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## **Spieth to play in 2016 Hyundai Tournament of Champions**

Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii – With the PGA TOUR season coming to a close at this week’s TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola, the winners from the past calendar year are beginning to shape their schedules for the upcoming year. One player who has begun to make decisions on his schedule is four-time winner this season, Jordan Spieth, who confirmed that he will be starting his calendar year in 2016 at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions, Jan. 6-10 at The Plantation Course at the Kapalua Resort in Maui.

“My schedule is a bit different (this year),” Spieth said in a pre-tournament interview at the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola. “Last year I had two significant breaks. I had a five-week break and a six-week break...This year, I’ll be starting in Kapalua for the season.”

This will be Spieth’s second start at the winners-only Hyundai Tournament of Champions; he finished runner-up in his first appearance in 2014.

Spieth’s year included top-10 finishes at the Waste Management Phoenix Open, AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and the Northern Trust Open. His first win of the year came in a playoff at the Valspar Championship, which moved him into the top 10 in the FedExCup standings at No. 7.

With runner-up finishes in his following two starts at the Valero Texas Open and the Shell Houston Open, Spieth won his first major championship at the Masters Tournament at 21 years of age. The four-stroke win over Justin Rose and Phil Mickelson was the fifth wire-to-wire victory in tournament history. With the win, Spieth (21 years, 8 months, 16 days at the time) added his name to several records, including becoming the second-youngest winner of the Green Jacket in the tournament’s 79-year history behind Tiger Woods (21 years, 3 months, 14 days) and his 18-under-par 270 total matched Woods’ record-setting 1997 performance. The win put Spieth at No. 1 in the FedExCup standings, where he would remain until Day’s win at The Barclays.

At Chambers Bay in June, Spieth posted a 1-under 69 Sunday to move out of a four-way tie for the 54-hole lead and into the record books, becoming just the sixth player to win the Masters Tournament and U.S. Open in the same season. The victory made Spieth the youngest player to win two career majors since Gene Sarazen in 1922. He also became just the second player since 1940 to win four times on the PGA TOUR before the age of 22.

Spieth won in his next start at the John Deere Classic in a playoff with Tom Gillis, and he came up just

one stroke short of the aggregate playoff at The Open Championship in his quest to take home the first three major championships of the season (T4).

The first PGA TOUR event of the calendar year, the Hyundai Tournament of Champions is the only event on the schedule that features all winners from the previous calendar year. This year, Patrick Reed defeated Jimmy Walker on the first playoff hole, after a brilliant final-round 67 that saw him hole out for eagle on the par-4 16th.

The Hyundai Tournament of Champions returns to The Plantation Course at the Kapalua Resort Jan. 6-10, 2016. If you are interested in the 2016 Hyundai Tournament of Champions Pro-Am, please contact Nancy Cross at (808) 665-9160 or [nancycross@pgatourhq.com](mailto:nancycross@pgatourhq.com).

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