



Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes
KPMG Women's PGA Championship
 Sahalee Country Club | Sammamish, Wash. | June 20-23, 2024

MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

(Zoom link for pre-tournament availability is available on the [KPMG Women's PGA Championship tournament hub](#); All times are Pacific and subject to change)

Wednesday, June 18

Brooke Henderson – 10 a.m.
 Ruoning Yin – 12 p.m.
 Stephanie Connelly-Eisweth (LPGA Teaching Professional) – 12:15 p.m.
 Lydia Ko – 4:15 p.m.

TOURNAMENT NEWS

[KPMG, the PGA of America and the LPGA Tour announced Tuesday that the purse for the KPMG Women's PGA Championship will increase to \\$10.4 million, up from \\$10 million in 2023](#)

- Since the inception of the partnership between KPMG, the PGA of America and LPGA, the KPMG Women's PGA Championship purse has increased by more than 360%, from \$2.25M to \$10.4M
- The winner's share has also increased 360% from \$337K to \$1.56M.
- This will put the full season total on the LPGA Tour to more than \$125 million, a more than 75% increase since 2021
- This also brings the total major prize fund for the LPGA this season to more than \$48M, a more than 100% increase since 2021

[KPMG, T-Mobile and the PGA of America Collaborate to Drive Technology Innovation in Women's Golf](#)

- With the enhancements of real-time, shot-level data, AI-powered predictive analytics and T-Mobile's 5G solutions, the 2024 KPMG Women's PGA Championship will be the most statistically advanced and 5G-connected event ever on the LPGA Tour
- Using the same cutting-edge ShotLink Pro 2.0 technology from the PGA Tour, KPMG CHAMPCAST presented by T-Mobile will bring fans an immersive experience to follow each athlete in the field at Sahalee Country Club

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE 2024 KPMG WOMEN'S PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

- This is the 70th playing of the KPMG Women's PGA Championship
 - KPMG became the title sponsor of the event in 2015, making a commitment to increase the event's purse, bring the championship to top venues and provide network coverage of the event
- The KPMG Women's PGA Championship is the third women's major of the 2024 season
 - **Nelly Korda** won the first major of the year, The Chevron Championship, in April
 - **Yuka Saso** earned her second U.S. Women's Open Championship in late May
- This is the first time since the partnership with KPMG began that the major championship has returned to a previous venue
 - The Tour first stopped at Sahalee Country Club for the 2016 KPMG Women's PGA Championship
 - In 2016, the course played as a par-71 but will play as a par-72 in 2024
 - The 18th hole will play as a par-5 this year as opposed to playing as a par-4 in 2016
 - **Brooke Henderson** became a major champion at Sahalee in 2016, defeating **Lydia Ko** with a birdie on the first playoff hole
 - Henderson was 18 years old when she won the championship
 - Her major championship victory was the second ever by a Canadian on the LPGA Tour and the first in 48 years, following **Sandra Post** at the 1968 KPMG Women's PGA Championship (then known as the LPGA Championship)
 - Of this year's 156 player field, 46 players also competed in the 2016 playing of the KPMG Women's PGA Championship at Sahalee
- Sahalee Country Club was originally designed by Ted Robinson, and underwent redesign and renovations in 1996 led by Rees Jones
 - The course has hosted several professional golf events, including the 2024 and 2016 KPMG Women's PGA Championship, the 2010 U.S. Senior Open and the 1998 PGA Championship
- The 156 player field at the 2024 KPMG Women's PGA Championship includes:
 - Nine past champions including defending champion **Ruoning Yin** (2023), **Nelly Korda** (2021), **Sei Young Kim** (2020), **Hannah Green** (2019), **Danielle Kang** (2017), **Brooke Henderson** (2016), **Yani Tseng** (2008, 2011), **Cristie Kerr** (2010) and **Anna Nordqvist** (2009)
 - Forty-four of the top-50 players in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, including all players in the top 25
 - Ninety-nine of the top 100 players in the Race to the CME Globe are in the field this week
 - **In Gee Chun** is the only player in the top 100 missing from the field this week
 - She withdrew from the field last week due to injury
 - The [Corebridge Financial Team](#), composed of eight PGA of America Golf Professionals and LPGA Professionals
 - **Jennifer Borocz**, PGA, the Senior Director of Membership & Finance for the North Florida PGA Section
 - **Sandra Changkija**, PGA/LPGA Professional, Manager of LPGA Alumni and Foundation Board Relations at the LPGA Foundation
 - **Stephanie Connelly-Eisweth**, PGA/LPGA Professional, Teaching Professional at San Jose Country Club in Jacksonville, Florida
 - **Allie Knight**, PGA/LPGA Professional, Teaching Professional at Fairways and Greens Golf Center in Knoxville, Tennessee
 - **Samantha Morrell**, PGA/LPGA Professional, Assistant Golf Professional at Fenway Golf Club in Scarsdale, New York
 - **Kim Paez**, PGA, PGA Player Development Manager for PING and PGA Coach at Cave Creek Golf Club's Reid West Golf Academy in Phoenix, Arizona
 - **Wendy Ward**, LPGA Professional, the LPGA Teaching Professional at Manito Golf & Country Club in Spokane, Washington
 - **Allie White**, LPGA Professional Apprentice, the Director of Golf at Lancaster Golf Club in Ohio
 - Sponsor invites **Mariah Stackhouse** and **Bronte Law**
 - Stackhouse is a KPMG ambassador and will be making her first start of the LPGA Tour season at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship
 - She has played nine events on the Epson Tour this season with a best finish of T46 at the IOA Golf Classic presented by LPT Realty
 - Law is making her first LPGA Tour start at the championship
 - She is currently leading the LET's Order of Merit with one win, three additional top-10 finishes and five more top-20 results
 - Twenty-eight players making their debut in the KPMG Women's PGA Championship
 - Seventeen LPGA Tour rookies

KPMG PERFORMANCE INSIGHTS – TRENDS AT THE KPMG WOMEN'S PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

- Each of the last four winners here have entered the week ranked in the top-40 of the Rolex Ranking

KPMG Women's PGA Championship Rolex Ranking of Last 4 Winners		
		Rolex Ranking
2020	Sei Young Kim	7
2021	Nelly Korda	3
2022	In Gee Chun	33
2023	Ruoning Yin	25

- Four of the previous five years, the KPMG Women's PGA Championship has given us a first-time major champion

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Tournament: @KPMGWomensPGA (X, Instagram), #KPMGWomensPGA

TV/STREAMING TIMES (All times ET)

Thursday, June 20
 4-6 p.m. (Peacock); 6-10 p.m. (GOLF Channel/Peacock)

Friday, June 21
 4-6 p.m. (Peacock); 6-10 p.m. (GOLF Channel/Peacock)

Saturday, June 22
 1-3 p.m. (Peacock); 3-6 p.m. (NBC/Peacock); 6-8 p.m. (GOLF Channel/Peacock)

Sunday, June 23
 12-3 p.m. (Peacock); 3-7 p.m. (NBC/Peacock)

KPMG Women's PGA Championship Last 5 Winners		
	Winner	Major Win
2019	Hannah Green	1st
2020	Sei Young Kim	1st
2021	Nelly Korda	1st
2022	In Gee Chun	3rd
2023	Ruoning Yin	1st

LPGA TOUR SCORING RECORDS AT SAHALEE COUNTRY CLUB:

18 holes – 65, Brooke Henderson (R3)
 36 holes – 140, Brooke Henderson and Mirim Lee
 54 holes – 211, Lydia Ko
 72 holes – 278, Brooke Henderson and Lydia Ko

**All scoring records are from the 2016 playing of the KPMG Women's PGA Championship at Sahalee Country Club, which played as a par-71*

MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP SCORING RECORDS (OVERALL):

18 holes – 63, Nelly Korda (2021 at Atlanta Athletic Club)
 36 holes – 131, Karrie Webb (2001 at DuPont Country Club)
 54 holes – 199, Annika Sorenstam (2004 at DuPont Country Club)
 72 holes - 266, Sei Young Kim (2020 at Aronimink Golf Club)

2024 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Official Money: Nelly Korda, \$2,943,708
 Scoring Average: Nelly Korda, 69.714
 Birdies: Ayaka Furue, 205
 Eagles: Carlota Ciganda, 7
 Hole-in-Ones: Jennifer Song, Danielle Kang, Alexa Pano, Auston Kim, Jeongeun Lee5 and Sophia Popov, 1
 Greens in Regulation: Atthaya Thitikul, 75.1%
 Average Driving Distance: Auston Kim, 278.848 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	397 points
2	Jin Hee Im	376 points
3	Mao Saigo	247 points

Rolex ANNIKA Major Award		
T1	Nelly Korda	60 points
T1	Yuka Saso	60 points
T3	Hinako Shibuno	24 points
T3	Maja Stark	24 points

#AonRiskReward Challenge		
1	Auston Kim	-1.000
2	Atthaya Thitikul	-0.917
3	Nelly Korda	-0.889

Vare Trophy (Scoring Average)		
1	Nelly Korda	69.606
2	Atthaya Thitikul	69.905
3	Ayaka Furue	69.963

Race to the CME Globe Points		
1	Nelly Korda	3,285.00 points
2	Hannah Green	1,473.275 points
3	Ayaka Furue	1,373.202 points

Aon Risk Reward Challenge: No. 18, par 5

Surrounded by Sahalee Country Club's signature trees, the par-5 18th hole is a challenging dogleg left that demands precision on every shot. A well-placed tee shot is essential due to a newly constructed bunker on the left and a landing area just 25 yards wide, flanked by towering 120-foot pine trees on both sides. Adding to the complexity, a 106-foot tall pine short left of the green poses a unique challenge, forcing players to decide whether to go for the green or lay up. History shows that making better decisions on Sahalee's par-5s will be crucial, with four of the last five past champions of the KPMG Women's PGA Championship ranking in the top five for par-5 performance en route to victory.

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:

As the 2024 LPGA Tour season reaches its middle major, the KPMG Women's PGA Championship, the winner's reward of 650 Race to the CME Globe points presents an opportunity for players to jump up the leaderboard and close the gap on **Nelly Korda's** significant lead. Korda has six Tour victories to her name this season and two additional top-14 finishes, putting the Rolex Rankings World No. 1 at the top of the Race to the CME Globe leaderboard with 3,285.00 points. Though Korda has missed the cut in her last two starts on Tour, the two-time major champion has nearly 2,000 more points in the Race than her nearest chaser **Hannah Green**. Green, the 2019 champion of the KPMG Women's PGA Championship, is the only other player with multiple wins this season besides Korda and has 1,473.275 points in the Race.

In third place is Japan's **Ayaka Furue** (1,373.202 points), who has been the most consistent player this season besides Korda with eight top-10 finishes including four in a row in her last Tour starts. Still searching for her first win and major championship victory, the young star has not missed a cut in 2024 and has earned a T50 result and T6 finish in the two major championships this year. Rounding out the top five in the Race are **Lydia Ko** (1,157.258), who won the season-opening Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions, and **Brooke Henderson** (975.512), with three top-three finishes this year and two T9 results. Henderson and Ko both had great success at Sahalee Country Club when the KPMG Women's PGA Championship was played at the venue in 2015, with Henderson defeating Ko in a playoff to win her first major championship.

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 eight holes-in-one made this season, bringing the 2024 donation total to \$160,000. The most recent hole-in-one was made at the U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally by **Sophia Popov**.

2024 Wins by Country (15 tournaments, 6 countries)

9 – United States of America (Nelly Korda (6), Bailey Tardy, Lilia Vu, Rose Zhang)
2 – Australia (Hannah Green (2))
1 – Japan (Yuka Saso)
1 – New Zealand (Lydia Ko)
1 – Sweden (Linnea Strom)
1 – Thailand (Patty Tavatanakit)

2024 Wins by Player (15 tournaments, 9 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 – Lilia Vu (Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give)
1 – Rose Zhang (Cognizant Founders Cup)

Average Age of 2024 Winners: 25.133

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

Oldest Winner: Lilia Vu (27 years, 8 months, 2 days)