**2020 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational Message Document**

**Things to know about the 2020 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational**

1. **Final WGC of the season:**Week eight of the PGA TOUR’s Return to Golf marks the first World Golf Championships since the season resumed as Memphis, Tennessee hosts the World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational at TPC Southwind. The WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational is the final of four World Golf Championships of the 2019-20 season, with the season’s third WGC, the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, being canceled in late March. Home to the PGA TOUR since 1958, the Memphis stop is in its second year as a World Golf Championships event as it continues to welcome the world’s best players while highlighting the incredible work of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.
2. **St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital:** Since 1970, the Memphis tournament has raised over $48 million for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, including over $5 million in 2019. The St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, which was started by Danny Thomas in 1962, is leading the way the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases. Treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the childhood cancer survival rate from 20 percent to 80 percent, with a goal of 100 percent. Additionally, St. Jude ensures that no family ever receives a bill for treatment, travel, housing or food, so families can solely focus on their child’s health.
3. **Field:** The field includes 45 of the top 50 players in the OWGR, the most of any event this season, highlighted by nine of the top 10. Jon Rahm will make his first start since becoming the No. 1 player in the world after his win two weeks ago at the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide, as he looks to become the first player to win as No. 1 since Brooks Koepka at the 2019 WGC-FedEx St. Invitational. Twenty-seven of the top 30 in the current FedExCup standings will be in Memphis, including each of the top nine.
4. **FedExCup:** With just four events and three weeks until the start of the FedExCup Playoffs, this week offers 550 FedExCup points to the winner, a huge opportunity for players to solidify their spots, or make moves in the FedExCup standings and Wyndham Rewards Top 10, a bonus pool prize rewarding the top 10 finishers in the PGA TOUR Regular Season.
   * Six of the top 10 in the OWGR are also in the top 10 in the FedExCup (*FedExCup in parentheses*): No. 1 Jon Rahm (8), No. 2 Rory McIlroy (5), No. 3 Justin Thomas (1), No. 5 Webb Simpson (2), No. 7 Bryson DeChambeau (4), No. 8 Patrick Reed (6).
   * Webb Simpson, who finished runner-up in Memphis in 2019, is second in the FedExCup standings behind Justin Thomas as he pushes for the top spot in the Wyndham Rewards, while Xander Schauffele sits just outside of the top 10 of the Wyndham Rewards at No. 11, trailing Lanto Griffin (who is not in the field) by 11 points.
   * Notables outside the top 125 include defending champion Brooks Koepka (154), who has missed portions of the season due to injury, and 2013 FedExCup champion Henrik Stenson (209), who is making his first start since March.

**IMPACT**

**Patient Designed**: In a partnership between FootJoy and FedEx, over 30 FootJoy-sponsored players will be wearing St. Jude patient-designed shoes throughout tournament week. Justin Thomas, Abraham Ancer, Cameron Smith, and Webb Simpson will each be wearing a design by four individual patients, while the other players will be wearing a collaboration of the four designs. Patient designs will also appear on FootJoy shirts, as well as their traditional placement on caddie bibs.

**FedEx Cares Charity Challenge:** The WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational, FedEx and PGA TOUR will host a nine-hole exhibition match on Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. C.T. 2013 FedExCup champion Henrik Stenson and Viktor Hovland, who is making his World Golf Championships debut, will compete against 2012 FedExCup champion Brandt Snedeker and 2014 FedExCup champion Billy Horschel in a scramble format to raise funds through FedEx Cares for the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

**WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational Featured Groupings (FedExCup Rank)**

TBD

**Tuesday**

Jon Rahm – 10:00 a.m.

Brooks Koepka – 11 a.m.

**Wednesday**

Rory McIlroy – 2:40 p.m.

Henrik Stenson – 4:00 p.m.

**TBD**

Daniel Berger

Webb Simpson

Justin Thomas

Viktor Hovland