



This Week on the LPGA Tour
Walmart NW Arkansas Championship
Pinnacle Country Club | Rogers, Arkansas | Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 2023

MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

(All times are CT and subject to change)

Wednesday, September 27

1:30 p.m. – Gaby Lopez
2:30 p.m. – Atthaya Thitikul
4:00 p.m. – Danielle Kang

Thursday, September 28

10:00 a.m. – Brooke Matthews (i)
12:00 p.m. – Maria Fassi
2:30 p.m. – Georgia Hall

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Competition Format: 144 players; 54-hole stroke play, cut to top 65 and ties after 36 holes

AON Risk Reward Challenge Hole: No. 14, par 5

Purse: \$2.3 million; winner's portion is \$345,000

Whiteline Par and Yardage: 36-35-71, 6,438 yards
(par and yardage are subject to change through the start of the tournament)

Past Five Champions and Runners-Up:

2022 – Atthaya Thitikul, 196 (-17) defeated Danielle Kang with a birdie on the second playoff hole
2021 – Nasa Hataoka, 197 (-16); Eun-Hee Ji, Minjee Lee, 198 (-15)
2020 – Austin Ernst, 193 (-20); Anna Nordqvist, 195 (-18)
2019 – Sung Hyun Park, 195 (-18); Danielle Kang, Hyo Joo Kim, Inbee Park, 196 (-17)
2018 – Nasa Hataoka, 192 (-21); Austin Ernst, 198 (-15)

Tournament Scoring Records:

18 holes: 61, Atthaya Thitikul (R2, 2022) and So Yeon Ryu (R2, 2017)
36 holes: 126, Anna Nordqvist (2020) and So Yeon Ryu (2017)
54 holes: 192, Nasa Hataoka (2018)

WHO'S IN THE FIELD

Past Champions:

Atthaya Thitikul (2022), So Yeon Ryu (2017), Lydia Ko (2016), Stacy Lewis (2014, 2007)

2023 LPGA Tour Winners (8 of 18):

Pajaree Anannarukarn (LPGA Bank of Hope LPGA Match-Play presented by MGM Rewards), Hannah Green (JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro), Cheyenne Knight (Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational), Grace Kim (LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei), Leona Maguire (Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give), Alexa Pano (ISPS Handa World Invitational), Elizabeth Szokol (Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational), Chanettee Wannasaen (Portland Classic)

2023 LPGA Tour Rookies (27 of 32):

Jaravee Boonchant, Celine Borge, Manon De Roey, Sofia Garcia, Hyo Joon Jang, Soo Bin Joo, Minami Katsu, Grace Kim, Aline Krauter, Ines Laklalech, Lucy Li, Yan Liu, Polly Mack, Yuna Nishimura, Alexa Pano, Kum-Kang Park, Valery Plata, Riley Rennell, Kiira Riihijarvi, Hae Ran Ryu, Magdalena Simmermacher, Ellinor Sudow, Gabriella Then, Bailey Tardy, Samantha Wagner, Chanettee Wannasaen, Xiaowen Yin

Area Connections:

University of Arkansas graduates: Maria Fassi (residence), Stacy Lewis, Gaby Lopez, Brooke Matthews (i)

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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 Solheim Cup as well as the \$2.3 million purse breakdown for this week's Walmart NW Arkansas Championship
- [Media Assets:](#) For access to tournament photos and videos, please contact communications@lpga.com.
- [Tournament Website](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA: #DRIVEON

Tournament - @NWChampionship (X), @NWChampionship (Instagram)

LPGA Tour - @LPGA and @LPGAMedia (Twitter), @lpga_tour (Instagram)

TV TIMES

(all times ET)

Friday, September 29

Round 1

2:00-5:00 p.m. – Golf Channel

Saturday, September 30

Round 2

2:00-5:00 p.m. – Golf Channel

Sunday, October 1

Round 3

4:00-7:00 p.m. – Golf Channel

Current University of Arkansas student: Miriam Ayora Gomez (a)

Sponsor Invites:

Miriam Ayora Gomez (a), Brittany Lang, Brooke Matthews, Lily Thomas

Monday Qualifiers:

Gurleen Kaur, Hannah Levi-Armour