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# Welcome from Magnit

Welcome to the Magnit Championship:  
Where the Evolution of Work Meets the  
Future of Golf

Dear Golf Enthusiasts,

Welcome to the Magnit Championship,  
the ultimate stage for the future of golf!  
As the Chief Product & Marketing Officer  
of Magnit, I am thrilled to invite you to  
this spectacular event, where you will  
witness the stars of tomorrow shine today.

At Magnit, we reimagine talent and  
redefine what's possible, believing that  
greatness lies within every individual,  
waiting to be unleashed. And that's  
what this championship is all about -  
discovering and celebrating the boundless  
potential of the next generation of  
golfing superstars.

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leave you in awe. A journey where you will  
connect with the shared passion for talent  
and the belief that greatness knows no  
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This is also a unique opportunity to  
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engage with the Magnit ecosystem,  
and establish meaningful connections  
that transcend the boundaries of golf.  
This is where inspiration and innovation  
intersect, fueling the reimagination of  
expertise across industries.

We look forward to watching the future  
stars of the PGA TOUR up close this  
week at Metedeconk National Golf  
Club, including multiple Korn Ferry Tour  
tournament winners Ben Kohles and Ben  
Silverman, who are at the top of the Korn  
Ferry Tour Points list for 2023. And, we  
have a number of New Jersey residents  
who are teeing it up in their home state  
this week, including former Rutgers



**Vidhya Srinivasan**  
Chief Product & Marketing Officer,  
Magnit

All-American Chris Gotterup. We look  
forward to following their play as well  
as all 156 players in the field.

I want to express my deepest  
gratitude to our dedicated volunteers  
whose unwavering support has made  
this event possible. Your commitment  
to excellence and shared vision have  
been instrumental in bringing this  
tournament to life.

Thank you for being part of this  
golf tournament and joining us on  
this incredible journey of talent  
reimagination. Together, let us  
celebrate the power of sportsmanship,  
perseverance, and the limitless  
possibilities that lie within every  
individual.

Here's to an unforgettable Magnit  
Championship!

Sincerely,

Vidhya Srinivasan

Chief Product & Marketing Officer,  
Magnit

# *WELCOME TO KORN FERRY TOUR GOLF*

On behalf of everyone associated with the Korn Ferry Tour, from our dedicated staff, current membership and alumni, to the countless volunteers and proud sponsors, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2023 Magnit Championship.

This week, you have the unique opportunity to connect with and follow the next generation of PGA TOUR stars, as a record-high 88 percent of PGA TOUR members are Korn Ferry Tour alumni.

The next Scottie Scheffler is in this field. You can walk with the next Max Homa at this event. You can witness the next Will Zalatoris hoist a trophy on the 18th green. You can take home an autograph from the next Xander Schauffele. You can see the next Tony Finau accomplish a lifelong goal and secure a PGA TOUR card. Those alumni are among the multitude of PGA TOUR winners who rose to stardom after graduating from the Korn Ferry Tour.

The Korn Ferry Tour will shape the foundation of future Presidents Cup teams, produce another No. 1 player in the Official World Golf Ranking, and perhaps even the next winner of a major championship. All those possibilities come into focus on the Korn Ferry Tour. As PGA TOUR Commissioner Jay Monahan declared last year, the Korn Ferry Tour is golf's ultimate proving ground.

You are joining us at an exciting time in our 34-year history.

The 2023 Korn Ferry Tour season will see our membership compete for 30 PGA TOUR cards, five more than any previous season, and 25 more than our Tour awarded to our inaugural class in 1990. This season's total purse is a Tour-record \$28 million across 26 events and five countries. The Korn Ferry Tour continues to attract a robust group of international members and will capture more emerging talent through PGA TOUR University.

Thank you for your support of the Korn Ferry Tour and our tournaments, and I hope you have a tremendous experience this week as you watch the next generation of PGA TOUR stars lay the foundation of their respective legacies.

Have fun this week,

**Alex Baldwin**  
Korn Ferry Tour President





# Welcome from Metedeconk National Golf Club

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Welcome Korn Ferry Tour Players,  
Caddies, Volunteers and Golf Fans.

Metedeconk National Golf Club is excited to host the next generation of PGA Tour players at our Robert Trent Jones, Sr. designed golf course. As a New Jersey native I believe Mr. Jones would be very proud that his jewel in Central New Jersey would be hosting this important Korn Ferry Tour event. Our Tournament Course has tested professional players in the NJ State Open and the Met Open, and now the next generation of PGA Tour players will bring their skills to their last tournament of their regular season with the Korn Ferry Tour playoffs on the line. Good playing to all.

The members of Metedeconk have embraced this tournament by volunteering and hosting players in their homes. We want all the players, their families, and spectators to enjoy the walk and the hospitality of our great staff. We are also excited that community groups like the First Tee and others will benefit from this tournament being hosted in our part of Central New Jersey.

Thank you Magnit for being the title sponsor and having these next stars of the PGA Tour play at Metedeconk. "Where the Evolution of Work Meets the Future of Golf" is a perfect description of this week. Thank you, Korn Ferry Tour, for letting us showcase our very special course. Thank you, players, for visiting our special part of New Jersey. And finally thank you to all committee chairs, volunteers, and staff for making this week very memorable.



**Fred D. Price**  
Metedeconk Member &  
Tournament Chairman

This is going to be a great week  
for all.

Fred D. Price  
Metedeconk Member &  
Tournament Chairman

# Schedule

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## Monday, August 14 - Closed to the Public

All Day	Practice Rounds
All Day	Monday Qualifier

## Tuesday, August 15 - Closed to the Public

All Day	Practice Rounds
11:00am – 12:00pm	Magnit Championship Junior Clinic (invite only)
6:30 – 9:00pm	Official Pro Am Party (invite only)

## Wednesday, August 16 - Closed to the Public

7:00 am – 2:15 pm	Official Pro-Am (1 Tee)
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## Thursday, August 17

6:45am	Gates Open
10:30am	Clubhouse Patio Hospitality Open
7:00am – 2:27pm	Round One Tee Times (1 & 10 Tee)

## Friday, August 18

6:45am	Admissions Open
10:30am	Clubhouse Patio Hospitality Open
7:00am – 2:27pm	Round Two Tee Times (1 & 10 Tee)

## Saturday, August 19 - First Responder Appreciation Day

6:45am	Admissions Open
10:30am	Clubhouse Patio Hospitality Open
7:00am – 1:00pm	Round Three Tee Times (1 & 10 Tee)

## Sunday, August 20

6:45 am	Admissions Open
10:30am	Clubhouse Patio Hospitality Open
7:00am – 1:00pm	Final Round Tee Times (1 Tee)
Immediately	
Following Play	Trophy Ceremony



# The Magnit Championship Marks the Korn Ferry Tour's Return to New Jersey

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The Korn Ferry Tour is excited to return to the Garden State with the playing of the Magnit Championship at Metedeconk National Golf Club in Jackson Township.

Magnit, title sponsor of the Magnit Championship, is a global leader and pioneer in contingent workforce management. The Magnit Championship marks the Korn Ferry Tour's first event in New Jersey since the 1997 Laurel Creek Classic, which was played at Laurel Creek Country Club and won by six-time Korn Ferry Tour winner Matt Gogel.

"We are thrilled to partner with Magnit to bring Korn Ferry Tour golf to the Tri-State area," said Korn Ferry Tour President Alex Baldwin. "This market is home to incredibly passionate golf fans, and we've been working hard to bring a tournament back here for some time. Metedeconk National Golf Club is an outstanding facility and is reflective of the quality of golf course we strive to provide our members. We are grateful to the Magnit team for their commitment to the Korn Ferry Tour, and we look forward to making a positive impact in the community for years to come."

The Magnit Championship is a 72-hole tournament featuring 156 players

from around the world and is the 22nd of 26 events on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour schedule.

The Magnit Championship will provide excitement and drama, as it will serve as the final opportunity for Korn Ferry Tour members to qualify for the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Finals.

The 2023 Korn Ferry Tour season began with The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay in January and will conclude in October with the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance, where 30 PGA TOUR cards will be awarded based on the points list. The final four events of the season, known as the Korn Ferry Tour Finals, will feature fields of 156, 144, 120 and 75 (no-cut event).

Metedeconk National Golf Club, which originally opened in 1987, is located in the upper region of the New Jersey Pinelands and is routed through the local marsh and lowland pine forest. Metedeconk National Golf Club is a private, 27-hole facility, which was designed by world-renowned golf course architects Robert Trent Jones, Sr. and Roger Rulewich.



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# Hole Descriptions

## Hole 1

Par: 4

Right out of the gate the player is presented with a great risk-reward option. This par 4 dog leg to the left has a bunker that protects the inside of the leg. The long hitter can challenge the bunker and if successful, he will have a wedge shot into one of the smaller greens on the golf course; miss your tee shot and you're punching out of the woods. If you choose to play it safe off the tee, you will be left with a mid-iron shot into an elevated green that is well protected by bunkers.



## Hole 2

Par: 4

This par 4 provides the player with a generous fairway off the tee. The approach shot calls for precision as the green slants hard from right to left and front to back. When the pin is back right, a good player can use the slope of the green to his advantage and set up a good look at birdie.

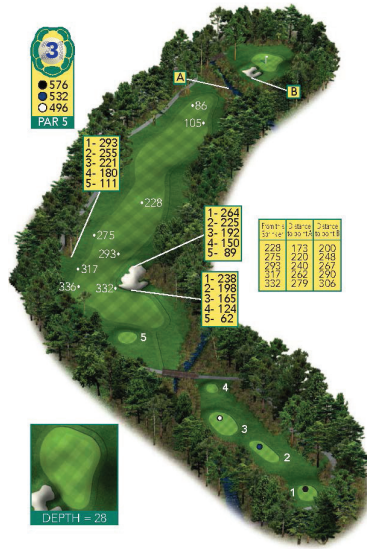


# Hole Descriptions

## Hole 3

Par:5

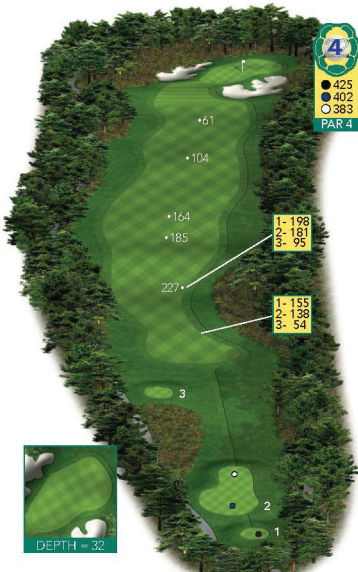
Robert Trent Jones Sr. gives us a par 5 with a lot of trouble lurking. Off the tee a player must challenge the bunker on the right; otherwise, a straight shot will leave you playing out of the left woods. From there the hole demands a long layup shot. The elevated green has two tiers and it's guarded by a deep bunker. Really big hitters can go for the green in two but they'll have to clear a hazard fronting the green. The back left pin is in a bowl and makes birdie a good possibility. Distance control and accuracy are the keys to this approach shot. Find yourself on the wrong tier and a two putt will be difficult.



## Hole 4

Par: 4

This par 4 presents another risk reward option for the player. If you challenge the right side off the tee you can catch a fairway that slopes away from you and will propel your ball into a short iron approach shot. However, miss right and you will not have a look into the number one handicap hole. Play conservative off the tee and your ball will land into an upslope and you will have a mid to long iron shot into a well-guarded green.



# Hole Descriptions

## Hole 5

Par: 3

This is one of the more intimidating par 3 tee shots on the course. The green is a peninsula surrounded by water and bunkers. Only the most fearless of players will directly chase the back left pin. The wind can be tricky on this hole so take enough club. If you bail out right, you'll be playing from a bunker or high grass, directly towards the lake.



## Hole 6

Par: 5

Once again, Jones has presented us with another risk-reward hole for this par 5. There is a small hazard that runs up the left side of the fairway and sticks out at about 230 yards off the tee. The long hitter will look to carry the hazard and set himself up for a look at the green in two shots. A lateral hazard runs up along the left side of the hole and fronts the left side of the green. The dramatic slope from right to left in the middle of this green can be a friend to those using it to access the back left pin but it brings a three-putt into play if you're stuck on the wrong side.





# Hole Descriptions

## Hole 7

Par: 3

This is a versatile par 3 that can play anywhere from a mid to long iron in depending on where the tee and pin are placed. The green is treacherous with multiple tiers and a forced carry over a large hazard. To have a good look at birdie the player needs to get his ball on the proper tier and underneath the hole. Three is a good score on this tough hole. Bail out left and you're in the hazard; bail out right and you'll have a tricky shot from high above.



## Hole 8

Par: 4



This medium length par 4 has a large bunker on the left side of the fairway that acts like a magnet to approaching tee shots. A tee ball down the right side of the fairway will open up the green for your approach shot. This hole has another severely sloped green the can send poorly struck shots off both the left and back of the green. Get the distance correct and you could have a good look at birdie; miss this green or find your ball on the side of the spine that bisects this green and you should be happy to walk away with a bogey.

# Hole Descriptions

## Hole 9

Par: 4

The 9th hole epitomizes all that Metedeconk is about. Once again Jones has saved one of his most difficult holes for the last. The hole is a long dog leg to the right and has Metedeconk's signature pitch pine protecting the right side of the fairway. A long drive off the tee over the tree leaves you with a short iron in. However, a tee shot out to the left is your safe route and will leave you a mid to long iron into a green with water front and right. This green complex is treacherous. You must place your ball on the correct tier if you want to think about making a par.



## Hole 10

Par: 4

The tee shot here requires accuracy. The further you try to hit it, the more accurate you have to be. The player must be mindful of the deep bunker on the left side of the fairway. If you have the power, fire away. Play your tee shot too far right and you risk running out of room rather quickly and playing your second from the trees. You must navigate a bunker fronting the right side of the green and a tricky false front left on your approach shot. If the pin is in the back left on the small plateau, you have to play short as long creates a difficult par.



# Hole Descriptions

## Hole 11

Par: 3

This is a slightly uphill par 3 that typically plays longer than its stated yardage. Beware of the back left pin where there is not much room and plenty of forced carry to get past the bunker fronting the left side of the green. The front edge pin leaves little room for error with bunkers on both sides; leave it short and the upslope will have you chipping from 30 yards. Bail out right and you're playing from the woods.



## Hole 12

Par: 5

Arguably the most difficult par 5 on the entire course, this hole typically plays into the wind and is only reachable in two for the very longest of hitters. The tee shot has water that can come into play on the left and a fairway bunker guarding the right side. The second shot is all about risk and reward, and the more you bring the water on the left into play the shorter the shot you will have into the green. The green is protected by a large bunker in the front. Hit your approach shot too long and you risk releasing into one of the slippery catch areas behind the green. The back right hole location brings water and the front bunker into play. A conservative approach to the middle of the green will leave you with a tricky putt.

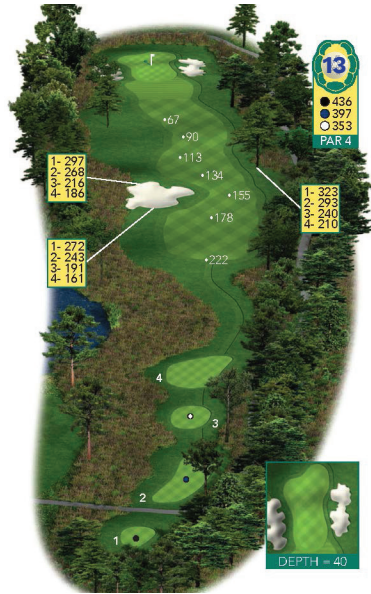


# Hole Descriptions

## Hole 13

Par: 4

The fescue grass short of the fairway makes for an intimidating tee shot as it blinds the golfer to where the fairway begins. The large bunker on the left side of the fairway gobbles up many tee shots. The big hitter can clear this bunker, but the fairway is severely sloped from right to left and less than precise shot will land in the rough. The hole sets up well for a left to right tee shot. The 4th green is one of the deepest on the golf course, and one of the most well-bunkered too. While the front pin may appear to be the easiest, a player must navigate the false front that lies just short of the green. A back right pin is a tough target so find the middle of the green and be happy with par.



## Hole 14

Par: 5

A short par 5 that never plays as easy as it looks on the scorecard. A tee shot to the left side of the fairway gives you a good look at the green and a chance to get home in two. The green is guarded on the front and left by two deep bunkers; avoid these and this becomes a hole you can pick up a shot against par and get your round on track.



# Hole Descriptions

## Hole 15

Par: 3

The difficulty of this par 3 is dictated by the location of the pin and the prevailing wind. The large back-to-front slope on the right side of the green generally dictates how aggressive you can be. If you're short, you could find yourself in the hazard. The front right hole location is the most difficult, as it's guarded by two bunkers.



## Hole 16

Par: 4

Robert Trent Jones Sr.'s design philosophy was for a difficult par and an easy bogey. No hole exemplifies this more than hole number 7. The fairway is generous off the tee but the more you try and chew off, the tighter the landing area. The green is very narrow in the front and slopes hard from right to left. It is surrounded by trouble: water to the left, a hill behind and bunkers in front and behind the green. The downhill approach shot—especially if it is windy—demands accuracy to navigate this hole in par or better. The far-left pin is accessible for a good look at birdie; miss your approach though and you're looking at a double bogey.



# Hole Descriptions

## Hole 17

Par: 4

A large bunker in the middle of this fairway is the trademark of this hole creating options off the tee. Laying back before the bunker forces the player to have a mid-iron into a narrow green. Taking a more aggressive route over the bunker leaves you with a wedge and an inviting approach shot. The hole moves from right to left and positioning of your tee shot is imperative on this tough par 4.



## Hole 18

Par: 4

The finishing hole offers a very generous fairway to attack off the tee. All the trouble begins with the approach shot. Metedeconk is known for difficult finishing holes after each nine and the 9th stands up to this test. While the green is generous, there are three separate tiers to navigate. Failure to get your ball on the proper tier will make a two-putt treacherous! Between the wind and the elevation change, choosing the correct club for your approach shot is not an easy task. Be careful of the front pin position; with a poorly played approach shot or misjudged downhill putt you'll find yourself pitching from the fairway back up a steep slope.

