



This Week on the LPGA Tour
Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
 TPC Harding Park | San Francisco, Calif. | May 4-7, 2023

MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

(All times are Pacific and subject to change; Zoom link available upon request)

Tuesday, May 2

12:20 p.m. – England
 12:45 p.m. – Thailand
 1:10 p.m. – Australia
 1:30 p.m. – China
 2:00 p.m. – Photocall

Wednesday, May 3

3:00 p.m. – Japan
 4:00 p.m. – Republic of Korea
 4:30 p.m. – United States
 5:00 p.m. – Sweden

TEAMS AND PLAYERS

No. 1 United States – Nelly Korda, Lexi Thompson, Lilia Vu, Danielle Kang
 No. 2 Republic of Korea – Jin Young Ko, Hyo Joo Kim, In Gee Chun, Hye Jin Choi
 No. 3 Japan – Nasa Hataoka, Ayaka Furue, Yuka Saso, Hinako Shibuno
 No. 4 Sweden – Maja Stark, Madelene Sagstrom, Anna Nordqvist, Caroline Hedwall
 No. 5 England – Jodi Ewart Shadoff, Bronte Law, Alice Hewson, Liz Young
 No. 6 Thailand – Atthaya Thitikul, Patty Tavatanakit, Moriya Jutanugarn, Ariya Jutanugarn
 No. 7 Australia – Minjee Lee, Hannah Green, Steph Kyriacou, Sarah Kemp
 No. 8 People’s Republic of China – Xiyu Lin, Ruoning Yin, Yu Liu, Ruixin Liu

POOLS

Pool A – No. 1 United States, No. 4 Sweden, No. 5 England, No. 8 Ppls. Rep. of China
 Pool B – No. 2 Republic of Korea, No. 3 Japan, No. 6 Thailand, No. 7 Australia

FOUR-BALL MATCHUPS

Thursday Pool A

No. 1 United States vs. No. 8 Ppls. Rep. of China
 No. 4 Sweden vs. No. 5 England

Thursday Pool B

No. 2 Republic of Korea vs. No. 7 Australia
 No. 3 Japan vs. No. 6 Thailand

Friday Pool A

No. 1 United States vs. No. 5 England
 No. 4 Sweden vs. No. 8 Ppls. Rep of China

Friday Pool B

No. 2 Republic of Korea vs. No. 6 Thailand
 No. 3 Japan vs. No. 7 Australia

Saturday Pool A

No. 1 United States vs. No. 4 Sweden
 No. 5 England vs. No. 8 Ppls. Rep of China

Saturday Pool B

No. 2 Republic of Korea vs. No. 3 Japan
 No. 6 Thailand vs. No. 7 Australia

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Team/Player Selection: The field of eight countries was determined by the combined Rolex Women’s World Golf Rankings of the top four players from each country as of the Rolex Rankings published on Nov. 21, 2022, immediately following the CME Group Tour Championship.

The final field of 32 players was determined via the Rolex Rankings published on April 2, 2023,

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TV & STREAMING TIMES

(all times EDT on Golf Channel, golfchannel.com, NBCSports.com, the NBC Sports App and Peacock)
 Thursday, May 4 – 6:00-9:00 p.m.
 Friday, May 5 – 6:00-9:00 p.m.
 Saturday, May 6 – 6:00-9:00 p.m.
 Sunday, May 7 – 6:00-9:00 p.m.

immediately following the DIO Implant LA Open. If a player ranked in the top four of a pre-qualified country does not compete, the spot will be filled by the country's next highest ranked player available from the Rolex Rankings as of April 2.

Seeding: The eight countries were seeded No. 1 through No. 8 and divided into two pools based on the cumulative team ranking of the four players' Rolex Rankings published after the conclusion of the 2023 DIO Implant LA Open.

Scoring: One point will be awarded for a win, a half point for a tie and zero for a loss. All points from the four-ball matches on Thursday-Saturday will be cumulative and will determine the top two countries advancing from each pool. On Sunday, the first country to two points will win the head-to-head matchup.

Competition Format: The competition will take place over four days. It will feature four-ball competition on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The top two countries from each pool will advance to Sunday. Two semifinal matches will be played Sunday morning, each consisting of two singles matches and one foursomes match. The winning semifinal countries will compete in the final match on Sunday afternoon, and a third-place match will take place between the two losing semifinal countries. Both matches will be the same format as the semifinals.

Four-ball Matches (Thursday-Saturday): Each country will play two four-ball matches against each of the other three countries in their pool. At the conclusion of the three days of four-ball competition, the two countries with the most points from each pool will advance to Sunday.

Sunday Format: The semifinals will take place in the morning. The first-place country from Pool A will play the second-place country from Pool B. The first-place country from Pool B will play the second-place country from Pool A. Each matchup will consist of two singles matches and one foursomes match (lineup determined by each respective country). The first country to reach two points will win their match. The winning countries from the semifinals will play each other in the afternoon in the finals. The losing countries from the semifinals will play each other in a third-place match. All matches will be played to a conclusion (no tied matches).

Breaking Ties: In the event two countries are tied for first in each pool, the following tiebreaker(s) will be used: total points accumulated in head-to-head matchups between the tied countries; total number of matches won in all six four-ball matches; highest seeded country entering the competition.

If three or more countries are tied for first place, or two or more countries are tied for second place within each group, a playoff will be used to determine the countries advancing to Sunday. If there are only two countries in the playoff, the format for the playoff will be hole-by-hole, four-ball match play. If there are more than two countries in the playoff, the format for the playoff will be hole-by-hole, four-ball stroke play.

Purse: \$2 million; winning team's portion is \$500,000 (\$125,000 per player)

Whiteline Par and Yardage: 37-35-72, 6,550 yards
(par and yardage are subject to change through the start of the tournament)

All-Time Champions and Runners-Up:

2018 – Republic of Korea (15 points, 7-2-1); USA & England (11 points, 5-4-1)

2016 – USA (13 points, 6-3-1); Republic of Korea (12 points 6-4-0)

2014 – Spain (15 points, 7-2-1); Sweden (11 points, 5-4-1)

WHO'S IN THE FIELD

Past champions (2):

In Gee Chun (2018), Lexi Thompson (2016)

Past International Crown participants (12):

In Gee Chun (2016, 2018), Jodi Ewart Shadoff (2016, 2018), Nasa Hataoka (2018), Caroline Hedwall (2014, 2018), Ariya Jutanugarn (2014, 2016, 2018), Moriya Jutanugarn (2014, 2016, 2018), Bronte Law (2018), Minjee Lee (2014, 2016, 2018), Xiyu Lin (2016), Anna Nordqvist (2014, 2018), Madelene Sagstrom (2018), Lexi Thompson (2014, 2016, 2018)

2023 LPGA Tour Winners (4 of 8):

Hannah Green (JM Eagle LA Championship), Jin Young Ko (HSBC Women's World Championship), Lilia Vu (Honda LPGA Thailand, The Chevron Championship), Ruoning Yin (DIO Implant LA Open)

San Francisco Connections:

Danielle Kang (birthplace)

Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings Top 10 (7):

Nelly Korda (1), Jin Young Ko (3), Lilia Vu (4), Atthaya Thitikul (5), Minjee Lee (6), Lexi Thompson (7), Hyo Joo Kim (9)