



JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
 Wilshire Country Club | Los Angeles, CA | April 25-28, 2024

Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes
 April 23, 2024

MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday, April 24

- 11:00 am. – Hae Ran Ryu (Korean availability only)
- Approx. 11:45 a.m. – Hyo Joo Kim (Korean availability only)
- 12:00 p.m. – Emma Talley
- 12:15 p.m. – Alison Lee
- 3:00 p.m. – Rose Zhang

2024 JM EAGLE LA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT PURSE RAISED TO \$3.75 MILLION

Walter and Shirley Wang – CEOs of JM Eagle and Plastpro – announced on March 25 that the 2024 JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro tournament purse will increase to \$3.75 million, the largest prize fund on the LPGA Tour outside of the major championships and the season-ending CME Group Tour Championship. With this increase as well as last week's increase at The Chevron Championship, LPGA Tour players will now be competing for more than \$120 million in total prize money throughout the 2024 season.

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE 2024 JM EAGLE LA CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY PLASTPRO

- This is the 10th event of the 2024 LPGA Tour season, and second in the Los Angeles area
 - The tournament follows the first major championship of the year, The Chevron Championship
- This is the second playing of the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
- This is the 17th professional event held in the history of Wilshire CC dating back to the Los Angeles Open in 1928
- Wilshire Country Club will host the championship for the second year in a row
 - The club has hosted a consistent LPGA Tour event since 2018
 - The JM Eagle LA Championship inherits all past records and champions from the LPGA Tour's former playings at Wilshire Country Club, including:
 - 2023 – Hannah Green (JM Eagle LA Championship)
 - 2022 – Nasa Hataoka (DIO Implant LA Open)
 - 2021 – Brooke Henderson (Hugel-Air Premia LA Open)
 - 2020 – *Not played due to COVID-19 pandemic*
 - 2019 – Minjee Lee (Hugel-Air Premia LA Open)
 - 2018 – Moriya Jutanugarn (Hugel-JTBC LA Open)
- Four past winners at Wilshire Country Club are in the JM Eagle LA Championship field this week
 - **Hannah Green** won the inaugural playing of the JM Eagle LA Championship in 2023
 - She defeated **Xiyu Lin** and **Aditi Ashok** in a two-hole playoff to earn her third Tour victory
 - Green made par on the second playing of the par-3 18th hole to defeat Lin
 - Ashok was eliminated after the first playoff hole, also on 18
 - Green has finished in the top three in her last three tournaments at Wilshire Country Club
 - Won – 2023 JM Eagle LA Championship
 - Runner-Up – 2022
 - T3 – 2021
 - Green's total scoring average over 18 rounds at Wilshire CC is 69.22
 - Green is already a 2024 LPGA Tour winner, having won the HSBC Women's World Championship in March
 - She will be making her sixth start of the season in Los Angeles
 - She has missed two cuts this season, including at last week's major championship, The Chevron Championship, and at the 2024 FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship at Palos Verdes Country Club
 - **Nasa Hataoka** won the 2022 playing of the formerly named DIO Implant LA Open at Wilshire CC
 - Hataoka won by five strokes over Green in 2022
 - It was her sixth and most recent victory on Tour
 - This will be Hataoka's ninth start of the 2024 season
 - She has two top-10 finishes this year, a T9 result at the LPGA Drive On Championship and a T3 result at the HSBC Women's World Championship
 - The 2021 champion at Wilshire CC, **Brooke Henderson** is not in the field this week
 - **Minjee Lee** won at Wilshire CC in 2019 by four strokes over **Sei Young Kim**
 - Lee has made five starts this season, with a best finish of T4 at the Blue Bay LPGA
 - She has missed two cuts this year, at last week's The Chevron Championship and the Ford Championship presented by KCC
 - **Moriya Jutanugarn** was the inaugural champion at Wilshire
 - She became a Rolex First-Time Winner in Los Angeles in 2018, winning by two strokes over **Inbee Park** and **Jin Young Ko**
 - This season, Jutanugarn has made seven starts with a season-best finish of T5 at the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards
- Three players earned sponsor invites into this week's field; **Emma Talley**, **Muni He** and **Yu Sang Hou**
 - Talley will be making her first start of the LPGA Tour season at the JM Eagle LA Championship
 - This is her seventh season on the LPGA Tour
 - She finished T27 at the 2023 playing of the JM Eagle LA Championship
 - Her best finish at Wilshire CC is a T5 result in 2018
 - She has 10 career LPGA Tour top-10 finishes
 - He has three top-10 results in her LPGA Tour career
 - This will be He's fourth start of the 2024
 - Her best finish this year is a T37 result at the Blue Bay LPGA
 - This will be her second start at the JM Eagle LA Championship and fifth LPGA Tour start at Wilshire CC
 - Her best finish at Wilshire is a T73 result in 2021
 - Hou is a member at Wilshire Country Club and will be making her second start of the season at her home club
 - She missed the cut in her first event of the year, the LPGA Drive On Championship
 - This will be her second consecutive start at the JM Eagle LA Championship – she finished T27 in 2023
 - This will be her third time teeing-it-up at an LPGA Tour event at Wilshire CC
 - Hou has one career top-10 on the LPGA Tour
- **Cydney Clanton** and **Jennifer Chang** Monday qualified for the event
 - Clanton shot -5 at Wilshire Country Club on Monday
 - This will be her first start of the 2024 season
 - She has one win and nine additional top-10 finishes on the LPGA Tour
 - She won the Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational in 2019 alongside playing partner Jasmine Suwannapura
 - This is her 13th season on the LPGA Tour
 - Chang shot -4 on Monday to play her way into the field
 - She is a USC alumna
 - This will also be Chang's first start of the 2024 season

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TV/STREAMING TIMES (All times EST)

Thursday, April 25: 6:30-9:00 p.m.
 (Golf Channel/Peacock/International)
Friday, April 26: 6:30-9:00 p.m.
 (Golf Channel/Peacock/International)
Saturday, April 27: 6:00-9:00 p.m.
 (Golf Channel/Peacock/International)
Sunday, April 28: 6:00-9:00 p.m.
 (Golf Channel/Peacock/International)

- She has been a member of the LPGA Tour since 2020 and has two top-10 finishes in her career

OLYMPIC CORNER

34 Past Olympians in the field: Aditi Ashok (India), Laetitia Beck (Israel), Celine Boutier (France), Ashleigh Buhai (South Africa), Matilda Castren (Finland), Carlota Ciganda (Spain), Jodi Ewart Shadoff (United Kingdom), Maria Fassi (Mexico), Hannah Green (Australia), Nasa Hataoka (Japan), Wei-Ling Hsu (Chinese Taipei), Charley Hull (United Kingdom), Mone Inami (Japan), Ariya Jutanugarn (Thailand), Danielle Kang (United States), Hyo Joo Kim (Republic of Korea), Sei Young Kim (Republic of Korea), Jin Young Ko (Republic of Korea), Nanna Koerstz Madsen (Denmark), Minjee Lee (Australia), Stacy Lewis (United States), Xiyu Lin (People’s Rep. of China), Pernilla Lindberg (Sweden), Gaby Lopez (Mexico), Caroline Masson (Germany), Stephanie Meadow (Ireland), Azahara Munoz (Spain), Emily Kristine Pedersen (Denmark), Sophia Popov (Germany), Mel Reid (United Kingdom), Madelene Sagstrom (Sweden), Kelly Tan (Malaysia), Patty Tavatanakit (Thailand), Amy Yang (2016)

Olympic hopefuls in the field (currently in the top 60 of the Olympic Golf Ranking as of April 23): Aditi Ashok (India), Celine Borge (Norway), Celine Boutier (France), Ashleigh Buhai (South Africa), Matilda Castren (Finland), Peiyun Chien (Chinese Taipei), Carlota Ciganda (Spain), Perrine Delacour (France), Maria Fassi (Mexico), Alexandra Forsterling (Germany), Ayaka Furue (Japan), Hannah Green (Australia), Georgia Hall (United Kingdom), Nasa Hataoka (Japan), Esther Henseleit (Germany), Charley Hull (United Kingdom), Megan Khang (United States), Hyo Joo Kim (Republic of Korea), Jin Young Ko (Republic of Korea), Nanna Koerstz Madsen (Denmark), Alison Lee (United States), Minjee Lee (Australia), Xiyu Lin (People’s Rep. of China), Gaby Lopez (Mexico), Morgane Metraux (Switzerland), Azahara Munoz (Spain), Bianca Pagdanganan (Philippines), Emily Kristine Pedersen (Denmark), Paula Reto (South Africa), Maja Stark (Sweden), Patty Tavatanakit (Thailand), Amy Yang (Republic of Korea), Ruoning Yin (People’s Rep. of China)

Four of the five past champions at Wilshire Country Club are past Olympians: Hannah Green (2023), Nasa Hataoka (2022), Brooke Henderson (2021), Minjee Lee (2019) Moriya Jutanugarn (2018) is not a past Olympian, but has represented Thailand four times at the Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown (2014, 2016, 2018, 2023)

Countdown to the beginning of the Women’s Golf Competition (Aug. 7-10):

Thursday, April 25: 106 days until August 7

Friday, April 26: 105 days

Saturday, April 27: 104 days

Sunday, April 28: 103 days

Overview on the Olympic Golf qualification process: the Olympic field is restricted to 60 players for each of the men’s and women’s competitions. For the women’s golf competition, the International Golf Federation (IGF) uses the Rolex Women’s World Golf Rankings to create the Olympic Golf Rankings as a method of determining eligibility. The top-15 world-ranked players will be eligible for the Olympics, with a limit of four players from a given country. Beyond the top 15, players will be eligible based on their Rolex Rankings position, with a maximum of two eligible players from each country that does not already have two or more players among the top-15. The host country – France – gets a minimum of one spot in each competition, regardless of rankings.

The Top-15:

OGR	Player	Country
1	Nelly Korda	United States
2	Lilia Vu	United States
3	Celine Boutier	France
4	Ruoning Yin	People’s Rep. of China
5	Brooke Henderson	Canada
6	Minjee Lee	Australia
7	Jin Young Ko	Republic of Korea
8	Charley Hull	United Kingdom
9	Lydia Ko	New Zealand
10	Hyo Joo Kim	Republic of Korea
11	Atthaya Thitikul	Thailand
12	Xiyu Lin	People’s Rep. of China
13	Megan Khang	United States
14	Alison Lee	United States
15	Amy Yang	Republic of Korea

For the full Women’s Olympic Golf Ranking, click here: <https://www.igfgolf.org/olympic-golf-ranking/overview>

2024 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Official Money: Nelly Korda, \$2,424,216

Scoring Average: Nelly Korda, 69.217

Birdies: Ayaka Furue, 130

Eagles: Nelly Korda, 6

Hole-in-Ones: Jennifer Song and Danielle Kang, 1

Greens in Regulation: Nelly Korda, 75.9%

Average Driving Distance: Auston Kim, 281.452 yards

Award Standings

Rolex Player of the Year		
1	Nelly Korda	180 points
2	Lydia Ko	49 points
3	Brooke Henderson	40 points

Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year		
1	Gabriela Ruffels	201 points
2	Jin Hee Im	150 points
3	Mone Inami	149 points

Race to the CME Globe Points		
1	Nelly Korda	2,702.00 points
2	Lydia Ko	1,142.258 points
3	Brooke Henderson	913.850 points

Aon Risk Reward Challenge: No. 15, par 5

The 15th hole at Wilshire Country Club can play as two completely different holes depending on the setup. The tee shot on this hole is one of the most important on the golf course as bunkers lining both sides of the fairway will limit the field’s chances to go for the green. But, finding the fairway is critical to gaining strokes on the field. Players who missed this fairway last year were penalized more than half a stroke (+0.54 to par). Meanwhile, extra distance off the tee is more valuable here than anywhere else on the property, with players picking up 0.14 strokes for an extra 25 yards off the tee. A premium drive will greatly influence the second shot decision by players: the last two years, the 35.6% who went for the green picked up more than three-tenths of a shot over those who chose to lay up.

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:

Heading into the 10th event of the LPGA Tour season, the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro, the Race to the CME Globe is well underway, and being dominated by five-time 2024 LPGA Tour champion **Nelly Korda**.

Korda became a two-time major champion at last week’s The Chevron Championship and made history as only the third player since 1978 to win five events in as many starts on Tour. With her win at the major, Korda earned 650 points instead of the usual 500 and has 2,702 points total at the top of the standings. Her closest competition is **Lydia Ko** with 1,142.258 points. Ko won the 2024 season’s opening event, the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions, and has recorded two additional top-4 finishes. **Brooke Henderson** has five top-10s in eight starts so far, and sits at third on the Race to the CME Globe points list with 913.850. Japan’s **Ayaka Furue** and Sweden’s **Maja Stark** are fourth and fifth with 778.833 and 648.771 points, respectively.

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. Through The Chevron Championship, the 2024 donation total is \$60,000 with three holes-in-one on the season. The last hole-in-one came from **Jennifer Song** in the second round of the 2024 Ford Championship presented by KCC. Last season, there were 20 aces on Tour, including two from In Gee Chun, the most of any player on Tour in 2023.

2024 Wins by Country (9 tournaments, 4 countries)

6 – United States of America (Nelly Korda (5), Bailey Tardy)
1 – Australia (Hannah Green)
1 – New Zealand (Lydia Ko)
1 – Thailand (Patty Tavatanakit)

2024 Wins by Player (9 tournaments, 5 players)

4 – 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)
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: 25.444

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

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

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