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50-player finale | 72 holes | Four rounds | No cut

Announced appearances and conditional candidates are labelled throughout.

GMT / CET for Europe | EST / PST for the US | Dubai dates shown separately

Sources: [1] [3] [10]

TOURNAMENT BRIEFING

NOVEMBER 12-15 | EARTH COURSE | $10 MILLION PRIZE FUND

FOUR ROUNDS TO DECIDE THE TOURNAMENT

The championship runs from Thursday, November 12 to Sunday, November 15 on the Earth Course at Jumeirah Golf Estates in Dubai. The planned field is the leading 50 available players after Abu Dhabi. It is a 72-hole stroke-play event with no cut; if first place is tied, the official format calls for a hole-by-hole play-off.

TWO DIFFERENT TITLES ARE IN VIEW

The tournament winner is determined by the lowest total over the championship, subject to a play-off if required. The Race to Dubai is the season-long competition. A strong finish here adds ranking points to the season total, but winning this event does not automatically mean winning the Race to Dubai. The final scenarios depend on the standings after Abu Dhabi.

WHAT IS CONFIRMED IN THIS SNAPSHOT

Official Dubai announcements name McIlroy, Reed, Rai and Fox. Another Tour announcement says Katsuragawa secured qualification for both Play-Offs events. The other featured candidates are labelled conditional in this guide. An announcement of participation in Abu Dhabi is treated as preparation context, while Dubai eligibility and availability are checked separately after that tournament.

HOW TO READ THE PREDICTIONS

The selections are qualitative editorial preferences, with reasons and counterarguments. No live odds, invented win probabilities or future tee pairings are used. This November 3 snapshot precedes Abu Dhabi and the complete Dubai field. The published programme contains approximate first-start windows; it does not yet assign the players in this guide to specific starting times.

Sources: [1] [3] [5] [6] [8] [10]



TEE-OFF WINDOWS

APPROXIMATE FIRST STARTS | INDIVIDUAL TEE TIMES FOLLOW THE DAILY SHEET

ROUND 1

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

DUBAI / UTC+4	UK / GMT	CENTRAL EUROPE	US EASTERN	US PACIFIC
08:15 GST	**04:15 GMT**	**05:15 CET**	**23:15 EST**	**20:15 PST**
THU NOV 12	THU NOV 12	THU NOV 12	WED NOV 11	WED NOV 11

ROUND 2

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

DUBAI / UTC+4	UK / GMT	CENTRAL EUROPE	US EASTERN	US PACIFIC
08:15 GST	**04:15 GMT**	**05:15 CET**	**23:15 EST**	**20:15 PST**
FRI NOV 13	FRI NOV 13	FRI NOV 13	THU NOV 12	THU NOV 12

ROUND 3

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

DUBAI / UTC+4	UK / GMT	CENTRAL EUROPE	US EASTERN	US PACIFIC
08:15 GST	**04:15 GMT**	**05:15 CET**	**23:15 EST**	**20:15 PST**
SAT NOV 14	SAT NOV 14	SAT NOV 14	FRI NOV 13	FRI NOV 13

ROUND 4

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

DUBAI / UTC+4	UK / GMT	CENTRAL EUROPE	US EASTERN	US PACIFIC
07:00 GST	**03:00 GMT**	**04:00 CET**	**22:00 EST**	**19:00 PST**
SUN NOV 15	SUN NOV 15	SUN NOV 15	SAT NOV 14	SAT NOV 14

These are approximate first-group windows from the official programme, not individual player times or television coverage starts. Each clock has its own date. The US windows begin on the previous evening; check the daily tee sheet for changes and player pairings.

Sources: [2]



EARTH COURSE

PAR 72 | PUBLISHED TOURNAMENT LENGTH: 7,706 YARDS

THE PUBLISHED COURSE PROFILE

Earth is a par-72 Greg Norman design that has hosted the season finale since 2009. The current tournament preview lists 7,706 yards from the tournament tees. Treat that as the published profile, with daily tee positions and playing conditions still able to change individual shots. This guide supplies a strategic reading rather than a hole map or current pin sheet.

DRIVING: THE NEXT ANGLE IS PART OF THE TARGET

Length can create an advantage, but the first target should also leave a playable approach. A ball that travels farther while finishing in a bunker or behind a difficult angle may not improve the scoring opportunity. I would judge the driving plan through the next shot available, rather than distance alone or a simple fairways-hit count.

APPROACHES: A LARGE GREEN CAN STILL DEMAND PRECISION

The useful question is where an approach finishes relative to the flag and contours. A safe target may be the best route to a positive putt, particularly when a tucked position would leave a difficult miss. Watch whether a contender can control the longer approaches and still take advantage when a shorter club creates a genuine chance.

SCORING: THE PUTT AND THE MISS BOTH COUNT

Birdie opportunities matter only when the next decisions remain manageable. A good first putt should leave a straightforward second if it misses. Around the green, the sensible recovery depends on the lie, landing area and the remaining slope. The preferred contender is the one who repeatedly builds playable sequences, not simply the player with the most impressive individual shot.

Sources: [4] [11] [13]

RORY MCILROY

ANNOUNCED | PRIMARY TITLE PICK

WHY HE LEADS THE SHORTLIST

McIlroy has three wins on the Earth Course and finished runner-up to Fitzpatrick in the 2025 play-off. His Dubai appearance is announced. That combination of course evidence and current championship pedigree makes him my first tournament selection, while leaving room for the final field and the preceding week in Abu Dhabi to change the assessment.

MAKE DRIVING AN ADVANTAGE THAT LASTS

My tactical case depends on more than carrying the ball a long way. The useful drive leaves a clear next shot, a comfortable stance and enough room to control the approach. I would watch whether McIlroy's aggressive lines repeatedly create those positions, especially when a bunker or penalty area makes the wrong miss expensive.

THE APPROACH HAS TO FINISH IN THE RIGHT PLACE

A green in regulation is not automatically a good birdie opportunity. Distance control and the side of the hole matter when the next putt travels across a slope. The title case strengthens if his approaches leave putts that can be played positively without turning a missed birdie into a difficult recovery for par.

WHAT WOULD CHANGE THE PICK

Repeated penalty shots, an uncertain short-putting week or an unhelpful pattern with the shorter approaches would narrow the advantage quickly. His excellent history does not establish a future winning score. I would retain the initial lean only if the current ball flight, course conditions and final preparation support the same attacking plan.

Winner lean: McIlroy | Confidence: Moderate

Sources: [4] [5]

MATT FITZPATRICK

CONDITIONAL ENTRY | MAIN CHALLENGER

THE DEFENDING CHAMPION'S CASE

Fitzpatrick won this event in 2016, 2020 and 2025. His latest title came after a play-off against McIlroy. I include him as the main challenger, with the final eligibility and entry check still applying. A strong course record provides a starting point for analysis; it should not be used to skip the current qualification process.

CONTROL THE MISS BEFORE CHASING THE FLAG

His strongest route in my reading is to keep the next mistake manageable. A slightly conservative target can still produce birdies if it leaves a clear putt or a simple recovery. I would watch whether he consistently avoids the short-sided position when a flag near a bunker encourages a more ambitious approach.

CURRENT RESULTS ADD CONTEXT

The Tour's profile records 2026 victories at the Valspar Championship, RBC Heritage and FedEx Open de France. Those results support taking his challenge seriously beyond last year's trophy. For this week, however, I would judge the quality of his first two rounds through approach control and putting opportunities rather than assume that a recent win transfers automatically.

WHERE THE ROUTE BECOMES HARDER

A field producing repeated easy birdie chances can demand more than steady pars. If he leaves too many approaches far from the hole, accurate driving alone may not create enough opportunities. The challenger label therefore depends on competitive scoring chances as well as damage limitation, and remains conditional on his place in the final field.

Main challenger, if in the final field | Confidence: Moderate

Sources: [4] [7]



AARON RAI

ANNOUNCED | TOP-10 EDITORIAL LEAN

A MAJOR WINNER WITH A CONFIRMED DUBAI PLAN

The official announcement confirms Rai's place and identifies him as the 2026 US PGA champion. He also enters Abu Dhabi as its defending champion. That is relevant preparation context, while the two courses and two trophies still require separate judgments. My starting preference is a strong placement rather than making him the first outright title pick.

BUILD THE ROUND THROUGH APPROACH POSITION

I would assess Rai's challenge through the quality of the next shot he creates. A useful driving line should leave an approach he can control to a broad part of the green. His placement case becomes stronger when those approaches produce a steady supply of realistic birdie putts without asking the short game to rescue every other hole.

USE THE FOUR-ROUND FORMAT WELL

With no cut, a poor opening stretch does not end a player's week. The useful response is to identify whether the problem is a repeatable technical or tactical pattern, rather than force an immediate run of birdies. I would watch the next few approach targets after a dropped shot to see whether the plan stays coherent.

WHY THE PICK STAYS A PLACEMENT LEAN

An accurate week can still finish outside the leading places if putts repeatedly start from the wrong side of the hole or fail to drop. The Top-10 preference is an editorial forecast within a small field, not a measured probability or a guarantee. Abu Dhabi form and the final course setup can change it.

Placement lean: Top 10 | Confidence: Moderate

Sources: [6]



RYAN FOX

ANNOUNCED | HIGH-IMPACT TITLE OUTSIDER

A SEASON THAT JUSTIFIES ATTENTION

Fox is confirmed for Dubai after winning the 2026 Open at Royal Birkdale. The Tour's announcement also recalls his 2023 BMW PGA Championship victory. Those achievements establish a credible championship profile; they do not provide a simple prediction for four rounds on the Earth Course. I treat him as an outsider with a meaningful route into contention.

DISTANCE MUST IMPROVE THE NEXT DECISION

The attractive attacking route is to create shorter approaches without accepting too many difficult recovery shots. I would watch where the ball finishes relative to hazards and the angle into the green. A long drive that leaves an awkward lie or blocks the preferred approach can reduce the value of the initial advantage.

BE SELECTIVE ON THE SCORING HOLES

An aggressive plan should change with the lie, wind and target. Going for a par five in two can be sensible from a good position and much less attractive after an imperfect drive. The useful evidence is whether Fox repeatedly gives himself a chance to score while avoiding the penalty that cancels several well-played holes.

THE REASON FOR LOW CONFIDENCE

A title outsider needs both a strong scoring week and fewer costly errors than the contenders around him. A handful of excellent holes may not compensate for repeated trouble. I would upgrade the outlook only if his current driving pattern and approach control support the same aggressive plan throughout the week, not simply during one low round.

Outlook: title outsider with scoring upside | Confidence: Low

Sources: [6]

PATRICK REED

ANNOUNCED | TOP-10 EDITORIAL LEAN

TWO REASONS TO FOLLOW HIS WEEK

Reed is named in the official Dubai announcement alongside McIlroy and has both tournament and season-long ambitions to consider. This guide does not freeze an exact Race to Dubai order before Abu Dhabi. His place on my shortlist comes from the possibility of combining a solid week of scoring with a well-managed response when an approach misses.

RECOVERY SKILL STILL NEEDS A GOOD START

My placement case does not depend on repeatedly escaping impossible positions. The more sustainable route is to leave playable misses and preserve the chance to save par when an approach is imperfect. I would watch whether his targets allow that margin, rather than treat every successful recovery as proof that the preceding decision was sound.

PUTTING OPPORTUNITIES NEED CONTEXT

A hot putting spell can improve a round quickly, but it is useful to ask how those putts were created. Repeated birdie chances from manageable distances provide a stronger foundation than long putts rescuing an uneven approach day. The assessment should combine both parts of the game instead of reading a low score in isolation.

WHAT COULD WEAKEN THE TOP-10 LEAN

If too many holes begin with a compromised driving position, the recovery workload can become excessive. A course setup rewarding very precise approach angles would also make a poor first shot more expensive. I would revisit the placement preference after Abu Dhabi and the opening practice reports, without assuming that season-long contention guarantees a high finish here.

Placement lean: Top 10 | Confidence: Moderate

Sources: [3] [5]

TOMMY FLEETWOOD

CONDITIONAL ENTRY | PLACEMENT CONTENDER

A DUBAI CHALLENGE TO ASSESS SEPARATELY

Fleetwood shared third place at the 2025 finale, one shot outside the play-off. The official Abu Dhabi announcement confirms his participation in the preceding event and describes his wider championship pedigree. That announcement is not a final Dubai entry list, so the forecast on this page remains conditional on eligibility and availability after qualification closes.

KEEP THE APPROACH PATTERN REPEATABLE

My conditional placement case starts with a round that creates similar scoring opportunities from different parts of the course. I would watch his approach distance control and whether he leaves the ball on a usable side of the flag. A player can hit many greens while still facing putts that are difficult to attack.

THE CHANCE MUST BECOME A SCORE

Strong ball striking has to be converted into a competitive total. A sequence of straightforward pars may look controlled but still concede ground when the field is making birdies. The useful test is whether Fleetwood can turn his best approach stretches into gains without forcing an unnecessary change after one or two missed chances.

THE UPDATE THAT MATTERS

First establish that he is in the final Dubai field, then use Abu Dhabi and current practice information to review the putting and approach patterns. A previous high finish is relevant course evidence, but it does not settle how the next four rounds will unfold. I would retain a cautious placement preference rather than assign a future finishing position.

Placement lean, if qualified: Top 10 | Confidence: Low

Sources: [8] [14]



JON RAHM

CONDITIONAL ENTRY | ALTERNATIVE WINNER

COURSE HISTORY THAT DESERVES RESPECT

Rahm is one of the event's three-time winners, giving him substantial evidence on the Earth Course. He is also announced for Abu Dhabi. I treat his Dubai profile conditionally until the final field is confirmed. The attraction is his potential to build an attacking round across several types of hole rather than rely on one isolated scoring burst.

FIND THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF AGGRESSION

An attacking target is useful when it leaves room for the expected miss. I would watch whether his driving lines create approaches from stable positions and whether he can change the plan when the lie or wind makes the original target less attractive. The correct choice can differ from one day to the next.

PAR-FIVE OPPORTUNITIES ARE A SEQUENCE

A good drive is only the beginning of a par-five decision. The second shot needs a clear carry, a sensible miss and a realistic recovery if the green is not reached. My alternative-winner case strengthens when the entire sequence works, rather than when an impressive long shot simply places the next shot in a harder position.

KEEP ENTRY AND PERFORMANCE SEPARATE

Qualification and availability come first. Once those are established, current play and the course setup should determine the title assessment. A three-win history cannot compensate for a week of repeated penalties or poor distance control. I would keep the confidence low until there is fresh evidence that his preferred attacking pattern fits the conditions in Dubai.

Alternative title threat, if qualified | Confidence: Low

Sources: [4] [8]

TYRRELL HATTON

CONDITIONAL ENTRY | STRONG-WEEK OUTSIDER

A CONTENDER TO TRACK THROUGH ABU DHABI

Hatton is announced for Abu Dhabi, and the Tour notes five Rolex Series victories, including the 2025 Hero Dubai Desert Classic. That makes him relevant to this preview without establishing a final Dubai entry. The outlook on this page applies only if he progresses into the season-ending field and remains available to compete.

REGIONAL SUCCESS NEEDS A COURSE-SPECIFIC PLAN

Success at another UAE event does not remove the need to assess the Earth Course on its own terms. I would focus on the approach angles his driving creates and whether the chosen target leaves a manageable recovery. A strategy built for a previous venue should be adjusted when the bunkers, lies and green contours ask different questions.

MAKE THE SHORT PUTTS SUPPORT THE ROUND

A competitive week requires converting the opportunities produced by good approaches and limiting the damage after a miss. I would watch the pace of the first putt and the difficulty of the one left behind. The useful signal is a sustainable sequence of decisions, not a judgment based on a player's visible reaction to one disappointing hole.

WHY THE OUTLOOK REMAINS CAUTIOUS

The final field, his preceding week's performance and the conditions are still important variables. A strong single round could place him among the leaders without proving that the same pattern will hold for all four days. I would use the first two rounds to reassess his control of the approach distances before upgrading the initial conditional preference.

Conditional placement contender | Confidence: Low

Sources: [8]



TWO MORE TO FOLLOW

QUALIFICATION STATUS AND PERFORMANCE ARE ASSESSED SEPARATELY

Eugenio Chacarra

CONDITIONAL ON THE FINAL DUBAI FIELD

The Play-Offs preview identifies Chacarra as the season's only three-time winner at that point. That makes him an interesting conditional challenger, without freezing a Race to Dubai order from articles published at different stages of the season. His Dubai place and current form should be checked after Abu Dhabi. I would watch whether his best attacking stretches are supported by sensible misses when a flag is difficult to reach. A run of birdies is more persuasive if the next few holes do not require repeated recovery shots. My initial view is to keep him on the watchlist rather than assign a particular final placing before qualification closes.

Watch: Check qualification, then the repeatability of the approach targets.

Yuto Katsuragawa

QUALIFICATION SECURED IN THE TOUR ANNOUNCEMENT

Katsuragawa's Genesis Championship victory secured his place at both Abu Dhabi and Dubai, according to the Tour's announcement. That is a stronger entry basis than treating him as a projected qualifier. Performance remains a separate question. I would assess the transition to Earth through approach distance control, the quality of misses and the ability to keep a round moving after a dropped shot. A recent victory proves that he can finish a tournament successfully; it does not establish how every new course will suit him. My initial outlook is to follow his opening two rounds closely and compare the scoring opportunities he creates with the leading contenders.

Watch: Look for useful approach positions, with final availability still checked.

Sources: [3] [8]

TWO TROPHIES, TWO RACES

TOURNAMENT STROKES | SEASON-LONG RACE TO DUBAI POINTS

THE CHAMPIONSHIP LEADERBOARD

At Dubai, the event leaderboard records strokes over four rounds. Every completed hole contributes to the total, and there is no cut after round two. A player can win this tournament even when another player finishes the season with more Race to Dubai points. The two leaderboards should therefore be followed together, with their different purposes kept clear.

THE SEASON-LONG POINTS RACE

Abu Dhabi offers 9,000 points across its field, with 1,500 for the winner. Dubai offers a 12,000-point pool, with 2,000 for the winner. The pool is distributed across finishing positions; it is not awarded in full to one player. Ties affect the allocation, so use the Tour's published distribution when calculating a live season scenario.

WHY THIS GUIDE DOES NOT LOCK IN A SEASON CHAMPION

Abu Dhabi has not been completed in this November 3 research snapshot. Its result can alter both the Dubai field and the season standings. The strongest current tournament preference may therefore differ from the eventual Race to Dubai favorite. An exact season-winning calculation should begin with the standings and the confirmed entry list after that qualifying event.

A SIMPLE WAY TO FOLLOW SUNDAY

Keep the current tournament positions beside the Tour's projected season standings. If two leading contenders exchange places, the important quantity is the change in their expected points allocation, not merely one stroke. Recalculate after a tie forms or breaks. A television projection is useful context, while the official final rankings remain the reference for the season result.

Sources: [3] [9]

THE CLOSING STRETCH

HOLES 15-18 | DECISIONS CHANGE WITH POSITION AND CONDITIONS

15 AND 16: REACH THE FINISH WITH A PLAYABLE PLAN

The Tour's course description identifies the final four holes as a defining closing stretch. Before the most visible drama at the last two, a contender still needs to keep the ball in a position from which the next target can be controlled. An avoidable penalty here can remove the freedom to choose a conservative line later.

17: THE PAR THREE IS A POSITIONING TEST

The 17th is a par three, and the sensible target depends on the flag, wind and the player's current ball flight. Aiming directly at a difficult location is not the only way to create a chance. Watch whether the selected line leaves a manageable putt or recovery when the shot finishes slightly away from its intended point.

18: DECIDE AFTER THE DRIVE

The par-five 18th includes water and a split-fairway decision in the Tour's description. The plan should be reconsidered after the drive, because lie and angle can change the risk of the next shot. A green attempt needs a realistic carry and miss; a lay-up needs a useful distance and a clear approach, rather than caution for its own sake.

THE LEADER AND THE CHASER MAY NEED DIFFERENT CHOICES

A player protecting a lead and one needing an eagle can reasonably choose different targets from the same place. McIlroy forced the 2025 play-off with an eagle at the last, before Fitzpatrick won the extra hole. That historical finish illustrates the range of outcomes; it does not supply a predicted script or a fixed winning score for 2026.

Sources: [4] [12] [13]

PREDICTIONS AT A GLANCE

EDITORIAL PREFERENCES | CONDITIONAL PLAYERS REQUIRE FINAL ENTRY

ROLE	PLAYER	CONFIDENCE
Primary tournament winner	**Rory McIlroy**	Moderate
Main challenger, conditional	**Matt Fitzpatrick**	Moderate
Top-10 placement lean	**Aaron Rai**	Moderate
Top-10 placement lean	**Patrick Reed**	Moderate
High-impact title outsider	**Ryan Fox**	Low
Top 10, if in the final field	**Tommy Fleetwood**	Low
Alternative winner, conditional	**Jon Rahm**	Low
Placement contender, conditional	**Tyrrell Hatton**	Low

READ THE CONDITIONS WITH THE SELECTION

Conditional candidates first need a place in the final Dubai field. A Top-10 lean describes a finishing-position preference and is not a guarantee or a recommendation based on a quoted price. McIlroy is the primary event selection; this table does not declare the season-long Race to Dubai winner.

CONFIDENCE IS QUALITATIVE

Moderate indicates a clearer preference with credible ways for the outcome to change. Low indicates a narrower or more uncertain case. The labels are not statistical probabilities. Review qualification, Abu Dhabi form, the final tee sheet and current course conditions before treating a preliminary preference as a match-week assessment.

Sources: [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8]

ROUND BY ROUND

FOLLOW THE SHOTS THAT CREATE THE SCORE

THURSDAY: FIND THE PATTERN BEHIND THE SCORE

Start with the driving positions and approach distances that produced the opening total. A low round built on repeated realistic birdie putts is different evidence from one sustained by several long putts. Both count on the leaderboard, but the underlying chances help explain what the player may need to repeat on the following day.

FRIDAY: THERE IS NO CUT TO CHASE

All eligible remaining competitors continue into the weekend under the no-cut format. A disappointing start therefore calls for a better plan across the next rounds, not a fictional Friday qualifying line. Watch whether the player corrects a recurring miss or simply increases risk. Four rounds of cumulative scoring leave room for recovery and for further mistakes.

SATURDAY: COMPARE CHANCES AS WELL AS POSITIONS

A narrow lead can hide very different types of play. Compare the quality of the approaches, the missed opportunities and the recoveries with the total shown. Conditions can also change across starting groups. Use the current tee sheet and weather observations to understand the round rather than assign an automatic advantage to a morning or afternoon slot.

SUNDAY: UPDATE BOTH THE SHOT AND SEASON SCENARIOS

The final round brings the tournament total and Race to Dubai projections together. Follow the actual lies and targets through the closing stretch, then check how a change in finishing position affects the season allocation. A delayed start or a play-off can extend the day. The published first-tee window should never be treated as a guaranteed finishing time.

Sources: [2] [10]

FINAL CHECKS

FIELD CONFIRMATION | TEE SHEET | CURRENT VIEWING INFORMATION

AFTER ABU DHABI, NOVEMBER 8

Refresh the official list of the leading 50 available players. Recheck every conditional profile in this guide, then revisit the forecasts together with the entry status. Participation announcements and secured qualification still allow for later withdrawals. This document does not invent a complete list of 50 names before the Tour confirms the field.

USE THE DAILY TEE SHEET

The approximate first-start windows are useful for planning, but player pairings and individual tee times come from the official daily sheet. Later rounds may change the order. Broadcast coverage can begin at a different time from the first group; check the Tour's viewing information and your regional provider for the actual programme and access requirements.

CHECK THE CURRENT COURSE AND WEATHER

The published yardage is a reference, not a promise of identical tee positions on every day. Use the current setup, pin information and weather before drawing conclusions about scoring difficulty. No specific wind forecast, green speed or individual injury assessment is supplied here. Those details should come from current reporting rather than a general expectation about Dubai.

KEEP THE RESEARCH DATE VISIBLE

This guide is researched on November 3, 2026. The event runs November 12-15, even though a date line in the spectator FAQ contains a month typo. The main event page and 2026 programme establish November. Times on page 4 show the correct individual calendar dates, including the previous US evening for the first groups.

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SOURCES & DISCLAIMER

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[06] Rai and Fox: Dubai announcement

[07] Matt Fitzpatrick: official profile

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[09] Race to Dubai: points breakdown

[10] Spectator FAQ: stroke play and play-off

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RESEARCH, ENTRY STATUS & CLOCKS

Researched November 3, 2026, before Abu Dhabi and the final Dubai entry list. The official event dates are November 12-15. Dubai announcements name McIlroy, Reed, Rai and Fox; Katsuragawa has secured qualification in a Tour announcement. Other featured candidates remain conditional. First-tee windows are approximate and show individual dates: Dubai UTC+4, GMT UTC+0, CET UTC+1, EST UTC-5 and PST UTC-8. The US date is the previous evening.

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