



PLAYER ADVANCE SHEET

Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship

CONTACTS

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HOURS OF OPERATION

DATE	DAY	PLAYER & CADDIE REGISTRATION	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	PRACTICE FACILITIES	EQUIPMENT TRAILER	PHYSICAL THERAPY
9/15	Mon	7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	7:00 AM – 10:30 AM	10:30 AM – 3:00 PM	7:00 AM – 7:30 PM	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Setup Day
9/16	Tue	7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	7:00 AM – 10:30 AM	10:30 AM – 3:00 PM	7:00 AM – 7:30 PM	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	7:00 AM – 3:00 PM
9/17	Wed	7:00 AM - 12:00 PM	5:45 AM – 10:30 AM	10:30 AM – 3:00 PM	5:45 AM – 7:30 PM	8:00 AM – 2:30 PM	1 hour before 1st Pro- Am Time – 3:00 PM
9/18	Thu	N/A	5:45 AM – 10:30 AM	10:30 AM – 3:00 PM	5:45 AM – 7:30 PM	N/A	1.5 hours before 1st Tee Time – 3:00 PM
9/19	Fri	N/A	5:45 AM – 10:30 AM	10:30 AM – 4:00 PM	5:45 AM – 7:30 PM	N/A	1.5 hours before 1st Tee Time – 3:00 PM
9/20	Sat	N/A	1.5 hours before 1st Tee Time – 10:30 AM	10:30 AM – 3:00 PM	1.5 hours before 1st Tee Time – 6:00 PM	N/A	1.5 hours before 1st Tee Time – 3:00 PM
9/21	Sun	N/A	1.5 hours before 1st Tee Time – 10:30 AM	10:30 AM – 3:00 PM	1.5 hours before 1st Tee Time – 1 hr. after last tee time	N/A	1.5 hours before 1st Tee Time – Last Tee Time

NEED TO KNOW

- **FIRST SHOT TO FIGHT CANCER** a ceremony to kick-off the championship will be conducted on the 1st tee prior to the start of round one at approximately 7:00 a.m. which includes the First Shot to Fight Cancer. Thank you for your support of this special ceremony.
- PATIENT CHAMPIONS in addition to the Patient Champions that will be on-site, there will be signs around the practice putting green featuring 18 Patient Champions. Each sign features the Patient Champion's name, photo and a write-up about their journey at Nationwide Children's Hospital. Players are encouraged to write inspiring messages and notes on the signs for the Patient Champions with the provided pens starting on Monday. Signs will be delivered to the Patient Champions after the tournament.
- **SUNDAY HONORARY OBSERVERS** Patient Champions from Nationwide Children's Hospital will join the pros on the 18th hole for the final 7 groups. Participants and their families will walk inside the ropes with the pros and be announced approaching the green. Players are invited to interact with the patients during or after play of the hole.





- **PRO-AM 'OUTS'** are **not** available to players, regardless of membership status, in Official Pro-Ams in the Korn Ferry Tour Finals events per Korn Ferry Tour Tournament Regulations. Please see below for additional information specific to this week's Pro-Am.
- **ELIGIBILITY** is limited to the top 144 players plus ties from the Korn Ferry Tour Points List through the Simmons Bank Open (Note: Final field size could be less than 144 players, with no alternates eligible.
- PLAYER & CADDIE REGISTRATION must be completed before practice or play. Registration is located in the scoring tent on the North side of the clubhouse adjacent to the media tent.
- THE OSU GRAY COURSE & OSU GOLF TEAM'S SHORT GAME AREA are closed during tournament week and may not be used for any practice or play. This includes the Gray Course #1 tee near the practice range. The OSU Golf Team's short game area is located to the right of #18 fairway.
- **CLUB STORAGE** is permitted in the locker room **this week only**. The locker room will be staffed and locked overnight. Neither the club nor the tournament are responsible for items left in the locker room.
- LOCKER ROOM facilities and shoe cleaning service are available. Each player will have their own locker assigned by name plate, but keys will not be distributed. Neither the club nor the tournament are responsible for items left in the locker room.
- PHYSICAL THERAPY is located in the Women's Locker Room on the 3rd floor of the Clubhouse. Hours of operation are listed above.
- PLAYER & CADDIE DINING is located in the clubhouse and is open to players and caddies. Players may bring a spouse/significant other with a TOUR issued credential ONLY. Hours of operation are listed above.
 - All dining on Wednesday will be located in the hospitality structure behind #18 green.
- PLAYER PARKING will be located in the Clubhouse Parking Lot. You will need your TOUR issued credential to access the parking lot.
- **CADDIE PARKING** is located in the Advent Lutheran Church (3660 Kenny Road Columbus, OH 43220) which is across the street from the golf course. A parking pass will be available at registration. Weekend parking is available at the City of Upper Arlington building across the street from the club. Parking passes will still be required.
- YARDAGE BOOKS will be issued to all players and caddies at registration. Players and caddies <u>MUST</u> use Committee approved yardage books since January 1, 2022.
- **PRACTICE ROUNDS** beginning on hole #10 must yield in all instances to players making the turn and must not delay practice rounds at any time. Abuse of the Practice Area Policy may result in disciplinary action.
- MONDAY PRO-AM is an 18-hole shotgun at 12:00 p.m. on the Scarlet course and 12:30 p.m. on the Gray course. There will be approximately 40 teams (20 on Gray and 20 on Scarlet) comprised of 1 professional and 4 amateurs. Practice rounds are permitted in advance of the Pro-Am and all players must clear the course by 11:45 a.m. Practice rounds are available after the pro-am at approximately 5:30 p.m.
- **OFFICIAL PRO-AM** will take place on Wednesday, September 17th as a 9&9 format with starting times between approximately 7:20 a.m. to 9:17 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:27 p.m. There will be approximately 56 teams comprised of 1 professional and 2 amateurs.
 - o Eligibility will be based off of the KFT Points List at the conclusion of the Simmons Bank Open.
 - o Per KFT Regs, Pro-Am 'Outs' may not be used during Korn Ferry Tour Finals events regardless of membership status.
 - There will be no practice rounds before or after the pro-am.
- TICKETS are complimentary and available online for players and caddies to receive or send digitally. Please visit ncc-golf.com for tickets.
- **GYM ACCESS** is available for players only at The Golf Room (6615 Dublin Center Drive Dublin, OH 43017). Please visit thegolfroom.com for hours of operation. **Players must present their TOUR issued credential to gain access.**
- DRY CLEANING SERVICES will be offered by Dale Cleaners (976 Old Henderson Road Columbus, Ohio 43220 / Phone: 614-451-1422). Same day pickup and drop off are available Monday-Saturday. Pick-up will be at 9:00 a.m. and drop-off at 4:00 p.m. Players will be responsible for providing a credit card for services. The tournament is not responsible for lost or damaged items.





TOURNAMENT WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 14th

After 3 p.m. players and caddies may walk the course. The golf course and practice range are closed all weekend and no shots may be
hit during this time.

Monday, September 15th

- Practice Facilities are open from 7:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.
- Practice Rounds are available beginning at 7:00 a.m.
- Monday Pro-Am 12:00 p.m. shotgun start on Scarlet, 12:30 p.m. shotgun start on Gray
 - o All players must be off the golf course by 11:45 a.m.
- Practice rounds are available following the Pro-Am at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 16th

- Practice Facilities are open from 7:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.
- Practice Rounds are available all day.

Wednesday, September 17th

- Practice Facilities are open from 5:45 a.m. 7:30 p.m.
- Official Pro-Am
 - o Tee times beginning at approximately 7:20 a.m. Pros will play 9 holes
- Practice rounds are not available before or after the pro-am.
- All dining located in #18 hospitality

Thursday, September 18th

- Practice Facilities are open from 5:45 a.m. 7:30 p.m.
- First Shot to Fight Cancer at #1 Tee 7:00 a.m.
- Round 1 starting times begin at approximately 7:15 a.m.

Friday, September 19th

- Practice Facilities are open from 5:45 a.m. 7:30 p.m.
- Round 2 starting times begin at approximately 7:15 a.m.
- Folds of Honor Friday

Saturday, September 20th

- Practice Facilities will be open 1.5 hours before 1st tee time 6:00 p.m.
- Round 3 starting times TBD. Finish time will be approximately 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 21st

- Practice Facilities will be open 1.5 hours before 1st tee time 1 hour after the last tee time
- Round 4 starting times TBD. Finish time will be approximately 4:00 p.m.
- Last Putt to Cure Cancer on #18 Green following play.

AGRONOMY

Golf Course Superintendent: Dennis Bowsher, CGCS PGA TOUR Agronomist: Tim Connolly, CGCS

The Scarlet Course is in good shape as Dennis Bowsher and his team finalize preparations for next week's event. After a busy summer season and some challenging weather in June and July, the course is showing a few minor signs of wear. Small sections of collars have been sodded to improve playability, and a bit of drought stress can be seen around bunkers and outside the ropes after several dry weeks. Overall, the forecast appears favorable for providing firm tournament conditions. Changes from 2024 focus around the Varsity Practice Facility located between holes #11, #13 and #18 that was renovated over the summer. As part of the project, #11 and #13 tees were reshaped. There will be a new tee available on hole #11 beginning in 2026.





Quick Facts:

- The target greenspeed will be in the range of 12.5 feet.
- The fairways will be mowed at 0.400 inch.
- The tees and approaches will be mowed at 0.300 inch.
- The intermediate rough will be maintained at 1.25 inches and the primary rough will be topped off at 3.5 inches.

PEOPLE TO KNOW



John L. Carter - Former President and Chief Operating Officer, Nationwide Financial

John recently retired after nearly 40 years in the financial services industry. As president and COO of Nationwide Financial since 2019, he oversaw retirement plans, life insurance, annuities, and mutual funds/ETFs, driving innovative solutions to protect financial futures. He holds a B.S. in Business Administration and Finance from the University of Missouri.



Craig Hawley – President and Chief Operating Officer, Nationwide Financial

Craig brings over 30 years of financial services experience and is known for his visionary leadership and results-driven approach. He was appointed President and COO on September 1 after serving as President of Nationwide Annuity. Craig earned his J.D. and bachelor's in business management from the University of Louisville and serves on boards including IRI, LIMRA, the University of Louisville College of Business, and Star House.



Jim McCoy - Vice President Sports Marketing, Print & Promotions, Nationwide Financial

Jim leads strategy, implementation, and measurement of sponsorships within Nationwide's sports marketing portfolio, including partnerships with the NFL, Memorial Tournament, NWSL, MiLB, NHL, MLS, Columbus Zoo, and Columbus Marathon. He also manages personal agreements with Peyton Manning, Dale Earnhardt Jr., and several Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year winners. A graduate of Wittenberg University with a master's in Sports Management from Ohio State, Jim serves on the Wittenberg Alumni Board and the Greater Columbus Sports Commission Board.



Natalie Gray – 2025 Patient Champion

At just 13, Natalie was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. Within five days, she underwent two brain surgeries at Nationwide Children's Hospital and began a long journey of recovery and treatment. Determined to turn her experience into purpose, Natalie became passionate about helping others facing cancer. After learning that pediatric brain tumors are among the least-funded areas of research, she was inspired to take action and founded The Natalie Gray Foundation. To date, the foundation has raised nearly \$400,000. On Thursday, September 18, Natalie will take the ceremonial First Shot to Fight Cancer on the 1st tee to officially kick-off the tournament. Even as she continues her own brave fight against cancer, Natalie refuses to back down, turning her battle into hope for others. She hopes to become a pediatric nurse and work at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

About Nationwide Children's Hospital

Nationwide Children's Hospital is one of the nation's largest and most respected pediatric hospitals, caring for more than 1.9 million patients each year. Families from across the country and around the world turn to Nationwide Children's for world-class, life-saving treatments—many of which are not available anywhere else. Since its start in 2007, the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship has raised nearly \$30 million for pediatric cancer care and research. The 2024 tournament set a new record, generating \$3.8 million for central Ohio charities, including \$3.6 million directly for pediatric cancer research and treatment—the largest single-season contribution in the event's 18-year history and the third consecutive year surpassing \$3 million.