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## **CHASE KOEPKA, JOHN PAK, DAVIS THOMPSON AND AUSTIN ECKROAT RECEIVE SPONSOR EXEMPTIONS TO 2021 TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP**

**HARTFORD, Conn., June 15, 2021** – The Travelers Championship today announced that Chase Koepka, John Pak, Davis Thompson and Austin Eckroat have accepted sponsor exemptions into the 2021 tournament. Koepka turned pro in 2016, while Pak, Thompson and Eckroat were the top three finishers, respectively, in the PGA TOUR University rankings.

“We’re honored to continue our tradition of giving players an opportunity to participate in a PGA TOUR event as they embark on their careers,” said Travelers Championship Tournament Director Nathan Grube. “Chase played his way in one year ago, while John, Davis and Austin all had standout amateur careers and are now ready to make the move to professional golf.”

**Chase Koepka** earned a spot in the 2020 Travelers Championship through Monday qualifying, but withdrew from the tournament before the first round. He has played in two PGA TOUR events this season and made the cut both times, with a T30 at the Honda Classic his best finish. Koepka has made the cut in seven of his nine career TOUR starts. He teamed with his older brother, Brooks, to finish in a tie for fifth at the 2017 Zurich Classic of New Orleans. Both Koepka brothers will be in the field this year.

**John Pak** swept the college player-of-the-year awards this season, winning the Fred Haskins Award, Jack Nicklaus Award and Ben Hogan Award. Pak concluded his career at Florida State University with eight individual tournament victories, tied for the most in program history. He was low amateur at the 2020 U.S. Open, finishing in a tie for 51st, and twice played in the Walker Cup. Pak was named an All-American and led the Seminoles in stroke average all four seasons.

**Davis Thompson** recently completed his senior season at the University of Georgia, where he won three individual tournaments and was named Player of the Year in the Southeastern Conference. Thompson was a first-team All-American as a junior and senior, and reached No. 1 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking in November. He qualified for the 2020 U.S. Open and was a member of the 2021 U.S. Walker Cup team.

**Austin Eckroat** helped Oklahoma State University win the NCAA team title in 2018. He finished his college career as a four-time All-American with two individual tournament victories. Playing as an amateur at the PGA TOUR’s Mayakoba Golf Classic in December, Eckroat tied for 12th. He also competed in the 2019 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach. Eckroat was recently a member of the victorious U.S. Walker Cup team, and at the conclusion of the NCAA Championships, when he turned professional, he was No. 12 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking.

“We’ve had a number of up-and-coming PGA TOUR stars play in the Travelers Championship, and we’re looking forward to seeing what this group can do,” said Andy Bessette, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer at Travelers. “We’re proud that we’ve built a reputation as a place that gives opportunities to young players, many of whom have remained loyal to our tournament and this community by returning to play in Connecticut throughout their careers.”

The 2021 Travelers Championship will be held June 21-27 at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, Connecticut, featuring a player field that includes defending champion Dustin Johnson, Bryson DeChambeau, Patrick Cantlay, Patrick Reed, Tony Finau, Paul Casey, Phil Mickelson, Justin Rose, Marc Leishman, Bubba Watson and Rickie Fowler.

Spectators are permitted on-site for this year's tournament starting on Wednesday, June 23. All tickets must be purchased in advance, and there will be no tickets available at the gate. For information and tournament updates, visit [TravelersChampionship.com](https://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. The tournament proudly supports the TOUR's Tradition of Giving Back by donating 100% 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 [TravelersChampionship.com](https://TravelersChampionship.com).

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