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### **RISING PGA TOUR STAR JORDAN SPIETH COMMITS TO PLAY IN 2015 WASTE MANAGEMENT PHOENIX OPEN**

**PHOENIX, Ariz.** – Rising PGA TOUR star Jordan Spieth is the latest commitment to the 2015 Waste Management Phoenix Open — to be played the week of January 26 through February 1 at TPC Scottsdale. A field of 132 players will vie for the \$6.3 million purse, the \$1,134,000 first-place check and 500 FedExCup points.

The 21 year-old Texas native has had a blistering start to his career, winning the 2013 John Deere Classic in a dramatic five-hole playoff and winning the 2014 Hero World Challenge by 10 strokes. Since turning professional in 2012, Spieth has accumulated 18 top-10 finishes including two wins and five second-place finishes, the most notable of which came at the 2014 Masters.

A second-place finish at the 2013 TOUR Championship capped off an outstanding rookie season where he finished 7<sup>th</sup> in FedExCup points and 10<sup>th</sup> in earnings in on his way to PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year honors. The 2014 season was just as impressive for Spieth with eight top-10 and 18 top-25 finishes, catapulting him to his current number 9 World Golf Ranking.

As an amateur, Spieth won the U.S. Junior Amateur Golf Championship in 2009 and was named the Rolex Junior Player of the Year at the age of 16. He won the event again in 2011 as a student at the University of Texas where he led the Longhorns to a National Title. While at the University of Texas, he was named the Big 12 freshman of the year, Big 12 player of the year, and was a first-team All-American.

The 2015 Waste Management Phoenix Open, known as “The Greatest and Greenest Show on Grass,” will be held at TPC Scottsdale from January 26 to February 1, 2015. The

Waste Management Phoenix Open is the best-attended golf tournament in the world and has gained legendary status for being the most unique stop on the PGA TOUR. The 2015 edition will mark the 80<sup>th</sup> playing of the event (one of the five oldest events on the PGA TOUR) and the fifth as the Waste Management Phoenix Open. For more information on the 2015 Waste Management Phoenix Open, visit [www.wmphoenixopen.com](http://www.wmphoenixopen.com)

