

PGA Tour stars Jordan Spieth, Jon Rahm join Rory McIlroy in CJ Cup in SC

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Jordan Spieth hits on the sixth hole during their singles match at the Presidents Cup golf tournament at the Quail Hollow Club, Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022, in Charlotte, N.C.

PGA Tour star Jordan Spieth will return to the Lowcountry in search of another title. Spieth, who won this year's RBC Heritage on Hilton Head Island, has committed to play in the CJ Cup tournament in Ridgeland, set for Oct. 19-23 at Congaree Golf Club.

The three-time major champion is fresh off a 5-0-0 performance in Team USA's win in the Presidents Cup in Charlotte. He won his 13th PGA title at the RBC Heritage in April.

Also committing to the tournament are 2021 U.S. Open champion Jon Rahm, Korean star Sungjae Im and Max Homa.

Rahm, formerly ranked No. 1 in the world, is a seven-time PGA Tour winner, winning the 2022 Mexico Open, and has won at least once on the PGA Tour in six consecutive seasons.

A two-time PGA Tour winner, the 24-year-old Im is ranked No. 19 in the world, currently the highest-ranked Korean in the world thanks to his most successful season, which yielded one win and three runner-up finishes. At the season-ending Tour Championship, Im nearly claimed the FedExCup after carding a final-round 66 to finish one stroke behind champion Rory McIlroy.

Homa has already won in the new 2022-23 season after successfully defending his title at the season-opening Fortinet Championship in his native California. Now a five-time Tour winner, Homa has moved up to No. 17 in the world and added a successful Presidents Cup debut with a 4-0-0 record for the U.S. team.

As part of the tournament's available sponsor exemptions, officials have also announced Rickie Fowler and Jason Day have accepted exemptions into the field.

Four-time major champion Rory McIlroy has already committed to defend his 2021 CJ Cup title (he won in Las Vegas last year), and will be joined by stars of the recent Presidents Cup in Justin Thomas, Si Woo Kim, Tom Kim and Collin Morikawa.

The CJ Cup was launched as Korea's first official PGA TOUR tournament in 2017, and was played for three consecutive years at Nine Bridges on Jeju Island before being relocated to the U.S. due to COVID-19. This will be the first time the tournament will be played in the Southeast following two years in Las Vegas.