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## RORY MCILROY, RANKED NUMBER 1 IN THE WORLD, COMMITS TO 2023 TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP

**HARTFORD**, **Conn.**, **Feb. 1**, **2023** – Rory McIlroy, who is currently Number 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking, has committed to play in the 2023 Travelers Championship. It will be McIlroy's fifth appearance at TPC River Highlands.

"We know we're going to get a deep, star-studded player field, so hearing that Rory has committed is a great start and wonderful news for our tournament and our fans," said Travelers Championship Tournament Director Nathan Grube. "Rory has enjoyed coming to Connecticut and he's played well at TPC River Highlands. Late June might seem far off, but the excitement for this year's tournament is already building. If you're someone who roots for Rory and appreciates watching the best players in the world, you need to make plans to be part of the action here."

Many of the biggest names and most popular players on the PGA TOUR will be playing in the Travelers Championship, which was selected as a designated event offering an elevated purse for 2023. Players will be competing for \$20 million at TPC River Highlands, the most in tournament history.

McIlroy is a 23-time winner on the PGA TOUR and has been named PGA TOUR Player of the Year three times. His most recent PGA TOUR victory came earlier this season, when he defended his title at THE CJ CUP in South Carolina. He won three tournaments during the 2022 season, including the TOUR Championship, which earned McIlroy his third season-long FedExCup points title.

Four of McIlroy's TOUR wins have been major championships. He won the U.S. Open in 2011, the PGA Championship in 2012 and 2014, and the Open Championship in 2014. His PGA TOUR Player of the Year awards came in 2012, 2014 and 2019.

McIlroy also has eight victories on the DP World Tour, including last week's event at the Hero Dubai Desert Classic. In all four of his previous Travelers Championship appearances, McIlroy finished in the top 20. He was T17 in 2017, T12 in 2018, T11 in 2020 and T19 one year ago.

"Rory is a great friend who has been incredibly supportive of our tournament, and we appreciate the relationship we've built with him," said Andy Bessette, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer at Travelers. "Having Rory here competing against the top players in the world will really take this year's Travelers Championship to the next level. It's a world-class event that provides meaningful support for our communities and hundreds of local charities."

The 2023 Travelers Championship will be held June 19-25 at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, Connecticut. For tournament updates, ticket information and announcements related to the player field, please visit <a href="TravelersChampionship.com">TravelersChampionship.com</a>. Fans can also follow the tournament's social media channels on <a href="Twitter">Twitter</a>, <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>, <a href="Instagram">Instagram</a>, <a href="LinkedIn">LinkedIn</a> and <a href="TikTok">TikTok</a> for news and information.

## **About the Travelers Championship**

The Travelers Championship, held in Cromwell, Connecticut, is the only PGA TOUR event in New England for 2023 and is part of the FedExCup series. The tournament has been selected by the PGA TOUR as a designated event with an elevated purse in 2023 and appearances from many of the TOUR's most popular players. The Travelers Championship has a rich history of supporting the community and donates 100% of its net proceeds to charities. More than \$25 million has been generated by the tournament for nearly 900 local charities since 2007, when Travelers became title sponsor. Travelers, a leading provider of property and casualty insurance for <a href="mailto:auto, home">auto, home</a> and <a href="mailto:business">business</a>, is the Official Property Casualty Insurance Provider of the PGA TOUR. The company has been a corporate sponsor of this event each year since its inception in 1952 and has been doing business in the Hartford community for more than 160 years. Tournament details are available at TravelersChampionship.com.

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