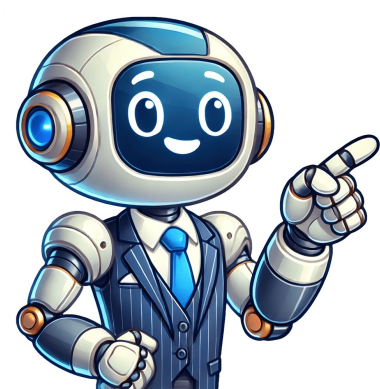




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Masters champion prize money

Mark Williams and Zhao Xintong have been playing for a huge top prize at the Crucible(Image: Tai Chenghui)/CCO via Getty ImagesA thrilling World Championship is coming to a close with Mark Williams taking on Zhao Xintong in the Crucible final. There have been numerous dramatic moments at the 2025 tournament. From defending champion Kyren Wilson's shock first-round exit to Ronnie O'Sullivan's long-awaited return to the table, fans have been gripped throughout. The Rocket, despite continuing eye issues, made it to the semi-finals, only to be demolished by Zhao. It will be Williams, already a three-time world champion, or the Chinese amateur who will lift the famous trophy on Monday night. And here's how much they're set to earn... The champion of this year's Crucible will bag a whopping £500,000, while the runner-up will take home a respectable £200,000. These figures remain unchanged from last year, when Wilson clinched victory against Jak Jones. Semi-finalists who didn't make it to the showdown receive £100,000 each. Those who lost in the quarter-finals, meanwhile, have secured £50,000. Even players who were eliminated in the first round have managed to secure a considerable sum of £10,000 each, with half of the 32-player field coming through qualifying. Kyren Wilson with the trophy in 2024(Image: Getty/Mark Allen pocketed a tidy £40,000 bonus for his maximum break in a losing effort against Chris Wakelin in the second round. Provided neither of the finalists makes a maximum, the Northern Irishman will bank an extra £25,000. That's a third of the £15,000 highest break prize, with the other £10,000 going to Jackson Page, who made history with two 147s in one match in qualifying. Allen's break also earned a lucky fan a windfall of £25,000, with tournament sponsors having pledged to award the prize to one spectator at random for each maximum achieved. Brian Nicholls, from Birmingham, was the fan in question. Mark Allen celebrating his 147 in the second round(Image: Getty/He said: "When that last black went in... wow! It was lovely. It's unbelievable. £25,000 is a lot of money. I haven't called my wife yet because I want to surprise her with a phone call. I think we will go on a nice cruise and I'll share the money with my son. I love snooker and always have done but it had never entered my head before to come to the Crucible. I'll definitely come back again now." Page, who made two maximums during his 10-2 win over Allan Taylor in the third round of qualifying before losing to Joe O'Connor in the final qualifying round, also earned a £147,000 bonus on offer for making two maximums across snooker's major this season. Augusta National Golf Club has announced a record-breaking prize purse for the 2025 Masters Tournament. This year's champion will earn an unprecedented \$4.2 million from the total prize pool of \$21 million. The increase represents a significant milestone in the tournament's history and reflects the growing financial stakes in professional golf. Let me take you through all the details of this historic prize money announcement and what it means for the players competing at golf's most prestigious event. Record-Breaking Purse for the 2025 Masters Tournament On Saturday, April 12, 2025, Augusta National officials revealed that this year's Masters Tournament would feature a total purse of \$21 million. This represents a \$1 million increase from the 2024 tournament, which had set its own record at \$20 million. The decision to raise the purse continues the trend of increasing financial rewards in professional golf's major championships. The \$21 million prize positions the Masters among the most lucrative tournaments in golf, surpassing most PGA Tour signature events and all LIV Golf tournaments. This substantial prize pool reflects Augusta National's commitment to maintaining the Masters' status as one of golf's premier events, both in prestige and financial rewards. I find it particularly interesting that the Masters has chosen to increase its purse in response to the changing landscape of professional golf. With the emergence of competing tours and escalating purses across the sport, Augusta National has ensured that its flagship event remains financially competitive. The 2025 Masters champion will receive an unprecedented \$4.2 million, marking a \$600,000 increase from the \$3.6 million that Scottie Scheffler earned for his victory in 2024. This record payout makes winning the Masters not only prestigious but also one of the most financially rewarding achievements in golf. To put this in perspective, the winner's share has doubled since 2021, when Hideki Matsuyama earned \$2.07 million for his victory. The rapid escalation of the first-place prize demonstrates how quickly tournament purses have grown in recent years. When the final putt drops on Sunday evening at Augusta National, the champion will earn more than just the coveted green jacket. The \$4.2 million prize represents the largest winner's check in Masters history and firmly establishes the tournament among the highest-paying events in golf. Complete Prize Money Breakdown for All Positions Beyond the winner's share, the 2025 Masters offers substantial payouts throughout the field. Here's the complete breakdown of how the \$21 million purse will be distributed: Top 10 Finishers: 1st: \$4,200,000; 2nd: \$2,268,000; 3rd: \$1,420,000; 4th: \$1,088,000; 5th: \$840,000; 6th: \$756,000; 7th: \$703,500; 8th: \$653,000; 9th: \$609,000; 10th: \$567,000. Positions 11-20: 11th: \$525,000; 12th: \$483,000; 13th: \$441,000; 14th: \$399,000; 15th: \$378,000; 16th: \$357,000; 17th: \$336,000; 18th: \$315,000; 19th: \$294,000; 20th: \$273,000. Positions 21-30: 21st: \$252,000; 22nd: \$231,000; 23rd: \$218,400; 24th: \$201,600; 25th: \$184,800; 26th: \$168,000; 27th: \$161,700; 28th: \$155,400; 29th: \$143,100; 30th: \$142,800. The payout structure ensures that all 50 top finishers receive at least \$52,926, with amounts decreasing incrementally for positions 31 through 50. Players finishing below 50th place who made the cut will receive cash prizes starting from \$51,660 and decreasing based on their scores. In an added benefit for all participants, even players who missed the 36-hole cut will receive \$25,000 each, up from \$15,000 in previous years. This represents Augusta National's recognition of the achievement of qualifying for the Masters, regardless of performance during the tournament. The Masters Prize Money Growth by Year The growth of the Masters prize money over recent years tells a fascinating story about the economics of professional golf. Looking at the winner's share from previous tournaments shows a clear upward trajectory: 2023 winner's share: \$4,200,000; 2024 winner's share: \$3,600,000 (Scottie Scheffler); 2023 winner's share: \$3,240,000 (Jon Rahm); 2022 winner's share: \$2,700,000 (Scottie Scheffler); 2021 winner's share: \$2,070,000 (Hideki Matsuyama); 2020 winner's share: \$1,980,000 (Justin Johnson). This dramatic increase reflects broader trends in golf's economics. The winner's prize has doubled in just four years, demonstrating the rapid inflation of prize money throughout professional golf. For context, when the Masters began in 1934, the total purse was just \$5,000, with the winner receiving \$1,500. The purse reached the \$1 million milestone in 1989, and the winner's share first crossed the \$1 million threshold in 2001. The acceleration in recent years has been particularly notable, with substantial increases coming in response to changing competitive dynamics in professional golf. Additional Benefits for the Masters Champion Winning the Masters brings rewards that extend far beyond the financial prize. The champion receives: The iconic green jacket, perhaps the most recognizable trophy in golf. A gold medal. A permanent replica of the Masters Trophy (which depicts the Augusta National clubhouse). Lifetime exemption into the Masters Tournament. Five-year exemptions into the other three major championships. A spot in the Champions Locker Room at Augusta National. Membership at Augusta National Golf Club. These non-monetary benefits hold immense prestige in the golfing world. The lifetime exemption into the Masters is particularly valuable, ensuring that past champions can return to compete year after year regardless of their current form or world ranking. The green jacket remains at Augusta National for most of the year, though winners are allowed to take it home until the next tournament. This tradition underscores the unique relationship between Augusta National and its champions. FAQ: 1. How much is the total prize purse for the 2025 Masters? The total prize purse for the 2025 Masters Tournament is \$21 million, which represents a \$1 million increase from the 2024 tournament. 2. What will the winner of the 2025 Masters receive? The winner of the 2025 Masters will receive \$4.2 million, which is \$600,000 more than the \$3.6 million that Scottie Scheffler earned for winning in 2024. 3. How much do players who miss the cut at the 2025 Masters receive? Players who miss the cut at the 2025 Masters will receive \$25,000 each, up from \$15,000 in previous years. 4. How does the 2025 Masters prize money compare to other major tournaments? The 2025 Masters' \$21 million prize is slightly less than the 2024 U.S. Open (\$21.5 million) but more than the 2024 PGA Championship (\$18.5 million) and The Open Championship (\$17 million). 5. What non-monetary prizes does the Masters champion receive? Besides the money, the Masters champion receives the iconic green jacket, a gold medal, a permanent replica of the Masters Trophy, lifetime exemption into the Masters Tournament, five-year exemptions into the other three major championships, a spot in the Champions Locker Room at Augusta National, and membership at Augusta National Golf Club. 6. How has the Masters prize money changed over the years? The Masters prize money has increased dramatically in recent years, with the winner's share doubling from \$2.07 million in 2021 to \$4.2 million in 2025. The total purse has increased by over \$5 million since 2021. 7. Do amateur players receive prize money at the Masters? No, amateur players do not receive prize money at the Masters, regardless of their finish position. There were five amateurs in the 2025 Masters field. 8. What is the minimum amount a player can earn at the 2025 Masters if they make the cut? Players who make the cut but finish below 50th place will receive at least \$51,660, with the exact amount depending on their final position. 9. How does finishing position at the Masters affect players beyond prize money? A top-12 finish at the Masters earns players an invitation to the following year's tournament. Additionally, strong performances earn valuable Official World Golf Ranking points and FedEx Cup points. 10. Which tournament currently offers the largest purse in golf? The Players Championship currently offers the largest purse in golf at \$25 million, with the winner receiving \$4.5 million. This exceeds all four major championships, including the Masters. After months of anticipation, The Masters ushered in the 2025 major season as the best golfers on the planet came together once again for the first of this year's four major championships. Coming into the week, much of the conversation was centered around Rory McIlroy and whether or not this would finally be the year he slipped on the famous Green Jacket in Butler Cabin. The four-time major champion came into this year's Masters hoping to finally end a 10-plus-year drought in major championships, with the Northern Irishman's last triumph coming at the 2014 PGA Championship. With the career Grand Slam in his sights, McIlroy opened his Masters with an even-par round of 72 before making up significant ground with a under 60 during the second round. Another sensational round of 66 on Monday Day meant Rory would sleep on an overnight lead as he looked to finally break through in the event that made him go. With multiple major winners looking to close the gap during the final 18 holes, whether it was McIlroy, Bryson DeChambeau, or any other member of the talented group of chasers who will don the Green Jacket come Sunday evening, whoever emerged victorious would not only be able to call themselves a major champion but also would collect a handsome amount of prize money. How much does The Masters champion earn? Let's take a look at this year's record-breaking prize purse, the winner's share, and the payout breakdown by finishing position for the first major championship of the year. The Masters prize purse: 2025: Total purse and winner's prize moneyThe Masters will droy out a record-breaking purse of \$21 million in 2025, with this year's champion earning a whopping \$4.2 million. This is an increase from last year's purse of \$20 million, and it marks the fourth year in a row that Chairman Fred Ridley and Augusta National Golf Club have increased The Masters purse. 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Finishing PositionMasters Prize MoneyWinner\$4,200,0002nd\$2,268,0003rd\$1,428,0004th\$1,088,0005th\$840,0006th\$756,0007th\$703,5008th\$653,0009th\$609,00010th\$567,00011th\$525,00012th\$483,00013th\$441,00014th\$399,00015th\$378,00016th\$357,00017th\$336,00018th\$315,00019th\$294,00020th\$273,00021st\$252,00022nd\$231,00023rd\$218,40024th\$201,60025th\$184,80026th\$168,00027th\$161,70028th\$155,40029th\$143,10030th\$142,8002025 Masters will rank on the high end of the overall prize purse this year, leading the large amounts at Signature Events on the PGA Tour and the prize money droyed out at individual LIV Golf events. This is all reflected in the prize distribution, with every golfer who finishes inside the top four taking home seven figures. That's not something we see on the PGA Tour in any kind of routine way but it is not unique to The Masters among major championships. The U.S. Open also awarded \$10,000 in prize money to professionals that qualified for the tournament and missed the cut last year. However, Augusta National Golf Club has the ability to up the ante in terms of the value of the missed-cut payout because they, frankly, have to pay it out to far fewer players than their major championship counterparts.