



Transitions Championship Tournament History

Founded in 2000 as the Tampa Bay Classic, the event was originally an alternate event played the same week as the Presidents' Cup in 2000, and the same week as the WGC-American Express Championship in 2002. Originally scheduled to occur during the week of the WGC-American Express Championship on September 13-16, 2001, the terrorist attacks of September 11th forced the cancellations of both tournaments.

From 2003 to 2006, the Tampa Bay event had its own slot in the schedule as the last full-field event before the Tour Championship. The Chrysler Corporation was the title sponsor.

Since 2007, the Tampa Bay event has been played in March as part of the newly structured Florida Swing and FedExCup schedule. For a time the tournament was without a title sponsor, leading to speculation on its fate beyond 2007. Then, on January 24, 2007, tournament officials and the PGA TOUR announced a sponsorship agreement with the PODS Group.

Sean O'Hair won the 2008 tournament for his second PGA TOUR title. In doing so, he broke a string of five straight international winners, a streak that began and ended with South Korea's K.J. Choi (2006, 2002). The others were Sweden's Carl Pettersson (2005), Vijay Singh of Fiji (2004) and South Africa's Retief Goosen (2003), and John Huston (2000).

