



Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes
Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G
 TPC River's Bend | Maineville, Ohio | Sept. 19-22, 2024

MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday, September 18

Nelly Korda – Approx. 11:00 a.m.
 Charley Hull – Approx. 11:30 a.m.
 Rose Zhang – 1:00 p.m.

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE 2024 KROGER QUEEN CITY CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY P&G

- This is the third playing of the Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G
 - The event was established in 2022
 - This is the Tour's second stop in Ohio, following the Dana Open in Toledo
 - In its first two years, the event was played at Kenwood Country Club
- TPC River's Bend is hosting the event for the first time this year
 - Established in 2001, the course was designed by Arnold Palmer and named among the "Top 10 Best New Private Clubs in the U.S." (2001) by Golf Digest
 - It has also been recognized as one of Ohio's "Best Courses in State" by Golf Digest
 - The course is 25 miles northeast of Cincinnati and was crafted to blend harmoniously with its surroundings; it even preserves natural habitats and serves as a refuge for numerous wildlife species, earning it recognition as an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary by Audubon International
 - The course has hosted a number of professional and amateur events, including:
 - Kroger Senior Classic
 - Epson Tour's Prasco Charity Championship
 - Women's Big 10 Conference Championship
 - Korn Ferry Tour's Chiquita Classic
 - This is just the third time the LPGA Tour has played at a TPC course
 - The 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown was hosted at TPC Harding Park
 - This year's inaugural FM Championship was held at TPC Boston last month
- **Minjee Lee** is the defending champion
 - She defeated **Charley Hull** with a birdie on the second playoff hole in 2023
 - Lee earned her ninth career win at the Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G, and her first of two wins in 2024
 - She went on to win the 2023 BMW Ladies Championship to earn her 10th career victory
- Past champion **Ally Ewing** won this event in 2022, her third career victory
 - She is not in the field this week
 - Ewing has the 54-hole (200) and 72-hole (266) tournament scoring record, both set at Kenwood Country Club
- There are 11 players in the field who participated in last week's Solheim Cup
 - From the winning U.S. Team; **Nelly Korda, Lexi Thompson** and **Rose Zhang**
 - Korda and Zhang are both making their first starts at the Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G
 - Thompson is making her third start
 - She missed the cut in 2022 and finished T19 in 2023
 - From the European Team; **Linn Grant, Georgia Hall, Esther Henseleit, Charley Hull, Leona Maguire, Anna Nordqvist, Madelene Sagstrom** and **Albane Valenzuela**
 - Grant is making her second start; she missed the cut in 2023
 - Hall is making her first start in the event
 - Henseleit finished T19 in 2023
 - Hull was runner up in 2023
 - Maguire finished T24 in 2022
 - Nordqvist finished T20 in 2022
 - Sagstrom finished T14 last year
 - Valenzuela withdrew after the first round of the event in 2023
- There are four sponsor invites in the field
 - **Amari Avery** competes on the Epson Tour
 - She has made seven cuts in nine starts with two top-10 finishes
 - Her best finish came at the Dream First Bank Charity Classic, T7
 - She finished T9 at last week's Tuscaloosa Toyota Classic
 - Avery played collegiate golf at the University of Southern California
 - In 2023, she was named a WGCA and Golfweek All-America Honorable Mention selection
 - **Gianna Clemente** won the AJGA portion of the 2024 Mizuho Americas Open and was a member of the winning 2024 U.S. Ping Junior Solheim Cup team
 - Clemente is the top-ranked amateur in the Rolex AJGA Rankings
 - She is ranked 24th in the World Amateur Golf Rankings
 - Clemente has appeared in five LPGA Tour events
 - She Monday qualified for three-straight tournaments in 2022 (CPKC Women's Open, Dana Open, Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G)
 - This season, she played at the ShopRite LPGA Classic as a sponsor invite and finished T47
 - **Gabrielle Woods** is from Sabina, Ohio and attended Findlay University
 - Woods became the first individual NCAA National Champion in program history in 2024
 - She was the NCAA DII Individual National Runner-Up in 2023
 - She was named a NCAA PING/WGCA First Team All-American last season
 - She won the G-MAC Team Championship all four years at Findlay and was named the G-MAC Freshman of the Year in 2020
 - **Yana Wilson** is 18-years-old and was formerly a top-ranked amateur
 - The 2024 Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G will be her fifth LPGA Tour start
 - She has played in three LPGA Tour major championships; 2023 U.S. Women's Opne (MC), 2024 The Chevron Championship (MC), 2024 Amundi Evian Championship (MC)
 - She was a sponsor invite at the 2024 FM Championship, where she missed the cut
 - She also teed it up as an AJGA amateur at the LPGA Tour's 2023 and 2024 Mizuho America's Open
 - She won the AJGA portion of the inaugural event in 2023 and finished T2 this year
 - She graduated from the AJGA earlier this year, where she was formerly ranked No. 1 in the Rolex AJGA Rankings
 - In 2023, she was named AJGA Girls Player of the Year and won three World Amateur Golf Ranking events
 - She has represented the United States at both the Curtis Cup and Ping Jr. Solheim Cup
 - She finished T8 at LPGA Tour Pre-Qualifying this year and will advance to the Qualifying stage in October in Venice, Fla.
 - Earlier this year, she won a professional event on the Cactus Tour
 - She has competed in the Augusta National Women's Amateur three times (2022, 2023, 2024)
- The Monday qualifiers are **Anna Morgan** and **Annabelle Pancake**
 - Morgan is a fifth year at Furman University
 - Last season she was named the SoCon Female Athlete of the Year

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TV/STREAMING TIMES (All times EST)

Thursday, September 19: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Golf Channel)
Friday, September 20: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Golf Channel)
Saturday, September 21: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Golf Channel)
Sunday, September 22: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Golf Channel)

- She became the first three-time SoCon Female Athlete of the Year winner
 - She was also named a WGCA First Team All-American and Golfweek Second Team All-American
- Pancake just turned professional in August
 - She played collegiately at Clemson University
 - There, she was named a two-time All-ACC member, she set the program stroke average record (71.27) and had 19 rounds under par her senior season

Tournament Scoring Records from Kenwood Country Club

18 holes – 63, Nasa Hataoka (R2, 2023), Jeongeun Lee6 (R2, 2022)

36 holes – 130, Peiyun Chien, 2023

54 holes – 200, Ally Ewing (2022)

72 holes – 266, Ally Ewing (2022)

2024 Statistical Leaders

Official Money: Nelly Korda, \$3,601,630

Scoring Average: Nelly Korda, 70.04

Birdies: Lauren Coughlin, 269

Eagles: Georgia Hall, 9

Hole-in-Ones: 16 LPGA Tour players, 1

Greens in Regulation: Haeran Ryu, 75.67%

Average Driving Distance: Polly Mack, 283.28 yards

2024 Award Standings

Rolex Player of the Year		
1	Nelly Korda	238 points
2	Ayaka Furue	124 points
3	Lydia Ko	114 points

Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year		
1	Mao Saigo	668 points
2	Jin Hee Im	572 points
3	Gabriela Ruffels	484 points

Rolex ANNIKA Major Award		
1	Nelly Korda*	84 points
2	Ayaka Furue	70 points
T3	Amy Yang	60 points
T3	Lydia Ko	60 points
T3	Yuka Saso	60 points

*clinched

#AonRiskReward Challenge		
1	Ruoning Yin	-0.885
T2	Lilia Vu	-0.875
T2	Haeran Ryu	-0.875
T4	Kaitlin Milligan	-0.857
T4	Natthakritta Vongtaveelap	-0.857

Vare Trophy (Scoring Average)		
1	Nelly Korda	70.04
2	Ayaka Furue	70.06
3	Lauren Coughlin	70.41

Race to the CME Globe Points		
1	Nelly Korda	3,603.319 points
2	Ayaka Furue	2,303.277 points
3	Lauren Coughlin	2,003.563 points

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

The final hole at TPC River's Bend is a dogleg right par-5. Players will face decisions on how to position themselves if they plan to go for the green, and will need to ask themselves how much of the corner they want to cut off with their tee shot. The tee shot being partially blind and uphill, cutting the corner can add value, however it also brings the most punishing miss into play with a costly bunker, lateral hazard and out of bounds all looming to the right. From the fairway, players are expected to go for the green in two 84% of the time - that number drops to under 60% from the rough. Overall, missing the fairway here is expected to cost players more than one-quarter of a stroke. Making the better decision off the tee here is critical.

As the 2024 Aon Risk Reward Challenge enters its final stretch, with just eight events left to play, those at the top of the leaderboard will start making even more strategic decisions to earn that \$1 million prize. Currently in the lead is major-champion **Ruoning Yin** with an -0.885 score under par on Aon Risk Reward Challenge holes. **Lilia Vu** and **Haeran Ryu**, both 2024 winners along with Yin, are in second with a score of -0.875 under par. Rounding at the top-5 at T4 are **Natthakritta Vongtaveelap** and **Kaitlin Milligan** with a score under par of -0.857, but both must complete 18 more rounds on Tour this season to be eligible for the prize.

The Aon Risk Reward Challenge is a unique, season-long competition on 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 Aon Risk Reward Challenge hole, with the winners having the best average score to par at the end of the regular season. The winner will take home the Aon trophy and a \$1 Million prize.

[Race to CME Globe Update](#):

Less than ten events remain before the CME Group Tour Championship, the LPGA Tour's season finale that boasts the largest winner's prize in women's golf. Only the top-60 players on Tour this year will gain entry into the prestigious event, and as the final stretch of the season begins, one great finish can make a world of difference.

Six-time 2024 LPGA Tour winner **Nelly Korda** has lead the Race to the CME Globe since the end of March and will likely not have her tope spot challenged through the remainder of the year. Korda has 3,603.319 points in the Race, which is 1,300 more than her nearest competitor **Ayaka Furue**. With one win and nine additional top-10 finishes this year, Furue sits in second with 2,303.277 points. Two-time 2024 winner **Lauren Coughlin**, who became a Rolex First-Time Winner this season then earned her third win just three weeks later, is in third with 2,003.563 points. In fourth is **Haeran Ryu** (2,029.392 points), who finally earned her first win of the season at the FM Championship after eight prior top-10 finishes. LPGA Hall of Famer **Lydia Ko**, who has two wins, a major championship title and a gold medal on her 2024 resume, round out the top five with 2,000.258 points.

Some big movers on the Race to the CME Globe points list following the FM Championship are:

- **Jin Young Ko**, who moved from 21st into the top 10 after her runner-up finish in Boston
- **Allisen Corpuz** moved more comfortably into the top-60, from 50th to 35th after a T4 finish at the FM Championship
- **Lucy Li** now holds the 60th spot in the Race, moving from 63rd after a T15 finish at TPC Boston

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. The last holes-in-one were made at the Portland Classic. Three holes-in-one were made that week, bringing the 2024 donation total to \$380,000 with 19 total aces recorded so far. The Tour is just one hole-in-one away from matching last year's total of \$400,000 (20 aces).

2024 Wins by Country (24 tournaments, 8 countries)

11 – United States of America (Nelly Korda (6), Bailey Tardy, Lilia Vu, Rose Zhang, Lauren Coughlin(2))
4 – Thailand (Patty Tavatanakit, Atthaya Thitikul, Chanettee Wannasaen, Moriya Jutanugarn)
2 – Australia (Hannah Green (2))
2 – Japan (Yuka Saso, Ayaka Furue)
2 – New Zealand (Lydia Ko)
2 – Republic of Korea (Amy Yang, Haeran Ryu)
1 – Sweden (Linnea Strom)
1 – People’s Republic of China (Ruoning Yin)

2024 Wins by Player (24 tournaments, 17 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)
2 – Lauren Coughlin (CPKC Womens Open, ISPS HANDA Women’s Scottish Open)
2 – Lydia Ko (Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions, AIG Women’s Open)
1 – Ayaka Furue (The Amundi Evian Championship)
1 – Moriya Jutanugarn (Portland Classic)
1 – Haeran Ryu (FM Championship)
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 – Chanettee Wannasaen (Dana Open)
1 – Amy Yang (KPMG Women’s PGA Championship)
1 – Ruoning Yin (Dow Championship)
1 – Rose Zhang (Cognizant Founders Cup)

Average Age of 2024 Winners: 25.560

Youngest Winner: Chanettee Wannasaen (20 years, 3 months, 5 days)

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