



SUPERSTARS RETURN FOR AMERICAN CENTURY CHAMPIONSHIP, JULY 9-11 AT SOUTH LAKE TAHOE

*Best Field in Tournament's 32-Year History; Timberlake, Romo, Mahomes,
Rodgers, Barkley Return; Newcomers Sabathia, Tuck*

Fans Return for Celebrity Golf's Pre-eminent Championship on NBC

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, May 17, 2021 – Sports and entertainment superstars will take center stage July 9-11, when the **American Century Championship** returns to **South Lake Tahoe** for its 32nd edition with its best-ever field competing for \$600,000 and fundraising for charity at **Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course**.

Justin Timberlake, Tony Romo, Aaron Rodgers, Patrick Mahomes and **Charles Barkley** headline a star-studded field of more than 80 sports and entertainment stars competing in the 54-hole championship. **NBC** and **NBCSN** will televise the tournament live Friday-Sunday (July 9-11), with **GOLF Channel** surrounding tournament coverage with interviews and insights through the week. Tickets are now available online and in advance only at www.AmericanCenturyChampionship.com.

The tournament was safely conducted in 2020 albeit without spectators amidst the global pandemic and raised \$600,000 for COVID-19 and social justice charities while fulfilling its commitment to promote the Lake Tahoe region in what is usually the destination resort's biggest week of the year. A return to a semblance of normalcy is on tap this year while the tournament works with state, regional and health authorities for spectator access – estimated at half the 60,000 fans who typically line the fairways as well as lakeside in boats along the famed 17th hole. Multiple precautions will be taken by event organizers and sponsors to ensure health and safety for all participants and attendees.

Multiple precautions will be taken by event officials and sponsors to ensure health and safety for all participants and attendees. Lake Tahoe tourism authorities have enacted various "[Know Before You Go](#)" protocols as well as the [Lake Tahoe Take Care Travel Pledge](#) to reinforce mindful and responsible travel efforts.

The battle for the 2021 title is slated to include standout golfers like two-time champion **Tony Romo**, three-time champion **Mark Mulder**, PGA TOUR Champions exemption competitor **John Smoltz** and defending champion **Mardy Fish**, the U.S. Davis Cup Captain. Newcomers to the tournament include Buffalo Bills head coach **Sean McDermott**, New Orleans Saints star **Taysom Hill**, Los Angeles Rams offensive tackle **Andrew Whitworth**, two-time New York Giants Super Bowl Champion **Justin Tuck** and former New York Yankees star pitcher **CC Sabathia**.

Newly retired future Hall of Fame quarterback and NBC Sports' new *Football Night in America* analyst **Drew Brees** is part of the contingent of 39 current or former NFL players, coaches and Hall of Famers who tee it up at Edgewood Tahoe each year. Active players **Larry Fitzgerald, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Kyle Fuller, Robbie Gould, Travis Kelce, Patrick Peterson, Golden Tate** and **Adam Thielen** all use the event as a final respite before the opening of NFL training camps each year. All told, the field collectively represents 16 Hall of Famers, 13 Most Valuable Player awards and 15 Cy Young Awards. Among the women celebrity golfers in the field are NBC News and TODAY Show meteorologist **Dylan Dreyer**, NBC Sports anchor and on-air personality **Kathryn Tappen** and GOLF Channel on-air commentator **Kira K. Dixon**, 2015's Miss America.

Additional names to the field will be announced leading up to the championship in July. The current tournament field is available [Here](#).

The 54-hole competition will test the golf skills of more than 80 players, some of whom compete as amateurs and donate their prize money to tournament charities. The **American Century Championship has donated over \$5 million to non-profits**.

The 2021 American Century Championship will utilize the **Modified Stableford** format whereby points are awarded as follows: 10 for a double eagle, 8 for a hole in one, 3 for a birdie, 1 for par, 0 for bogey, and minus 2 for double bogey. Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course, a George Fazio design, has been rated by Golf Digest Magazine as one of "America's Top 100 Golf Courses."

American Century Investments, the title sponsor of the championship since 1998, continues its role in partnership with **NBC Sports**, the **Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority**, **Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course** and the South Tahoe community.

Follow and join the tournament action using #ACCGolf on social media, and catch exclusive content on American Century Championship's [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts.

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About the Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority

Lake Tahoe was recently designated No. 24 in the World Top 100 Golf Destinations for the best combination of experiences: spectacular golf, dining, attractions, resorts, culture by GolfPass. Tahoe South combines the distinctive appeal of two worlds: spectacular natural beauty and a modern tourism destination with an array of outdoor recreation, entertainment, nightlife and gaming. Tahoe's timeless splendor and diversity toward health and wellness, green business practices and sustainability continue to define its inimitable personality. For information about lodging, recreation, packages, and healthy travel at Tahoe South, call 1-800-288-2463 or log onto www.TahoeSouth.com

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