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## JUSTIN THOMAS, BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU, JON RAHM AND PATRICK RODGERS COMMIT TO 2016 TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP

**HARTFORD, Conn., July 21, 2016** – The Travelers Championship today announced that Justin Thomas, Bryson DeChambeau, Jon Rahm and Patrick Rodgers will play the 2016 Travelers Championship from Aug. 1–7. These four represent part of the next generation of top players on the PGA TOUR.

"Since Travelers took over the title sponsorship in 2007, we've made a commitment to attracting young players to our event," said Travelers Championship Tournament Director Nathan Grube. "We're pleased to build relationships with Justin, Bryson, Jon and Patrick and are looking forward to seeing them compete at TPC River Highlands."

**Justin Thomas** has quickly become one of the PGA TOUR's best young players. The 23-year-old is having a strong season, currently No. 10 in the FedExCup rankings and No. 39 in the Official World Golf Rankings. He earned his first TOUR win at the 2015 CIMB Classic and has four top-10 and seven top-25 finishes this season. Thomas turned professional in 2013 after a strong collegiate career at Alabama, where he won the 2012 Haskins Award. He received a sponsor's exemption in 2013 at the Travelers Championship, where he finished T30 as an amateur. This will be his third Travelers Championship appearance.

**Bryson DeChambeau** was the fifth player in history to win both the NCAA Division I Championship and the U.S. Amateur Championship in the same year. He did that in 2015, while at Southern Methodist University. This year has been productive for DeChambeau – he was T21 and low amateur at the Masters, then made his professional debut the following week at the RBC Heritage, where he finished fourth. He also earned a T15 at the U.S. Open. This will be his first appearance at TPC River Highlands.

Two-time Ben Hogan Award winner and reigning Jack Nicklaus Award recipient **Jon Rahm** will be making his second start at the Travelers Championship. He had a decorated career at Arizona State, becoming the first player to win the Hogan award twice and securing the No. 1 spot in the World Amateur Golf Ranking. Rahm finished T23 and was low amateur at this year's U.S. Open, made his professional debut a week later and finished T3 at the Quicken Loans National.

**Patrick Rodgers** turned professional at the 2014 Travelers Championship after winning both the Haskins and Ben Hogan awards while at Stanford. Last year was his best on the PGA TOUR, with finishes of second at the Wells Fargo Championship, third at the Barracuda Championship and a win at the Web.com Tour event in Colombia. He has seven top-25 finishes in 23 TOUR events this season. This will be his third appearance at TPC River Highlands.

The Travelers Championship will take place Aug. 1–7. Tickets are on sale now at <a href="www.TravelersChampionship.com">www.TravelersChampionship.com</a>.

## **About the Travelers Championship**

The Travelers Championship, held in Cromwell, Connecticut, is one of the premier events on the PGA TOUR and part of the FedExCup series. The tournament proudly supports the PGA TOUR's Tradition of Giving Back by donating 100 percent of net proceeds to charities. Travelers, a leading provider of property and casualty insurance for <a href="https://www.ncae.com/home, auto">home, auto</a> and <a href="https://www.ncae.com/home, auto">business</a>, is the Official Property Casualty Insurance Provider of the PGA TOUR. The company became the tournament's title sponsor in 2007. Travelers has been doing business in the Hartford community for more than 160 years and has been a corporate sponsor of this event each year since its inception in 1952. Complete details are available at <a href="https://www.travelersChampionship.com">www.travelersChampionship.com</a>.

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