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**2020 Puerto Rico Open & World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship select player information**

***World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship***

**Select Players**

**Shugo Imahira**

* 27-year-old owns four wins on the Japan Golf Tour (2017 Kansai Open, 2018 & 2019 Bridgestone Open, 2019 Dunlop Phoenix)
* Claimed No. 1 position on 2018 Japan Golf Tour money list
* Makes 15th PGA TOUR start with T27 at 2019 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational his best result

**Ryo Ishikawa**

* On May 20, 2007, became the youngest winner ever of a men’s regular tournament on the Japan Golf Tour, capturing the Munsingwear Open KSB Cup at 15 years, 8 months in his first ever Tour appearance
* 28-year-old turned professional in 2008 and was the Japan Golf Tour leading money winner in 2009
* Shot 12-under 58 in the final round to win The Crowns in 2010
* Owns 17 Japan Golf Tour titles, including three in 2019 (Japan PGA Championship, Shigeo Nagashima Invitational Sega Sammy Cup, Golf Nippon Series JT Cup)
* Represented the International Team in the Presidents Cup in 2009 and 2011
* Owns at least one top-30 finish in each of the four major championships

**Jazz Janewattananond**

* 24-year-old from Thailand won his first Asian Tour title at the 2017 Bashundhara Bangladesh Open by four shots
* First played his way into the history books of the Asian Tour in 2010 when he became the youngest ever player to make the halfway cut at the 2010 Asian Tour International in Bangkok at the age of 14 years and 71 days
* In January 2019, won the SMBC Singapore Open (a co-sanctioned Japan Tour/Asian Tour event), before three additional titles in 2019 brought his total Asian Tour wins to six
* Real name is Atiwit but he switched to his nickname Jazz which was given by his father, a judge, due to the latter’s preference to jazz music

**Kurt Kitayama**

* 27-year-old Californian is a two-time European Tour winner (2018 AfrAsia Bank Mauritius Open, 2019 Oman Open); Was one of six players in a sudden-death playoff at 2019 Turkish Airlines Open, eventually won by Tyrrell Hatton
* UNLV product turned professional in 2015 and competed on the Korn Ferry Tour, posting T13 in his first-ever event with rounds of 67-69-69-63 at the Air Capital Classic
* PGA TOUR debut came at 2016 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (MC) after making nine birdies to shoot 63 and advance via Monday qualifying
* Makes his ninth PGA TOUR start this week with four made cuts in previous eight starts (T17/2017 Puerto Rico Open, T64/2019 PGA Championship, T28/2019 WGC-HSBC Champions, T18/2020 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)

**Tae Hee Lee**

* Made four previous PGA TOUR starts (T55/2018 CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES when he was one of five KPGA professionals awarded spots in the field, T70/2019 The Genesis Invitational as a sponsor exemption, 76th/2019 THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, T65/2019 WGC-HSBC Champions)

**Zach Murray**

* Australian makes PGA TOUR debut after winning 2019 New Zealand Open and finishing second on Australasian PGA Tour Order of Merit

**Shaun Norris**

* 37-year-old South African won the 2019 Top Cup Tokai Classic, his fourth career victory on the Japan Golf Tour
* Won twice on the Sunshine Tour - the inaugural Africa Open in 2008 and the Nashua Masters in 2010, and has a pair of wins on the Asian Tour
* Made five cuts in seven previous PGA TOUR appearances

***Puerto Rico Open***

**Sponsor Exemptions**

**Justin Bertsch**

* Head Golf Professional at the Hideout Golf Club Monday qualified to advance to the 2019 Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, eventually missing the cut in the Dominican Republic; Also missed the cut in his only other PGA TOUR start, the 2019 PGA Championship

**MJ Daffue**

* Former Lamar University golfer makes PGA TOUR debut after notching three top-25s in nine starts on Korn Ferry Tour in 2019
* 31-year-old native of South Africa finished T73 at 2020 Panama Championship on Korn Ferry Tour

**Brendon de Jonge**

* Zimbabwean is seeking his first victory in his 308th TOUR start
* Owns 28 career top-10s on TOUR, most recent a T10 at 2018 Zurich Classic of New Orleans (partnering Troy Merritt)
* Former Presidents Cup International Team member has the distinction of being the last player to sit in last place after the first round of a tournament and finish in top 10 (2014 Wells Fargo Championship, 155th to T6, 80-62-68-69)

**Roberto Diaz**

* One of four PGA TOUR members from Mexico in the 2018-19 season, finished No. 155 in the FedExCup to lose exempt status
* With Abraham Ancer as his teammate, finished T2 at 2018 World Cup of Golf
* Was last man in the field at 2019 Bermuda Championship (T48) in his first start of the season
* Missed cut at 2019 Mayakoba Golf Classic while playing on sponsor exemption

**Julian Etulain**

* Argentine played two full seasons on PGA TOUR, finishing No. 161 in FedExCup in 2016-17 and No. 176 in 2018-19
* Notched one top-10 in 48 PGA TOUR starts (T5/2017 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, partnering with Angel Cabrera)

**Edward Figueroa**

* 26-year-old Puerto Rico native poised to make his seventh start on the PGA TOUR and fifth as a professional
* All TOUR starts came at the Puerto Rico Open (2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019)
* Won the 2012 AJGA Puerto Rico Junior Open, which earned him a spot into his first Puerto Rico Open

**Domenico Geminiani**

* Bradenton, Florida resident has competed in two PGA TOUR events (MC/2015 Mayakoba Golf Classic, MC/2018 Barbasol Championship)
* Arrived in the USA at the age of five after being born in the Caribbean island of Martinique
* Turned professional at 15 and, as an Italian citizen by passport, was given an invitation to play in the 2010 Italian Open
* Played a three-year stint on the Challenge Tour in Europe, but after a string of poor results, he returned to Florida to play mini-tour events

**Parker Gillam**

* Wake Forest junior makes PGA TOUR debut
* Shot 72-76 to miss the cut at the 2018 Rex Hospital Open in his lone Korn Ferry Tour start
* Won 2019 White Sands Intercollegiate in Bahamas with scores of 60-73-66
* 21-year-old Hickory, N.C. native’s father, Tim, played football at Concord University

**Derek Gillespie**

* 41-year-old Canadian played college golf at University of Arizona where teammate included Rory Sabbatini
* Owns two wins on Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada
* Made four cuts in 10 starts on TOUR; Most recent start was 2016 Travelers Championship (MC)
* Won “The Big Break-Prince Edward Island”, a golf reality show on Golf Channel

**Smylie Kaufman**

* Won the 2015 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open in just his fifth career PGA TOUR start
* Has made two cuts in his last 29 PGA TOUR starts (T69/2018 The American Express, 71/2019 Rocket Mortgage Classic)
* Posted a T27 result in the 2019 Emirates Australian Open with scores of 75-66-71-70

**Jay McLuen**

* Made two cuts in 11 starts on the PGA TOUR with a best result of T16 at the 2013 Mayakoba Golf Classic where he posted four sub-70 rounds; Also made the cut in the 2016 Barracuda Championship (T76)
* Makes fourth start this season (Puerto Rico Open/MC, Barbasol Championship/MC, Barracuda Championship/MC)

**Chris Nido**

* Miami native makes his second PGA TOUR start – debut came at this event in 2017 as a 17-year-old when he missed the cut

**Bryson Nimmer**

* Clemson golfer made his PGA TOUR debut at this event last year (T47) and returns for his second TOUR appearance
* He and his father, Tony (1980-83), comprise the only father-son combination in Clemson history to both earn All-ACC honors
* Once shot 13-under 59 in a practice round at the 7,100-yard Jack Nicklaus designed The Reserve at Lake Keowee

**Andrea Pavan**

* 30-year-old Italian is a two-time winner on European Tour (2018 D+D Real Czech Masters, 2019 BMW International Open)
* Won Italian Amateur Strokeplay Championship at age 16
* Member of Texas A&M team which won 2009 NCAA Men’s Golf Championship
* Finished T6 while representing Italy (with Renato Paratore) at 2018 World Cup of Golf
* Five previous starts on PGA TOUR with best result coming at 2018 WGC-HSBC Champions (T22)

**Chandler Phillips**

* Played college golf at Texas A&M with two-time PGA TOUR winner Cameron Champ
* Missed the cut in PGA TOUR debut at 2019 Sanderson Farms Championship; T70 at 2019 Houston Open in his only other TOUR start
* Holds Texas A&M records for career tournament wins (7), lowest single round score (63), lowest 54-hole score (-19) and season stroke average (70.18)
* Describes his proudest moment as going 19 holes with Viktor Hovland in a championship match; “To even have a chance to beat him in match play on his own golf course was pretty huge.”

**Sam Saunders**

* Won his second club championship at Bay Hill Club and Lodge by 17 strokes as a high school senior, which earned him an invitation to the 2006 Arnold Palmer Invitational, the PGA TOUR event recognizing his grandfather
* Played golf at Clemson University and skipped his senior year to turn professional, eventually playing his way on to the Korn Ferry Tour in 2014 via the qualifying school and graduated to the PGA TOUR the following year after finishing 13th in the Korn Ferry Tour Finals
* Finished No. 120 in the FedExCup in the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season

**Hiram Silfa**

* As a tennis player, won 14 Davis Cup matches, was Dominican Republic national champion three times in a row and ranked 527 in the world rankings in 1995
* As a baseball player, he was chosen best torpedo of the Sun Belt division in 1999, wearing the colors of the International University of Florida (FIU) between 1996-2000
* Ranked third in the all-time list at FIU in bases reached (338), fifth in hits (226) and the fourth in turns (749)
* Is currently the Golf Director for Puntacana Resort & Club
* Missed the cut in all three PGA TOUR starts (2018 & 2019 Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, 2019 Puerto Rico Open)

**Davis Thompson**

* 20-year-old University of Georgia golfer is the son of former Georgia golfer and The RSM Classic tournament director Todd Thompson
* In his PGA TOUR debut, posted 68-70-68-66 to finish T23 at The RSM Classic this season while playing as a sponsor exemption
* Won the Jones Cup by nine shots in February at Sea Island to earn exemption to The RSM Classic in 2020
* Finished the fall with a team-best scoring average of 69.47, including seven of 15 rounds in the 60s

**Monday Qualifiers**

The Puerto Rico Open Monday Qualifier was held at Melreese CC (par-71) in Miami, Florida and the following players advanced:

**Andrew Loupe (64)**

* Louisiana native makes 93rd career start on TOUR but first since 2018 Houston Open
* Finished No. 113 in the FedExCup in 2016 after posting four top-10s, including his career-best T3 at The American Express

**Justin Doeden (64)**

* Former University of Minnesota golfer played the past two seasons on Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada where his best result is T3/2019 Lethbridge Open, which included a second-round 62
* 25-year-old American turned professional in 2017

**Will Gordon (64)**

* Posted two eagles in his 7-under 64 to advance to the Puerto Rico Open
* Davidson, North Carolina native has made six previous PGA TOUR appearances (T31/2019 Barracuda Championship, MC/2019 Sanderson Farms Championship, T55/2019 Mayakoba Golf Classic, T10/2019 The RSM Classic, MC/2020 Sony Open in Hawaii, T21/2020 Farmers Insurance Open)
* The T10 finish at the last event of 2019 earned him a spot in the field in Hawaii early in 2020
* Vanderbilt University standout averaged 70.99 over 138 rounds during his collegiate career
* Won 2019 Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada Q School (USA West) and made eight cuts in nine starts, including two top-five finishes on that Tour
* Failed to advance out of second stage of 2019 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying School
* Currently leads non-member money list with $245,868

**Yechun Yuan (pronounced YEH CHOON YOU-ON) (65)**

* Native of China, but product of the University of Washington goes by the English name of “Carl” (real name is Yechun)
* Became the second PGA TOUR Series-China amateur to win on the circuit when he captured the 2018 Qingdao Championship by a stroke (joined Cheng Jin, who won the 2014 Nine Dragons Open)
* Posted four rounds in the 60s to finish T14 at 2019 Macau Championship
* Played 23 Korn Ferry Tour events in 2019, with third at the Panama Championship his best result. Finished No. 59 to retain status for 2020
* Finished T35 at 2018 WGC-HSBC Champions and T17 in the same tournament in 2019, his only previous PGA TOUR appearances