

This Week on the LPGA Tour LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei

Hoakalei Country Club | Ewa Beach, Oahu, Hawaii | Nov. 6-9, 2024

MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

(Zoom link for pre-tournament availability is distributed upon request; All times are local to Hawaii, five hours behind Eastern time, and subject to change)

Monday, Nov. 4

11 a.m. – Hye-Jin Choi, Hyo Joo Kim

11:30 a.m. – Grace Kim, Malia Nam, Brooke Henderson

Immediately following second availability – Photo call

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Competition Format: 120 players; 72-hole stroke play, cut to top 65 and ties after 36 holes

Aon Risk Reward Challenge Hole: No. 11, par 5

Purse: \$3 million; winner's portion is \$450,000

Whiteline Par and Yardage: 36-36 – 72; 6,536 yards

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

Course History: Hoakalei Country Club's championship course is the only course in Hawaii designed by World Golf Hall of Fame member Ernie Els and opened in January 2009. The course first hosted the LOTTE Championship in 2022, and has continued since.

Hoakalei means "reflection of a lei" and comes from a Hawaiian legend about the volcano goddess Pele and her sister Hi'iaka's journey across the island chain to retrieve Pele's lover Lohiau.

Tournament History:

The LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei first debuted in April 2012. This year is the 12th playing of the event and the first time it has been contested in November; the 2020 tournament was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2012–2014: LPGA LOTTE Championship Presented by J Golf (Ko Olina Golf Club)

2015: LPGA LOTTE Championship Presented by Hershey (Ko Olina Golf Club)

2016–2018: LOTTE Championship Presented by Hershey (Ko Olina Golf Club)

2019: LOTTE Championship (Ko Olina Golf Club)

2021: LOTTE Championship (Kapolei Golf Club)

2022–present: LOTTE Championship Presented by Hoakalei (Hoakalei Country Club)

Past Five Champions and Runners-Up:

2023 – Grace Kim, 276 (-12); defeated Yu Liu and Yu Jin Sung with a birdie on the first playoff hole

2022 – Hyo Joo Kim, 277 (-11); Hinako Shibuno, 279 (-9)

2021 – Lydia Ko, 260 (-28); Leona Maguire, Inbee Park, Nelly Korda and Sei Young Kim, 267 (-21)

2019 – Brooke Henderson, 272 (-16); Eun-Hee Ji, 276 (-12)

2018 – Brooke Henderson, 276 (-12); Azahara Munoz, 280 (-8)

Tournament Scoring Records:

18 holes – 62, Lizette Salas (R4, 2013) and Cristie Kerr (R3, 2017)

36 holes – 128, Yuka Saso (2021)

54 holes – 195, Lydia Ko (2021)

72 holes – 260, Lydia Ko (2021)

WHO IS IN THE FIELD

Past Champions (3):

2023 – Grace Kim

2022 – Hyo Joo Kim

2018, 2019 – Brooke Henderson

2024 LPGA Tour Winners (2 of 19):

Ayaka Furue (The Amundi Evian Championship), Jasmine Suwannapura (Walmart NW Arkansas Championship)

2024 LPGA Tour Rookies (21 of 26):

Isabella Fierro, Alexandra Forsterling, Savannah Grewal, Nataliya Guseva, Mone Inami, Minji Kang, Gurleen Kaur, Auston Kim, Somi Lee, Mary Liu, Kaitlin Milligan, Benedetta Moresco, Malia Nam, Hira Naveed, Ana Pelaez Trivino, Yue Ren, Mao Saigo, Gigi Stoll, Yu Jin Sung, Yuri Yoshida, Liqi Zeng

Area Connections:

Malia Nam (Kailua)

Sponsor Exemptions:

Honorine Nobuta Ferry (a), Erika Hara, Youmin Hwang, Ga Young Lee, Soyoung Lee

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<u>LPGA Statistical Database</u>: 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

SOCIAL MEDIA

Tournament Website

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

Tournament: @LPGALOTTE (X), @LotteChampionship (Instagram)

TV/STREAMING TIMES (All times EST)

Wednesday, Nov. 6: 7-10 p.m. (Golf Channel; NBC Sports Digital)

Thursday, Nov. 7: 7-10 p.m. (Golf Channel; NBC

Sports Digital)

Friday, Nov. 8: 7-10 p.m. (Golf Channel; NBC Sports

Digital)

Saturday, Nov. 9: 7-10 p.m. (Golf Channel; NBC Sports Digital)