



CPKC Women's Open

Earl Grey Golf Club | Calgary, Alberta, Canada | July 25-28, 2024

Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes

July 23, 2024

MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

(Zoom link for pre-tournament availability is distributed upon request; All times are local and subject to change. Please visit the [LPGA Online Media Center](#) for the most updated times.)

Wednesday, July 24

11:30 a.m. – Lydia Ko

12:00 p.m. – Alena Sharp

2:30 p.m. – Rose Zhang

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE 2024 CPKC WOMEN'S OPEN

- This is the 50th year of the CPKC Women's Open
 - This is the 22nd playing of the CPKC Women's Open as a 72-hole, non-major event on the LPGA Tour
 - The event was played as a LPGA Tour major championship from 1979-2000 and known by a series of names, most famously the du Maurier Classic
 - The tournament originally played as a three-round (54-hole) tournament for its first six years, but has been a four-round (72-hole) tournament since 1979
- Earl Grey Golf Club is the 30th different venue to host the CPKC Women's Open
 - This is the first professional event that the club has ever hosted
 - The course was founded in 1919 and has been on its current site since 1932
 - In 2018, the club underwent an extensive renovation project that included construction of a new clubhouse and several on-course renovations, featuring new greens, an advanced irrigation system and a full bunker renovation
- In addition to the CPKC Women's Open title, the [Audi Precision Award](#) will be awarded to the player with the most greens hit in regulation throughout the week
- This is the fourth time the CPKC Women's Open has been held in Calgary and the first since the 2016 playing of the event
 - Ariya Jutanugarn** won at Priddis Greens Golf & Country Club in Calgary in 2016
- The CPKC Women's Open field has 156 players, including:
 - Six past champions of the event:
 - Megan Khang** became a Rolex First-Time Winner at the 2023 CPKC Women's Open
 - She defeated **Jin Young Ko** with a par on the first playoff hole to become a Rolex First-Time Winner on the LPGA Tour
 - South Africa's **Paula Reto** also earned her first victory at the CPKC Women's Open in 2022
 - She beat six-time 2024 Tour winner **Nelly Korda** by one stroke
 - Canada's own **Brooke Henderson** won the event in 2018
 - Henderson was just the second Canadian to win the CPKC Women's Open, joining the inaugural winner of the event **Jocelyne Bourassa** in 1973
 - A. Jutanugarn won the CPKC Women's Open the last time it was played in Calgary
 - She beat the Republic of Korea's **Sei Young Kim** by four strokes
 - Twenty-time LPGA Tour winner **Lydia Ko** has won the CPKC Women's Open three times
 - In 2012, Ko became the youngest-ever winner of an LPGA Tour event when she won the CPKC Women's Open at 15 years and four months old
 - She played in the event as an amateur sponsor invite and a non-member of the LPGA Tour
 - She defended her title, again as an amateur sponsor invite, in 2013 and is still the only player in LPGA Tour history to win twice as an amateur or sponsor invite
 - Ko is one LPGA Tour win away from qualifying for the LPGA Tour Hall of Fame
 - Ko earned her 20th career victory at the 2024 Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions and earned one point towards LPGA Hall of Fame induction, bringing her career total to 26 points
 - She is only one point short of the minimum threshold of 27 points for LPGA HOF induction
 - LPGA Hall of Fame criteria can be found [here](#)
 - LPGA Tour veteran **Brittany Lincicome** earned her fifth victory at the 2011 CPKC Women's Open
 - She bested fellow Americans **Stacy Lewis** and **Michelle Wie West** by one stroke
 - Six 2024 LPGA Tour winners:
 - Hannah Green** is the only player in the field who has had multiple LPGA Tour victories this season
 - Team USA Olympians **Lilia Vu** and **Rose Zhang** are making their last start in Calgary before the Paris Olympic Games
 - Last week's Dana Open winner **Chanettee Wannasaen** will be making her first start in the CPKC Women's Open
 - Lydia Ko** will look to earn her last Hall of Fame point at the same tournament as her inaugural victory
 - LPGA Tour sophomore **Bailey Tardy** is making her second start in the event
 - Twenty-three LPGA Tour rookies
 - There have been no rookie winners on the LPGA Tour this season
 - Following her performance at last week's Dana Open, Japan's **Mao Saigo** took the lead over **Gabriela Ruffels** in the Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year rankings
 - Both are in the field this week, as is **Jin Hee Im**, who sits in third in the rankings
 - Seventeen Canadian players
 - LPGA Tour players Savannah Grewal, Brooke Henderson, Maude-Aimee Leblanc, Alena Sharp and Maddie Szeryk are in the field
 - The rest of the Canadians in the field were granted sponsor invitations into the event, including Vanessa Borovilos (a)(i), Monet Chun (i), Katie Cranston (a)(i), Anna Huang (a)(i), Leah John (i), Lauren Kim (a)(i), Yeji Kwon (i), Mary Parsons (i), Brooke Rivers (i), Ellie Szeryk (i), Brigitte Thibault (i) and Michelle Xing (a)(i)
 - Sixteen sponsor invites including nine Amateurs
 - In addition to the above Canadian invites, Anna Davis (a)(i), Melanie Green (a)(i), Megan Schofill (a)(i) and Denisa Vodickova (a)(i) earned sponsor exemptions into the field
 - Four Monday Qualifiers:
 - Soo Bin Joo, Gabriella Then, Yan Jun (Victoria) Liu (a), Angela Zhang (a)

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[Stats Box](#): Includes all-time records, major records, purse breakdowns, stats documents, scoring files, points structures, and tournament histories

[Media Assets](#): For access to tournament photos and videos, please contact the on-site LPGA Communications team

[Tournament Website](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA

LPGA Tour: @LPGA, @LPGAMedia (X), @lpga_tour (Instagram, TikTok)

Tournament: @CPKCWomensOpen (X, Instagram)

TV/STREAMING TIMES (All times EST)

Thursday, July 25: 6:30-9:30 p.m. (Golf Channel/Peacock)

Friday, July 26: 6:30-9:30 p.m. (Golf Channel/Peacock)

Saturday, July 27: 6-9 p.m. (Golf Channel/Peacock)

Sunday, July 28: 6-9 p.m. (Golf Channel/Peacock)

2024 LPGA STATISTICS

2024 Statistical Leaders

Official Money: Nelly Korda, \$3,006,871

Scoring Average: Ayaka Furue, 69.887

Birdies: Ayaka Furue, 237

Eagles: Alison Lee, 8

Hole-in-Ones: Thirteen players, 1

Greens in Regulation: Haeran Ryu, 75.2%

Average Driving Distance: Polly Mack, 279.314 yards

2024 Award Standings

Rolex Player of the Year		
1	Nelly Korda	214 points
2	Ayaka Furue	115 points

3	Hannah Green	72 points
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Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year		
1	Mao Saigo	433 points
2	Gabriela Ruffels	417 points
3	Jin Hee Im	393 points

Rolex ANNIKA Major Award		
1	Ayaka Furue	70 points
T2	Yuka Saso	60 points
T2	Amy Yang	60 points
T2	Nelly Korda	60 points

#AonRiskReward Challenge		
1	Natthakritta Vongtaveelap	-1.000
2	Auston Kim	-0.962
3	Atthaya Thitikul	-0.938

Vare Trophy (Scoring Average)		
1	Ayaka Furue	69.887
2	Nelly Korda	69.976
3	Lilia Vu	70.111

Race to the CME Globe Points		
1	Nelly Korda	3,318.944 points
2	Ayaka Furue	2,081.702 points
3	Hannah Green	1,549.817 points

[Aon Risk Reward Challenge Hole:](#) No. 14, par 5

This straight away, narrow par-5 offers a prime scoring opportunity for the field halfway through the back nine. Hitting the fairway will be pivotal for players trying to reach the green in two. Water protects the entire right side of the green, narrowing the runup approach shot considerably. Players must decide if they want to take on the greenside hazards in hopes of an eagle chance, while the narrow nature of the hole can make the lay-up shot equally challenging. The expansive green spans over 130 feet making a precise approach shot crucial. Ensuring approach shots land in the correct quadrant of the green is key to scoring well.

Natthakritta Vongtaveelap jumped into first place in the Aon Risk Reward Challenge with an average of -1.000 after an impressive performance on the Aon Risk Reward Challenge Hole at last week's Dana Open. Vongtaveelap recorded an eagle, two birdies and a par on No. 17 across four rounds at Highland Meadows Golf Club. **Auston Kim** sits in second place with an average of -0.962 followed by recent LPGA Tour winners, Atthaya Thitikul (3rd place, -0.938) and **Lilia Vu** (4th place, -0.889). To round out the top-five, both **Madelene Sagstrom** and **Haeran Ryu** sit at an average of -0.885. Vongtaveelap's jump from fifth place to first place pushed all players a spot down in the rankings compared to the week prior. Kim, Vu and Ryu are the only players in the field this week at the CPKC Women's Open.

The Aon Risk Reward Challenge is a season-long competition across the LPGA Tour that highlights the game's best players as they navigate some of the most strategically challenging holes on Tour. Players will take their best two scores from each Challenge hole, with the winners having the best average score to par at the end of the regular season. The winning woman will take home the Aon trophy and a \$1 million prize.

[Race to CME Globe Update:](#)

The Race to the CME Globe continues at the CPKC Women's Open this week. Following the Dana Open, there was slight movement in the top five in the Race to the CME Globe:

- **Nelly Korda** is in first place and maintains her dominance of the Race to the CME Globe with 3,318.944 points after winning six events this season alone
- The season's most recent major champion, **Ayaka Furue** sits in second place with 2,081.702 points after her win at The Amundi Evian Championship and eight additional top-10 finishes; she sits 1,237.242 points behind Korda
- 2024 HSBC Women's World Championship and JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro winner **Hannah Green** is in third place with 1,549.817 points
- After a second-place finish at the Dana Open, **Haeran Ryu** jumped from ninth place to fourth place and currently has 1,315.617 points
- **Ally Ewing** (1,239.068 points) dropped into fifth place after Ryu's jump; Ewing recently clinched her spot on the 2024 U.S. Solheim Cup team

After earning her second LPGA Tour victory last week at the Dana Open, **Chanettee Wannasaen** jumped from No. 55 to No. 14 in the Race to the CME Globe. **Linn Grant** also jumped more than 10 spots in the rankings with her finish at the Dana Open.

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 \$11 million purse, increased from \$7 million last season, and is highlighted by a \$4 million winner's check, which is 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 2024, 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 16 total holes-in-one made this season, bringing the 2024 donation total to \$320,000. At last week's Dana Open, there were two hole-in-ones made by **Alena Sharp** and **Soo Bin Joo**. One of the several Canadians, Sharp is in the field at this week's CPKC Women's Open. Joo is also playing this week after Monday qualifying into the event.

2024 Wins by Country (19 tournaments, 8 countries)

9 – United States of America (Nelly Korda (6), Bailey Tardy, Lilia Vu, Rose Zhang)
 3 – Thailand (Patty Tavatanakit, Atthaya Thitikul, Chanettee Wannasaen)
 2 – Australia (Hannah Green (2))
 2 – Japan (Yuka Saso, Ayaka Furue)
 1 – New Zealand (Lydia Ko)
 1 – Republic of Korea (Amy Yang)
 1 – Sweden (Linnea Strom)
 1 – People's Republic of China (Ruoning Yin)

2024 Wins by Player (19 tournaments, 14 players)

6 – Nelly Korda (LPGA Drive On Championship, FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship, Ford Championship presented by KCC, T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards, The Chevron Championship, Mizuho Americas Open)
 2 – Hannah Green (HSBC Women's World Championship, JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro)
 1 – Ayaka Furue (The Amundi Evian Championship)
 1 – Lydia Ko (Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions)
 1 – Yuka Saso (U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally)
 1 – Linnea Strom (ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer)
 1 – Bailey Tardy (Blue Bay LPGA)
 1 – Patty Tavatanakit (Honda LPGA Thailand)
 1 – Atthaya Thitikul (Dow Championship)
 1 – Lilia Vu (Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give)
 1 – Chanettee Wannasaen (Dana Open)
 1 – Amy Yang (KPMG Women's PGA Championship)
 1 – Ruoning Yin (Dow Championship)
 1 – Rose Zhang (Cognizant Founders Cup)

Average Age of 2024 Winners: 24.850

Youngest Winner: Chanettee Wannasaen (20 years, 3 months, 5 days)

Oldest Winner: Amy Yang (34 years, 10 months, 26 days)