

This Week on the LPGA Tour Ford Championship presented by KCC

Seville Golf and Country Club | Gilbert, Ariz. | March 28-31, 2024

MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

(Zoom link for pre-tournament availability is distributed upon request; All times are local and subject to change)

Tuesday, March 26

Lindsey Weaver Wright - 11:00 a.m.

Sarah Schmelzel - TBD

Wednesday, March 27

Kim Paez – 10:00 a.m. Lydia Ko - TBD Nelly Korda - TBD Anna Nordqvist - TBD

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Competition Format: 144 players, 72-hole stroke play, cut to top-65 and ties after 36 holes

Aon Risk Reward Challenge Hole: No. 18, par 5

Purse: \$2.25 million; winner's portion is \$337,500

Whiteline Par and Yardage: 36-36 – 72; 6,615 yards

(The par and yardage are subject to change through the start of the tournament)

Course History: Seville Golf and Country Club

- Designed by Gary Panks, a renowned golf course designer in the Arizona area
- Member of the Invited Clubs, a network of golf and country clubs
- No. 17 includes a signature island green
- The Ford Championship presented by KCC is the first professional golf tournament hosted at the course

Tournament History:

2024 – Inaugural year of the event

WHO IS IN THE FIELD

2024 LPGA Tour Winners (5 of 5):

Lydia Ko (Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions), Nelly Korda (LPGA Drive On Championship, FIR HILLS Seri Pak Championship), Patty Tavatanakit (Honda LPGA Thailand), Hannah Green (HSBC Women's World Championship), Bailey Tardy (Blue Bay LPGA)

Rolex Rankings (9 of Top-10)

Nelly Korda (No. 1), Lilia Vu (No. 2), Celine Boutier (No. 3), Ruoning Yin (No. 4), Minjee Lee (No. 5), Charley Hull (No. 7), Lydia Ko (No. 8), Hyo Joo Kim (No. 9), Xiyu Lin (No. 10)

2024 LPGA Tour Rookies (15 of 26):

Isabella Fierro, Savannah Grewal, Jin Hee Im, Mone Inami, Minji Kang, Gurleen Kaur, Auston Kim, So Mi Lee, Mary Liu, Hira Naveed, Gabriela Ruffels, Mao Saigo, Yu Jin Sung, Yuri Yoshida, Liqi Zeng

Area Connections:

Arizona Residence: Carlota Ciganda, Mina Harigae, Stephanie Meadow, Anna Nordqvist, Sophia Popov, Alena Sharp, Linnea Strom

Arizona Birthplace: Cristie Kerr

Arizona Residence & Birthplace: Sarah Schmelzel

Former Arizona State University Players:

Carlota Ciganda, Linn Grant, Roberta Liti, Azahara Munoz, Anna Nordqvist, Linnea Strom

Sponsor Exemptions:

Alena Sharp, Kim Paez

Monday Qualifiers: Muni He, Emily Lauterbach LPGA ON-SITE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

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Interview Transcripts

LPGA Tour Online Media Center (OMC): includes links to daily tournament notes, statistics and

photo/video assets

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

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

TV/STREAMING TIMES (All times EST)

Thursday, March 28: 6-9 p.m. (Peacock); 7-9 p.m. (Golf Channel)

Friday, March 29: 6-9 p.m. (Peacock); 7-9 p.m. (Golf Channel)

Saturday, March 30: 6-9 p.m. (Golf Channel/Peacock)

Sunday, March 31: 6-9 p.m. (Golf Channel/Peacock)