73-76-75 (297)
T45	Jon Rahm	+9	73-76-72-76 (297)
MC	Sergio Garcia		72-79 (151)
MC	Bubba Watson		74-80 (154)
MC	Charl Schwartzel		74-81 (155)
MC	Dustin Johnson		78-79 (157)
MC	Adrian Meronk		78-80 (158)





# MAJORS WON

## MASTERS

PLAYER	YEAR
Mickelson	2004
Mickelson	2006
Mickelson	2010
Schwartzel	2011
Watson	2012
Watson	2014
Garcia	2017
Reed	2018
Johnson	2020
Rahm	2023

## PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

PLAYER	YEAR
Mickelson	2005
Kaymer	2010
B. Koepka	2018
B. Koepka	2019
Mickelson	2021
B. Koepka	2023

## THE OPEN

PLAYER	YEAR
Oosthuizen	2010
Mickelson	2013
Stenson	2016
Smith	2022

## MOST STARTS

PLAYER	MASTERS	PGA	U.S. OPEN	OPEN CHAMP.	TOTAL
Mickelson	31	30	32	29	122
Garcia	25	24	24	25	98
Westwood	21	24	20	27	91
Poulter	16	20	16	20	72
Casey	15	19	18	19	71
Stenson	16	16	15	18	65
Schwartzel	15	16	13	15	59
Johnson	14	14	16	14	58
Watson	16	16	15	11	58
Oosthuizen	15	13	13	16	57
McDowell	10	15	15	14	54
Kaymer	12	14	15	12	53
Howell III	10	18	12	10	50

## U.S. OPEN

PLAYER	YEAR
McDowell	2010
Kaymer	2014
Johnson	2016
B. Koepka	2017
B. Koepka	2018
DeChambeau	2020
Rahm	2021

**27** TOTAL MAJOR WINS      **14** MAJOR CHAMPIONS

## TOTAL MAJORS WON

PLAYER	MAJORS WON
Phil Mickelson	6
Brooks Koepka	5
Dustin Johnson	2
Martin Kaymer	2
Jon Rahm	2
Bubba Watson	2
Bryson DeChambeau	1
Sergio Garcia	1
Graeme McDowell	1
Louis Oosthuizen	1
Patrick Reed	1
Charl Schwartzel	1
Cameron Smith	1
Henrik Stenson	1