This Week on the LPGA Tour

TOTO Japan Classic
Taiheiyo Club (Minori Course) | Omitama, Ibaraki, Japan | Nov. 2-5, 2023

**MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE**

All times are local (+13 EDT) and subject to change

**Tuesday, October 31**
- 1:00 p.m. – Minami Katsu (kakomi)
- 1:30 p.m. – Nasa Hataoka (kakomi)
- 2:00 p.m. – Gemma Dryburgh (press conference)
- 3:00 p.m. – Ayaka Furue (kakomi)

**Wednesday, November 1**
- 10:30 a.m. – Yuna Nishimura (kakomi)
- 11:00 a.m. – Hinako Shibuno (kakomi)
- 11:30 a.m. – Yuka Saso (kakomi)

**TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

**Competition Format:** 78 players (43 LPGA Tour members, 35 JLPGA members); 72-hole stroke play, four rounds, no cut limited field

**AON Risk Reward Challenge Hole:** No. 12, par 5

**Purse:** $2 million; winner’s portion is $300,000

Whiteline Par and Yardage: 36-36–72, 6,598 yards (par and yardage are subject to change through the start of the tournament)

**Past Five Champions and Runners-Up:**
- 2022 – Gemma Dryburgh, 268 (-20); Kana Nagai, 272 (-16)
- 2019 – Ai Suzuki, 202 (14)
- 2018 – Nasa Hataoka, 204 (-12)
- 2017 – Shanshan Feng, 197 (-19); Ai Suzuki, 202 (-14)
- 2016 – Shanshan Feng, 203 (-13); Ha Na Jang, 204 (-12)

*2020 and 2021 playings of the event were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic

**Tournament Scoring Records:**
- 18 holes: 63, shot eight times, most recently by Shanshan Feng (R2, 2017)
- 36 holes: 126, Annika Sorenstam, 2003
- 54 holes: 192, Annika Sorenstam, 2003
- *2022 was the first time the co-sanctioned tournament played as a 72-hole event

**WHO’S IN THE FIELD**

**Past TOTO Japan Classic Champions (6):**

**2023 LPGA Tour Winners (5 of 22):**
- Pajaree Anannarukarn (Bank of Hope LPGA Match-Play presented by MGM Rewards), Hannah Green (JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro), Hyo Joo Kim (The Ascendant LPGA benefiting Volunteers of America), Chanettee Wannasaen (Portland Classic), Rose Zhang (Mizuho Americas Open)

**2023 LPGA Tour Rookies (6 of 32):**
- Celine Borge, Minami Katsu, Yan Liu, Yuna Nishimura, Chanettee Wannasaen, Rose Zhang

**Japanese LPGA Tour Players (6):**
- Ayaka Furue, Nasa Hataoka, Minami Katsu, Yuna Nishimura, Yuka Saso, Hinako Shibuno

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- *Interview Transcripts*
- **LPGA Tour Online Media Center:** includes links to daily tournament notes, statistics, and photo/video assets
- **LPGA Statistical Database:** LPGA Tour data from 1980 to present. Request access at link above.
- **Stats Box:** Will be distributed once available; includes season long statistics through the Maybank Championship as well as the $2 million purse breakdown
- **Media Assets:** For access to tournament photos and videos, please contact the on-site LPGA Communications team

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** @DRIVEON
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**TV TIMES**

(all times EDT; Live coverage on NBC GOLF Channel, NBC Digital, Peacock and International)

**Wednesday, November 1**
- 11:00 p.m.- 2:00 a.m. – Round 1 Live

**Thursday, November 2**
- 5:00-7:00 a.m. – Round 1 Replay
- 12:00-3:00 p.m. – Round 1 Replay
- 11:00 p.m.- 2:00 a.m. – Round 2 Live

**Friday, November 3**
- 5:00-7:00 a.m. – Round 2 Replay
- 11:30 p.m.- 2:30 a.m. – Round 3 Live

**Saturday, November 4**
- 11:00 p.m.- 2:00 a.m. – Round 4 Live

**Tuesday, November 7**
- 6:00-9:00 a.m. – Round 4 Replay