

## 2024 LPGA Tour Storylines

- The 2024 LPGA Tour schedule features 33 official events in 10 different countries and 15 different states in the U.S.
  - The states with the most official LPGA Tournaments this season are Florida (four), New Jersey (three), and Michigan (two), California (two) and Ohio (two)
  - This year's schedule features two new events – the FM Global Championship and the Arizona Championship presented by JTBC.
  - In 2024, Seri Pak will join major champions Michelle Wie West (Mizuho Americas Open) and Annika Sorenstam (The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican) as an LPGA Tour event host at the FIR HILLS Seri Pak Championship
- This season's major championship venues include:
  - The Club at Carlton Woods in The Woodlands, Texas (Chevron Championship)
  - Lancaster Country Club in Lancaster, Penn. (U.S. Women's Open)
  - Sahalee Country Club in Sammamish, Wash. (KPMG Women's PGA Championship)
  - Evian Resort Golf Club in Evian-les-Bains, France (Amundi Evian Championship)
  - St Andrews (Old Course) in Fife, Scotland (AIG Women's Open)
- The year marks the 19<sup>th</sup> edition of the Solheim Cup at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Gainesville, Virginia
  - Captaining the U.S. Solheim Cup Team is 13-time LPGA Tour winner Stacy Lewis, and 15-time LPGA Tour winner Suzann Pettersen is leading the European Solheim Cup Team
    - In 2023, Europe retained the Solheim Cup in a 14-14 tie with the United States
- Between the Portland Classic and the Women's Scottish Open, LPGA Tour athletes will have an opportunity to compete for their home countries at the 2024 Paris Olympics
  - This will be the third-straight Games that includes the women's golf competition
  - Qualifying for the 60-player field ends following the KPMG Women's PGA Championship with the top-15 players in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings automatically qualifying for the Games (no more than four players per country), and the remaining spots awarded to the highest-ranked players from countries that do not already have two qualified players
  - At the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, Nelly Korda (Gold), Mone Inami (Silver) and Lydia Ko (Bronze) earned medals
- The 2024 schedule will also feature the second annual Grant Thornton Invitational, a mixed-team event that will see players from the LPGA Tours and PGA TOUR compete in a co-sanctioned tournament
  - The Grant Thornton Invitational's 32-player field will be comprised of 16 LPGA Tour and 16 PGA TOUR professionals competing for a combined \$4 million purse
- In 2024, active LPGA Tour players represent 33 different countries (including the U.S.)
- There are 26 Tour rookies this season representing 12 different countries (including the U.S.)
- In 2024, players are competing for more than \$118 million in total prize money, a record-breaking amount and up approximately \$48 million compared to 2019 (\$70 million)
- The 2024 season will feature two season-long races:
  - The Race to the CME Globe will give the top 60 players, following the ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge LPGA at Pelican, entry into the CME Group Tour Championship and the

opportunity to play for a \$11 million purse and \$4 million winner's check, the largest first-place prize in the history of women's golf

- The Aon Risk Reward Challenge, a competition on both the PGA and LPGA Tours, will feature the world's best golfers as they navigate risk across the season's most strategically challenging holes; the player from each Tour at the top of the Aon leaderboard at the end of the regular season will receive \$1 million

## 2024 Tournament Recaps

### **Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions (Jan. 18-21)**

**Lake Nona Golf and Country Club in Orlando, Fla.**

**Purse: \$1.5 million**

**Winner: Lydia Ko (-14)**

- Lydia Ko recorded her 20th LPGA Tour victory and her first since the 2022 CME Group Tour Championship
- Ko becomes the seventh woman in LPGA Tour history to reach 20 wins before age 27, joining Nancy Lopez, Karrie Webb, Se Ri Pak, Mickey Wright, Lorena Ochoa and Kathy Whitworth
- She becomes the 29th different player in Tour history to earn at least 20 official wins
  - She moves into a tie for 27th with Laura Davies and Cristie Kerr on the All-Time Official Career Wins List
- Ko earns one point towards LPGA Hall of Fame induction, bringing her career total to 26 points
  - She is now 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 Drive On Championship (Jan. 25-28)**

**Bradenton Country Club in Bradenton, Fla.**

**Purse: \$1.75 million**

**Winner: Nelly Korda (-11, playoff)**

- Korda earned her ninth career victory after she defeated Lydia Ko with a par on the second playoff hole
  - She improved her playoff record to 3-2 overall
- Heading into the No. 18, Ko had a three-stroke lead over Korda who was in the group behind her, and Korda finished eagle, birdie to force a playoff
- Korda claimed her first wire-to-wire win on the LPGA Tour and was the first to do so with ties since Ko at the 2022 CME Group Tour Championship

### **Honda LPGA Thailand (Feb. 22-25)**

**Siam Country Club Old Course in Chonburi, Thailand**

**Purse: \$1.7 million**

**Winner: Patty Tavatanakit (-21)**

- After holding a three-shot lead entering the final day, Patty Tavatanakit became the second Thai player to win on Tour in her home country thanks to a final-round 67 in her first victory on Tour since 2021
  - Albane Valenzuela shot a career-low 63 to hold the clubhouse lead until Tavatanakit made a tap-in birdie on the 72-hole to win by one
- Tavatanakit shot all four rounds in the 60s for the first time on Tour since her 2021 Chevron Championship victory
- This was her second-consecutive professional win after taking home the Aramco Saudi Ladies International the week before on the Ladies European Tour

## **HSBC Women's World Championship (Feb. 29-March 3)**

**Sentosa Golf Club – The Tanjong Course in Singapore**

**Purse: \$1.8 million**

**Winner: Hannah Green (-13)**

- Two shots back entering the final round, Aussie Hannah Green birdied the last three holes, including a 27-foot putt on the final hole, to win the 2024 HSBC Women's World Championship by one stroke over Celine Boutier
- This was her fourth-career victory and first since the 2023 JM Eagle LA Championship
- She joined Karrie Webb as the second Australian to win the event
- Green had hit the least fairways across the field for the tournament (28/56)

## **Blue Bay LPGA (March 7-10)**

**Jian Lake Blue Bay Golf Course – Hainan Island, Hainan, People's Republic of China**

**Purse: \$2.2 million**

**Winner: Bailey Tardy (-19)**

- Winning by four shots, she became the first American to win the Blue Bay LPGA and sixth different winner on Tour this year
- Tardy became a Rolex First-Time Winner, being the third winner of the Blue Bay LPGA to earn their first LPGA Tour victory there and first Rolex First-Time Winner since Angel Yin at the 2023 Buick LPGA Shanghai
- She broke the 72-hole scoring record by six shots

## **FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship**

**Palos Verdes Golf Club – Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.**

**Purse: \$2 million**

**Winner: Nelly Korda (-9, playoff)**

- Nelly Korda won her 10th career LPGA Tour victory in a playoff against Ryann O'Toole, making it her first multiple win season since 2021
- Korda returns to the Rolex Rankings No. 1 position for the sixth time in her LPGA Tour career with the win
- She becomes the first player since Karrie Webb in 2011 to win twice in her first three starts on Tour in a season, and is the first since Inbee Park in 2013 to win in playoff fashion in back-to-back Tour starts

## Epson Tour Schedule:

- March 8-10 - Florida's Natural Charity Classic: **Valery Plata** (-10, won in playoff over Ana Belac)
- March 15-17 - IOA Golf Classic presented by LPT Realty: **Jessica Peng** (-11, won by one shot over Lindsey McCurdy)
- March 21-23 - Atlantic Beach Classic: **Briana Chacon** (-7, won by one shot over Jessica Porvasnik and Kim Kaufman)
- April 26-28 - IOA Championship presented by Morongo Casino Resort & Spa
- May 2-4 - Casino Del Sol Golf Classic
- May 9-12 - Carlisle Arizona Women's Golf Classic
- May 16-18 - Copper Rock Championship
- June 7-9 - FireKeepers Casino Hotel Championship
- June 14-16 - Otter Creek Championship
- June 28-30 - Island Resort Championship presented by Delta County Chamber
- July 12-14 - Hartford HealthCare Women's Championship
- July 19-21 - Twin Bridges Championship
- Aug. 9-11 - Wildhorse Ladies Golf Classic
- Aug. 15-17 - Black Desert Resort Championship
- Aug. 30-Sept 1 - Four winds Invitational
- Sep. 6-8 - Guardian Championship
- Sep. 13-15 - Tuscaloosa Toyota Classic
- Sep. 20-22 - Murphy USA El Dorado Shootout
- Oct. 3-6 - Epson Tour Championship

## LPGA Tour Players on Other Tours:

- Feb. 18 - **Patty Tavatanakit** won the Aramco Saudi Ladies International presented by PIF on the Ladies European Tour by seven shots for her first professional victory since her win at the 2021 Chevron Championship
- Feb. 25 - **Bronte Law** earned her third-career LET victory at the Lalla Meryem Cup in Morocco with a 9-under final round to win by three shots
- March 10 - **Alexandra Forsterling** won her third-career LET victory at the Aramco Team Series presented by PIF - Tampa (Individual) by three shots after shooting 67 in the final round

## 2024 LPGA Tour Statistics

Visit the [LPGA Statistical Database](#) for more

### 2024 Statistical Leaders

Official Money: Lydia Ko, \$586,716

Scoring Average: Lydia Ko, 69.438

Birdies: Ayaka Furue, 97

Eagles: Mi Hyang Lee, Nelly Korda and Albane Valenzuela, 5

Greens in Regulation: Haeran Ryu, 77.5%

Average Driving Distance: Natthakritta Vongtaveelap, 288.083 yards

# INFORMATION



## 2024 Award Standings

Rolex Player of the Year		
1	Nelly Korda	60 points
2	Lydia Ko	49 points
3	Patty Tavatanakit	33 points

Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year		
1	Gabriela Ruffels	115 points
2	Mao Saigo	108 points
3	Mone Inami	93 points

#AonRiskReward Challenge		
1	Rose Zhang	-1.250
2	Auston Kim	-1.167
3	Yu Liu	-1.100

Vare Trophy (Scoring Average)		
1	Lydia Ko	69.438
T2	Nelly Korda	69.500
T2	Natthakritta Vongtaveelap	69.500

Race to the CME Globe Points		
1	Nelly Korda	1,052.000 points
2	Lydia Ko	987.333 points
3	Ayaka Furue	674.933 points

## 2024 Wins by Country (6 tournaments, 4 countries)

3 – United States of America (Nelly Korda (2), Bailey Tardy)

1 – Australia (Hannah Green)

1 – New Zealand (Lydia Ko)

1 – Thailand (Patty Tavatanakit)

## 2024 Wins by Player (6 tournaments, 5 players)

2 – Nelly Korda (LPGA Drive On Championship, FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship)

1 – Lydia Ko (Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions)

1 – Hannah Green (HSBC Women's World Championship)

1 – Bailey Tardy (Blue Bay LPGA)

1 – Patty Tavatanakit (Honda LPGA Thailand)

**Average Age of 2024 Winners:** 25.667

Youngest Winner: Patty Tavatanakit (24 years, 4 months, 14 days)

Oldest Winner: Bailey Tardy (27 years, 7 months, 2 days)