



**The Amundi Evian Championship**  
Evian Resort Golf Club | Evian-les-baines, France | July 11-14, 2024

Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes

July 9, 2024

**MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE**

Link for pre-tournament availability is available upon request; all times are local to the Amundi Evian Championship and are subject to change. Please visit the [LPGA Online Media Center](#) for the most up-to-date times.

Wednesday, July 10

1:00 p.m. – Lilia Vu  
1:45 p.m. – Rose Zhang  
2:15 p.m. – Brooke Henderson  
2:30 p.m. – Nelly Korda  
2:45 p.m. – Amy Yang  
3:30 p.m. – LPGA Commissioner Mollie Marcoux Samaan, Franck Riboud, Jacques Bungert and Natacha Andermahr  
4:00 p.m. – Defending Champion Celine Boutier, Franck Riboud and Jacques Bungert

**THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE 2024 AMUNDI EVIAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

- This is the 11th edition of The Amundi Evian Championship since the event was elevated to major distinction
  - The Amundi Evian Championship is the youngest of the five majors on the LPGA Tour
  - 2013 was the first year the event became a major championship
  - The championship was not contested in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- This is 30th anniversary of the event's inception
  - From 1994-1999, the event was played as a Ladies European Tour event
  - From 2000-2012, the event was an LPGA and LET co-sanctioned tournament
- There has never been a wire-to-wire winner (without ties) of The Amundi Evian Championship
- There are nine past champions in the field this week; **Celine Boutier** (2023), **Brooke Henderson** (2022), **Minjee Lee** (2021), **Jin Young Ko** (2019), **Angela Stanford** (2018), **Anna Nordqvist** (2017), **In Gee Chun** (2016), **Lydia Ko** (2015) and **Hyo Joo Kim** (2014)
  - Boutier won her second of four wins in 2023 at The Amundi Evian Championship last year
    - It was her fourth LPGA Tour win and first major championship title
    - She was the first Frenchwoman to win The Amundi Evian Championship and the third Frenchwoman to ever win a major championship
  - Recap [Boutier's historic major victory on LPGA.com](#)
  - Henderson earned her 12th LPGA Tour victory and second major championship here in 2022
  - Lee claimed her first major championship title at The Amundi Evian Championship in 2021, her sole victory of the year
    - Lee also has the largest come-from-behind victory in the major's history (seven strokes)
  - The Amundi Evian Championship was Jin Young Ko's second major title of her career and of the 2019 season
    - She won four times in 2019, her second-most winningest season behind 2021 when she won five times
  - Stanford is the only American to win the major since its major elevation
  - This was Nordqvist's second of three major titles; her last major win came at the 2021 AIG Women's Open
  - In 2016, Chun won her second LPGA Tour career and major championship victory
    - Of her four titles on the LPGA Tour, three of them have been major championships
  - Kim won The Amundi Evian Championship in 2014 as a non-member and deferred her LPGA Tour Membership until the 2015 season
- Twenty-time LPGA Tour winner **Lydia Ko** is in the field
  - Ko earned her 20th career victory at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions in her 2024 season debut
  - Ko 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](#)
  - She is making her 12th start at The Amundi Evian Championship, winning the event in 2015 and placing in the top 10 an additional seven times
    - She has the most top-10 finishes in the major's history, as well as the most top-5 finishes (4)
- There are nine players within the top 10 of the Rolex Women's World Golf Ranking in the field this week
- There are 41 Paris 2024 Olympians teeing it up in Evian
  - The women's Olympic golf competition featuring 60 players from 33 different countries begins August 7-10 at Le Golf National
- There are four French players in the field including **Boutier**, **Adela Cernousek**, **Perrine Delacour** and **Pauline Roussin-Bouchard**
  - Cernousek, Delacour and Roussin-Bouchard received sponsor exemptions
    - Cernousek is an amateur making her debut at The Amundi Evian Championship this year
    - Delacour is making her sixth start at the event this week; she has missed the cut in her 2017, 2021 and 2023 starts
    - Roussin-Bouchard is making her third start at The Amundi Evian Championship; her best finish was T54 (2023)
- There are three additional sponsor invitations in the field this week, **Rachel Kuehn (a)**, **Ingrid Lindblad** and **Yana Wilson (a)**
  - **Kuehn** is making her sixth start in an LPGA Tour event this week
    - She has previously participated in the 2022 FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship (missed cut), 2023 Meijer LPGA Classic (missed cut), 2023 Amundi Evian Championship (missed cut), 2023 ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican (T15, -11) and the 2024 ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer (T40, -5)
    - She graduated this spring from Wake Forest University
      - She was a five-time member of the Arnold Palmer Cup (2020-2024), two-time Curtis Cup member (2021, 2022), four-time All-ACC Team selection (2021-2024) and 2023 NCAA Division I Women's Golf National Champion
    - Last week, she was on the winning U.S. team at the 2024 Arnold Palmer Cup
      - She won three of the four matches she participated in
  - This is Lindblad's first LPGA Tour start as a professional
    - She announced on June 7 that she would be turning professional and playing on the Epson Tour
    - In her first three starts on the Epson Tour, her best finish was T2 at the Island Resort Championship presented by Delta County Chamber
    - This year, she won the ANNIKA Award presented by Stefil, the Inkster Award presented by Workday, the WCGA PING Player of the Year, and the Mark H. McCormack Medal
    - She won 15 collegiate events and finished in the top 10 42 times during her five years at Louisiana State University (2019-2024)
  - Wilson is making her third LPGA Tour start and her first start at The Amundi Evian Championship
    - In February, Wilson won a professional event on the Cactus Tour
    - She has competed in the Augusta Women's National Amateur three times (2022 – MC, 2023 – T26, 2024 – MC)
    - She was the Girls 12-13 champion in both the 2019 and 2021 Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals at Augusta National
    - She is committed to play collegiate golf at the University of Oregon
    - She announced that she will be playing in the LPGA Qualifying Series later this year
- There are eight amateurs in the field at The Amundi Evian Championship; **Ela Anaconda**, **Adela Cernousek**, **Melanie Green**, **Rachel Kuehn**, **Megan Schofill**, **Yana Wilson**, **Lottie Woad** and **Chun-Wei Wu**
  - Five of those players won prestigious amateur championships to earn a spot in the field
    - Ela Anaconda, 2023 Women's Amateur Latin America Championship presented by the R&A and ANNIKA Foundation
    - Megan Schofill, 2023 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship

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[LPGA Statistical Database](#): Request access to LPGA Tour data from 1980 to present  
[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**

**Championship:** @EvianChamp (FB, Instagram, TikTok, X); @TheEvianChampionship (YouTube)  
#EvianChamp,  
**LPGA Tour:** @LPGA, @LPGAMedia (X), @lpga\_tour (Instagram, TikTok)

**TV/STREAMING TIMES** (All times ET)

**Thursday, July 11:** 6-10:30 a.m. (Golf Channel/Peacock); 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. (Peacock)  
**Friday, July 12:** 6-10:30 a.m. (Golf Channel/Peacock); 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. (Peacock)  
**Saturday, July 13:** 4-10 a.m. (Golf Channel/Peacock)  
**Sunday, July 14:** 4-10 a.m. (Golf Channel/Peacock)

- Lottie Woad, 2024 Augusta National Women's Amateur
- Chun-Wei Wu, 2024 Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific
- Melanie Green, 2024 Women's British Amateur Championship

## 2024 LPGA TOUR STATISTICS

Official Money: Nelly Korda, \$2,943,708

Scoring Average: Nelly Korda, 70.000

Birdies: Ayaka Furue, 216

Eagles: Carlota Ciganda, 7

Hole-in-Ones: Jennifer Song, Danielle Kang, Jeongeun Lee5, Sophia Popov, Pajaree Anannarukarn, Grace Kim, Alexa Pano, Auston Kim, Hinako Shibuno, 1

Greens in Regulation: Haeran Ryu, 74.2%

Average Driving Distance: Polly Mack, 278.766 yards

## 2024 Award Standings

Rolex Player of the Year		
1	Nelly Korda	214 points
2	Hannah Green	72 points
3	Yuka Saso	62 points

Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year		
1	Gabriela Ruffels	407 points
2	Jin Hee Im	376 points
3	Mao Saigo	365 points

Rolex ANNIKA Major Award		
T1	Nelly Korda	60 points
T1	Yuka Saso	60 points
T1	Amy Yang	60 points
4	Hinako Shibuno	32 points

#AonRiskReward Challenge		
1	Auston Kim	-1.000
2	Atthaya Thitikul	-0.929
T3	Lilia Vu	-0.875
T3	Madelene Sagstrom	-0.875
T3	Ruoning Yin	-0.875

Vare Trophy (Scoring Average)		
1	Nelly Korda	70.000
2	Ayaka Furue	70.138
3	Lilia Vu	70.156

Race to the CME Globe Points		
1	Nelly Korda	3,285.000 points
2	Hannah Green	1,537.337 points
3	Ayaka Furue	1,431.702 points

[Aon Risk Reward Challenge Hole:](#) No. 18, par 5

The 18th at Evian Resort Golf Club presents a closing challenge, especially off the tee. This narrow par five is the most difficult fairway to hit on the golf course over the last three years (49%). It also ranked as the fifth toughest on the entire LPGA Tour in that span among all par 5s. A precise drive, however, unlocks the true scoring potential here: players who hit the fairway are more than three times as likely to go for the green in two. That better decision has led to gaining more than one-third of a stroke on the field in both 2022 and 2023.

There was no Aon Risk Reward Challenge hole at the Dow Championship so heading into the fourth major of the 2024 season, **Auston Kim** maintains her position at the top of the leaderboard with an average of -1.000. One of the most recent LPGA Tour winners, **Atthaya Thitikul** sits in solo second place on the leaderboard with a -0.929 average. There are three players tied for third at -0.875 including **Lilia Vu** (2024 Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give winner), **Madelene Sagstrom** (2024 Cognizant Founders Cup runner-up) and **Ruoning Yin** (2024 Dow Championship winner). Each player in the top five of the Aon Risk Reward Challenge leaderboard is in the field this week except Yin.

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 fourth major championship of the 2024 LPGA Tour season, The Amundi Evian Championship. A look at the top five in the Race to CME Globe:

- An already six-time LPGA Tour winner in 2024, **Nelly Korda** continues her dominance in the Race to the CME Globe as she currently sits in first place with 3,285.000 points
- 2024 HSBC Women's World Championship and JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro winner **Hannah Green** has earned 1,537.337 points this season (1,747.663 points behind Korda)
- **Ayaka Furue** is in third place with 1,431.702 points after playing in 16 of 17 events this season (only missing the Cognizant Founders Cup)
  - Furue is the highest ranked player on the Points List without a win this season
- New Zealand's **Lydia Ko** (1,173.308 points) is in fourth place
- **Ally Ewing** (1,44.818 points) who jumped into the top five after earning her fifth top-five finish of the 2024 season at the Dow Championship.

After winning the Tour's most recent event, the Dow Championship, partners **Ruoning Yin** and **Atthaya Thitikul** made the most significant jumps in the Race to the CME Globe this week. Each player earned 410 points, jumping Yin from No. 30 to 8 and Thitikul from No. 32 to 11. Alongside partner **Ally Ewing**, **Jennifer Kupcho** finished in second place at the Dow Championship. Kupcho moved from No. 39 to 22 and Ewing from to No. 5 in the Race to the CME Globe. Ewing

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 11 total holes-in-one made this season, bringing the 2024 donation total to \$220,000. At the most recent event, the Dow Championship, **Grace Kim** and **Hinako Shibuno** made holes-in-one during the second round. Kim's was the first of her career and Shibuno's was her first since the 2022 BMW Ladies Championship.

## 2024 Wins by Country (17 tournaments, 8 countries)

9 – United States of America (Nelly Korda (6), Bailey Tardy, Lilia Vu, Rose Zhang)

2 – Australia (Hannah Green (2))

2 – Thailand (Patty Tavatanakit, Atthaya Thitikul)

1 – Japan (Yuka Saso)

1 – New Zealand (Lydia Ko)

1 – Republic of Korea (Amy Yang)

1 – Sweden (Linnea Strom)

1 – China (Ruoning Yin)

**2024 Wins by Player (17 tournaments, 12 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 – 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 – Amy Yang (KPMG Women’s PGA Championship)

1 – Ruoning Yin (Dow Championship)

1 – Rose Zhang (Cognizant Founders Cup)

**Average Age of 2024 Winners:** 25.167

Youngest Winner: Rose Zhang (20 years, 11 months, 18 days)

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