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## **RORY MCILROY COMMITS TO 2020 TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP**

*Reigning FedExCup champion to make third start at TPC River Highlands*

**HARTFORD, Conn., Aug. 28, 2019** – The Travelers Championship today announced that Rory McIlroy, whose victory in Sunday's TOUR Championship gave him the 2018-2019 FedExCup title, has committed to play in the 2020 tournament next June at TPC River Highlands. McIlroy is only the second player to win the season-long FedExCup points championship twice, and he is currently No. 2 in the Official World Golf Ranking.

"I really missed playing at TPC River Highlands this year, so I'm looking forward to coming back in 2020," McIlroy said. "The Travelers Championship is one of the best events on the PGA TOUR, with a tremendous atmosphere, great fans, an awesome practice facility and now a new clubhouse that I can't wait to see."

McIlroy is coming off one of his best PGA TOUR seasons, with 14 top-10 finishes in 19 starts. He took home trophies at THE PLAYERS Championship, the RBC Canadian Open and the TOUR Championship. That brings his number of career TOUR victories to 17, which includes four major championships: the U.S. Open in 2011, the Open Championship in 2014 and the PGA Championship in 2012 and 2014. He was the PGA TOUR's Player of the Year in 2012 and 2014, won his first FedExCup championship in 2016 and has won the Vardon Trophy for lowest stroke average three times. McIlroy's average of 69.06 this season led the TOUR.

"Rory had an outstanding season this year and his victory last weekend adds to his legacy on the PGA TOUR," said Travelers Championship Tournament Director Nathan Grube. "We appreciate his early commitment as we continue our focus on making next year's Travelers Championship our best tournament yet."

McIlroy made his Travelers Championship debut in 2017, when he tied for 17<sup>th</sup>. He then tied for 12<sup>th</sup> at TPC River Highlands in 2018. A 30-year-old from Northern Ireland, McIlroy turned professional in 2007. He has eight wins on the European Tour, has been a member of the past five European Ryder Cup teams and has spent 95 weeks as the top-ranked player in the world.

"We're planning on having a fantastic Travelers Championship in 2020 with another world-class field, and Rory's commitment is just the beginning," said Andy Bessette, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer at Travelers. "We've gotten to know Rory over the years and developed a really great relationship with him. He's supported our tournament in the past and said he wanted to come back. I can't wait to see him play next year."

The 2020 Travelers Championship will be held June 22–28 at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, Connecticut. For tickets or for more information, visit [www.TravelersChampionship.com](http://www.TravelersChampionship.com).

**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. Named by the PGA TOUR in 2017 and 2018 as the recipient of the "Players Choice" award, the Travelers Championship proudly supports the 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 [auto](#), [home](#) and [business](#), 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 [www.TravelersChampionship.com](http://www.TravelersChampionship.com).

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