U.S. Women's Open
Pebble Beach Golf Links | Pebble Beach, Calif. | July 6-9, 2023

Tuesday Pre-Championship Notes
July 4, 2023

MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE
(All times are local PDT and subject to change; Any changes to press conference times will be made on the U.S. Women's Open Media Hub)

Wednesday, July 5
9 a.m. – Reunion of Champions
10 a.m. – USGA Press Conference
1:30 p.m. – Emilia Migliaccio

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN

- This is the 78th edition of the U.S. Women's Open
  - This is the fifth time California has hosted a U.S. Women's Open, with the most recent being in 2021 at The Olympic Club in San Francisco and won by Yuka Saso
- This is the first time Pebble Beach Golf Links is hosting a women's major championship
  - This is the 14th USGA championship being contested at Pebble Beach, which has included two U.S. Women's Amateur Championships
  - Pebble Beach Golf Links will also host the U.S. Women's Open in 2035, 2040 and 2048, as well as the 2027, 2032, 2037 and 2044 U.S. Opens
  - The resort has hosted the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am since 1947, and also co-hosts the Pure Insurance Championship on the PGA Tour Champions
- 12 past champions are back at the U.S. Women's Open, including Annika Sorenstam (1995, 1996, 2006) and So Yeon Ryu (2011) on special exemptions
- All 11 Tour winners from this season are competing this week, including most recent major champion Ruoning Yin (KPMG Women's PGA Championship)
  - Only four players have won the U.S. Women's Open and the tournament before, with the most recent being Inbee Park in 2013 (KPMG Women's PGA Championship, Walmart NW Arkansas Championship)
- There will be 46 players making their debut in the major championship this year
- There are 30 countries and 20 different states represented in the field
  - Only two Americans have won the major championship since 2011 (Brittany Lang, 2016 and Michelle Wie West, 2014)
- There are 28 amateurs teeing it up in the major championship, including six in the top 50 of the Women's World Golf Ranking: No. 2 Saki Baba, No. 4 Anna Davis, No. 10 Amari Avery, No. 26 Emilia Migliaccio, No. 36 Ting-Hsuan Huang, No. 43. Maddison Hinson-Tolchard
  - Only two amateurs have won any major championship, including Catherine LaCoste at the 1967 U.S. Women's open
- There are 17 players between the ages of 14-19, including 14-year-olds Kaili Xu and Angela Zhang
  - The youngest to ever make the cut in the U.S. Women's Open is Marlene Hagge-Vossler (1947, 13 years, 4 months and 13 days)
  - Inbee Park (2008) and Yuka Saso (2021) are the youngest players to ever win the U.S. Women's Open at 19 years, 11 months and 17 days
- 12 of 32 LPGA Tour rookies are teeing it up in the major, including 2023 winner Grace Kim
  - In the major championship history, there have been 14 different players to win a major in their rookie season (16 total victories)
- There are two sets of sisters in the field this year: Ariya and Moriya Jutanguarn of Thailand, and Chisato and Akie Iwai of Japan, who are making their debuts in the major
- Angela Stanford, hot off a win at last week's Senior LPGA Championship, is making her 95th consecutive major appearance
- Betsy Rawls (1951, 1953, 1957, 1960) and Mickey Wright (1958, 1959, 1961, 1964) are tied for the most U.S. Women's Open victories in their career
  - Sorenstam (1995, 1996, 2006) is the only player in this year's field with multiple U.S. Women's Open titles
- 21 players have become Rolex First-Time Winners at the major, including three in the past five years
- In 2022, Minjee Lee broke the 54- and 72-hole scoring records to win the U.S. Women's Open and earn her second major championship title
  - Lee also set the record for most birdies recorded at one U.S. Women's Open (22)
  - Fellow countrywoman Karrie Webb was the last player to successfully defend her USWO title (2000-2001), and was the seventh player in the major's history to achieve the feat
  - In 2020, Jeongeun Lee6 became the first defending champion since 2003 to finish in the top 10 in her title defense

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CHAMPIONSHIP TV/STREAMING TIMES
(all times EDT)

Thursday, July 6
4-6 p.m. – Peacock
6-11 p.m. – USA Network

Friday, July 7
4-6 p.m. – Peacock
6-11 p.m. **–** USA Network

Saturday, July 8
3-9 p.m. – Peacock, NBC

Sunday, July 9
3-9 p.m. – Peacock, NBC

RACE TO CME GLOBE UPDATE
The Race to the CME Globe continues through the U.S. Women's Open, the LPGA Tour's third major of the 2023 season, with 650 points up for grabs for the winner. After the KPMG Women's PGA Championship, **Jin Young Ko** remains atop the points list (1,477.823 points) thanks to five top-10 finishes in 2023 that includes her wins at the HSBC Women's World Championship and the Cognizant Founders Cup. **Ruoning Yin**, the Tour's newest major champion, jumped from 11th to second with her victory at the KPMG WPGA (1,459.750 points), surpassing **Lilia Vu**, who now sits in third with 1,388.643 points. **Ayaka Furue** is fourth through 13 events played (1,360.125 points) with **Ashleigh Buhai** rounding out the top five with 1,212.281 points.

Other players to make sizeable jumps on the points list thanks to their finish at the last major championship include **Stephanie Meadow** (from 89th to 46th), **Megan Khang** (from 52nd to 34th) and **Yuka Saso** (from 34th to 13th).

The Race to the CME Globe is a season-long points competition with LPGA Tour Members accumulating points in every official LPGA event to qualify for the season-ending tournament, the CME Group Tour Championship. The player who wins the CME Group Tour Championship is named the "Race to the CME Globe Champion." The top 60 points earners and ties earn a spot into the season finale with the entire field competing for a $7 million purse highlighted by a $2 million winner's check, the largest single prize in the history of women's golf.

CME GROUP CARES CHALLENGE – SCORE 1 FOR ST. JUDE UPDATE
The CME Group Cares Challenge is a season-long charitable giving program that turns aces into donations. CME Group donates $20,000 for each hole-in-one made on the LPGA Tour in 2023, with a minimum guaranteed donation of $500,000 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which is leading the way in how the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and life-threatening diseases. There have been six holes-in-one this season, recorded by **Gina Kim** at the LPGA Drive On Championship, **Bailey Tardy** at the DIO Implant LA Open, **In Gee Chun** at The Chevron Championship, **In Kyung Kim** at the JM Eagle LA Championship, **Mariah Stackhouse** at the ShopRite LPGA Classic and **Jennifer Kupcho** at the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give. The 2023 donation total is $120,000 thus far.

2023 SEASON-LONG STATISTICS
Official Money: Ruoning Yin, $2,008,768
Scoring Average: Hyo Joo Kim, 69.400
Birdies: Ashleigh Buhai, 185
Eagles: Jennifer Kupcho 9
Holes in One: In Gee Chun, Gina Kim, In Kyung Kim, Jennifer Kupcho, Mariah Stackhouse and Bailey Tardy, 1
Greens in Regulation: Hyo Joo Kim, 75.6%
Average Driving Distance: Xiaowen Yin, 280.960

Strokes Gained Total – Per Round: Jin Young Ko, 2.230

2023 Award Leaders

Rolex Player of the Year		
1	Ruoning Yin	97 points
2	Lilia Vu	94 points
3	Jin Young Ko	75 points

Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year		
1	Hae Ran Ryu	381 points
2	Grace Kim	324 points
3	Natthakritta Vongtaveelap	168 points

Rolex ANNIKA Major Award		
T1	Lilia Vu	60 points
T1	Ruoning Yin	60 points
T3	Angel Yin	24 points
T3	Yuka Saso	24 points

#AonRiskReward Challenge		
1	Ruoning Yin	-1.000
T2	Hye-Jin Choi	-0.950
T2	Atthaya Thitikul	-0.950

Race to the CME Globe		
1	Jin Young Ko	1,447.823 points
2	Ruoning Yin	1,459.750 points
3	Lilia Vu	1,388.643 points

2023 Wins by Country (14 tournaments, nine countries)
3 – United States (Lilia Vu (2), Rose Zhang)
2 – Australia (Hannah Green, Grace Kim)
2 – People's Republic of China (Ruoning Yin (2))
2 – Republic of Korea (Jin Young Ko (2))
1 – Canada (Brooke Henderson)
1 – France (Celine Boutier)
1 – Ireland (Leona Maguire)
1 – South Africa (Ashleigh Buhai)
1 – Thailand (Pajaree Anannarukarn)

2023 Wins by Player (14 tournaments, 11 players)
2 – Jin Young Ko (HSBC Women's World Championship, Cognizant Founders Cup)
2 – Lilia Vu (Honda LPGA Thailand, The Chevron Championship)
2 – Ruoning Yin (DIO Implant LA Open, KPMG Women's PGA Championship)
1 – Pajaree Anannarukarn (LPGA Bank of Hope LPGA Match-Play presented by MGM Rewards)
1 – Celine Boutier (LPGA Drive On Championship)
1 – Ashleigh Buhai (ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer)
1 – Hannah Green (JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro)
1 – Brooke Henderson (Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions)
1 – Grace Kim (LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei)
1 – Leona Maguire (Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give)
1 – Rose Zhang (Mizuho Americas Open)

Average Age of 2023 Winners: 25.07
Youngest Winner: Rose Zhang (20 years, 11 days)
Oldest Winner: Ashleigh Buhai (36 years, 11 months)

Team USA Solheim Cup Standings:
1 – Nelly Korda, 422.50 points
2 – Lilia Vu, 416.50 points
3 – Danielle Kang, 281.00 points
4 – Megan Khang, 263.50 points
5 – Lexi Thompson, 258.00 points
6 – Jennifer Kupcho, 250.00 points
7 – Allisen Corpuz, 198.50 points
8 – Cheyenne Knight, 195.00 points
9 – Andrea Lee, 181.00 points
10 – Alison Lee, 158.00 points

Team USA Solheim Cup standings
Team Europe Solheim Cup standings