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| **Defending champion McIlroy, trio of Canadians ready for the celebrated return of the RBC Canadian Open** |

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| *20 Canadians in the field as round one looms at RBC Canadian Open* |

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| TORONTO (June 8, 2022) – Rory McIlroy will begin his title defence on Thursday, as 156 players get set to tee it off in the opening round of the 2022 RBC Canadian Open at St George’s Golf & Country Club. McIlroy’s attempt at defending his title comes after a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 20-time PGA TOUR winner will join a feature pairing for the opening two rounds with Justin Thomas and Corey Conners, and will follow the Canadian trio of Adam Hadwin, Mackenzie Hughes and Mike Weir in the early morning groupings. **PAIRINGS ANNOUNCED FOR FIRST TWO ROUNDS OF THE RBC CANADIAN OPEN**Pairings and start times for the opening two rounds of the 111th playing of Canada’s National Men’s Open Championship on Thursday, June 9 and Friday, June 10 are now available online [here](https://golfcanada.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2d5091f846f3023c263bbdbec&id=288a47cf18&e=73a37d8096). **SATURDAY SELLOUT**Tickets for Saturday's third round, followed by Maroon 5 at the RBCxMusic Concert Series have officially sold out.  **RORY’S LUCKY LOONIE**If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it; that’s the motto Rory McIlroy is honouring this week at St George’s Golf & Country Club as he turns back the dials to an old tradition. The defending RBC Canadian Open Champion’s pockets will be ‘loaded with loonies’ this week as ball markers, a tactic he used on route to his title win in 2019. Read more [here](https://golfcanada.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2d5091f846f3023c263bbdbec&id=934ae7283e&e=73a37d8096). **PRESS CONFERENCE TRANSCRIPTS**The following player transcripts from Wednesday’s press conferences in the Media Centre onsite at St. George’s Golf & Country Club are available online here: * [Justin Thomas](https://golfcanada.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2d5091f846f3023c263bbdbec&id=3fe393a952&e=73a37d8096)
* [Corey Conners](https://golfcanada.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2d5091f846f3023c263bbdbec&id=ab8308bdb0&e=73a37d8096)
* [Scottie Scheffler](https://golfcanada.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2d5091f846f3023c263bbdbec&id=01ae7453c0&e=73a37d8096)
* [Mackenzie Hughes](https://golfcanada.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2d5091f846f3023c263bbdbec&id=8aabd1230d&e=73a37d8096)
* [Adam Hadwin](https://golfcanada.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2d5091f846f3023c263bbdbec&id=c0c81a8523&e=73a37d8096)
* [Rory McIlroy](https://golfcanada.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2d5091f846f3023c263bbdbec&id=7f0e5695c3&e=73a37d8096)

 **2022 MEDIA GUIDE AND PLAYER PERFORMANCE BOOK:**Media can also [download the 2022 RBC Canadian Open Media Guide](https://golfcanada.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2d5091f846f3023c263bbdbec&id=425198fb82&e=73a37d8096) for complete stats, records and historical information. Media can also [download the 2019 RBC Canadian Open Player Performance Book](https://golfcanada.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2d5091f846f3023c263bbdbec&id=8d2d451841&e=73a37d8096) which details individual player statistics from 1904-2019. Tournament notes can be found on the PGA TOUR virtual media centre [here](https://golfcanada.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2d5091f846f3023c263bbdbec&id=071f6172cc&e=73a37d8096). **BROADCAST COVERAGE:**The following are broadcast times for the 2022 RBC Canadian Open: Thursday, June 9th           3:00pm – 6:00pm (TSN1/4/5; RDS; GOLF)Friday, June 10th               3:00pm – 6:00pm (TSN1/3; RDS; GOLF)Saturday, June 11th          1:00pm – 3:00pm (GOLF) | 3:00pm – 6:00pm (CTV; TSN1; RDS; CBS)Sunday, June 12th             1:00pm – 3:00pm (GOLF) | 3:00pm – 6:00pm (CTV; TSN1; RDS; CBS) **MOBILE APP EXPERIENCE**Experience the RBC Canadian Open like never before by downloading the Golf Canada Mobile App on your iOS or Android device. Essential features include a live map, mobile ordering, leaderboard & pairings, tickets, breaking news and special events. Plus, use the Golf Canada Mobile App to enhance your experience while playing! Find golf courses, track your game, set up matches against friends, access GPS yardages and more. Click [here](https://golfcanada.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2d5091f846f3023c263bbdbec&id=5c9818317c&e=73a37d8096) to download. **THE OPEN QUALIFYING**The 2022 RBC Canadian Open is also part of The Open Championship Qualifying Series. The top-2 finishers at the RBC Canadian Open (not otherwise exempt) earn a spot in the field of The 150th Open Championship, July 10-17, 2022, at St Andrews in Fife, Scotland. **PHOTOS**Photos from the 2022 RBC Canadian Open are available for editorial purposes. Please contact Sarah Marcucci for access to download in high-resolution. -30-**ABOUT GOLF CANADA**Golf Canada is the National Sports Federation and governing body for golf in Canada representing more than 304,000 golfers and 1,435 member clubs across the country. A proud member of the Canadian Olympic Committee, Golf Canada’s mission is to increase Canadian participation and excellence in golf. For more information about what Golf Canada is doing to support golf in your community, visit [www.golfcanada.ca](https://golfcanada.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2d5091f846f3023c263bbdbec&id=92a17e1fea&e=73a37d8096).  |

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