



Meijer LPGA Classic for *Simply Give*
Blythefield Country Club | Belmont, MI | June 13-16, 2024

Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes
June 11, 2024

MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday, June 12

Following 18-hole pro-am (approx. 12:30 p.m.) – Nelly Korda

Following 18-hole pro-am (approx. 1:30 p.m.) – Leona Maguire

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE 2024 MEIJER LPGA CLASSIC FOR SIMPLY GIVE

- This is the 10th anniversary of the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
 - In celebration of the tournament’s 10th playing, the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give [announced they are increasing its record-breaking 2023 donation goal of \\$1.25 million to \\$2 million](#), marking a decade of the tournament’s unwavering commitment to helping feed hungry families through the [Simply Give program](#)
 - Since 2014, the Meijer LPGA Classic has generated over \$10 million and more than 94 million meals for the retailer’s food pantry partners within its Midwest communities
 - Since 2021, Meijer has also donated \$25,000 on behalf of the champion to a local hunger relief organization of the winner’s choosing
- Blythefield Country Club has hosted the Meijer LPGA Classic for all ten playings of the event
 - The course was opened on June 14, 1929, and was designed by William B. Langford and Theodore J. Moreau
 - Blythefield has been the site for three Western Golf Association major tournaments: the 1953 Western Amateur, the 1961 Western Open and the 2005 Western Junior
 - The three major WGA events were won by Dale Morey, Arnold Palmer, and Rickie Fowler, respectively
 - The course has also hosted United States Golf Association, Michigan PGA, and Golf Association of Michigan events and national qualifiers
- There are five past champions in the Meijer LPGA Classic field this week
 - **Leona Maguire** is the defending champion
 - Maguire has finished T2 or better in her last three starts at the event
 - In 2021, Maguire lost to **Nelly Korda** by two strokes to finish solo second
 - In 2022, Maguire lost in a playoff with **Jennifer Kupcho** and Korda to finish T2 alongside Korda
 - In 2023, Maguire won by two strokes over **Ariya Jutanugarn** to earn her second and most recent LPGA Tour victory
 - This season, Maguire has made 11 starts and eight cuts
 - Maguire’s best finish is a runner-up result at the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards
 - Maguire lost 4&3 in the final match against Korda
 - Maguire has three additional top-13 finishes this season
 - **Jennifer Kupcho** won the event in 2022 after a two-hole playoff with Korda and Maguire
 - Korda was eliminated after the first playoff hole, and Kupcho eventually won over Maguire with a birdie on the second
 - Kupcho’s win at the Meijer LPGA Classic was the second of her LPGA Tour career and of the 2022 season
 - She would eventually earn one more win in 2022, at the Dow Championship alongside playing partner **Lizette Salas**
 - This season, Kupcho has made 11 cuts in 12 starts
 - Her best finish is a T3 result at the Mizuho Americas Open, where she finished runner-up in 2023
 - She has one additional top-10 finish, a T8 result at the Ford Championship presented by KCC
 - **Nelly Korda** earned her fifth LPGA Tour career victory at the 2021 Meijer LPGA Classic
 - Korda shot the lowest round of her LPGA Tour career (62) on Saturday at the 2021 tournament and eventually defeated Maguire by two strokes
 - Korda also shot a 62 at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics where she won the gold medal
 - Korda has had a historic 2024 season, with six wins in her nine starts including five in consecutive starts
 - Korda has already [clinched her spot on the 2024 U.S. Solheim Cup Team](#), with nine events left to qualify
 - Korda most recently won the Mizuho Americas Open to earn her sixth win this year and 14th of her career
 - She is the first player since **Inbee Park** (2013) to record six wins in a single season
 - Since 1980, seven players have earned six or more wins in a single season including **Betsy King** (1989), **Annika Sorenstam** (1997, 2003), **Karrie Webb** (1999, 2000), **Lorena Ochoa** (2006, 2008), **Inbee Park** (2013), **Beth Daniel** (1990), **Yani Tseng** (2011)
 - She is the first American player to win at least six times in an LPGA Tour season since Daniel in 1990, who won seven times
 - She tied Sorenstam as the fastest player to win six times in an LPGA Tour season since 1980
 - Sorenstam earned her sixth win of the 2005 Tour season in her eighth start that year
 - She surpassed **Stacy Lewis**, **Betty Jameson** and **Rosie Jones** in all-time LPGA Tour wins by an American (13) since 1980
 - She earned her 17th LPGA Hall of Fame point, and seventh this season
 - She earned one point for 11 of her LPGA Tour titles and two for each of her major championship victories
 - She also earned one point for her 2020 Tokyo Olympics gold medal
 - To [qualify for the LPGA HOF](#), LPGA Tour Members must meet a threshold of 27 points
 - Additionally, Korda was on a historic win streak earlier this season, tying the record for most wins in consecutive starts
 - She won the LPGA Drive On Championship, FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship, Ford Championship presented by KCC, T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards and The Chevron Championship
 - She tied **Annika Sorenstam** (2004-2005) and **Nancy Lopez** (1978) for most wins in consecutive starts, and also tied **Kathy Whitworth** (1969), **Mickey Wright** (1962, 1963), Sorenstam (2001) and Ochoa (2008) in the record for most consecutive Tour wins in scheduled events
 - Outside of her wins, Korda has a T16 result, a T7 finish and one missed cut
 - **Brooke Henderson** is the only player to win the Meijer LPGA Classic twice
 - Henderson won the event in 2017 by two strokes over **Michelle Wie West** and **Lexi Thompson**
 - It was her fourth LPGA Tour victory
 - She earned her ninth LPGA Tour victory at the 2019 playing of the event, defeating **Nasa Hataoka**, **Su Oh**, Thompson and **Brittany Altomare** by one stroke
 - Henderson set the 36-hole and 72-hole tournament scoring records at Blythefield CC
 - Henderson’s 72-hole tournament scoring record was later tied by Korda in 2021
 - This season, Henderson has only missed one cut in 12 starts this season
 - She has five top-10 finishes this season, including three top-3 results at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions (3), HSBC Women’s World Championship (T3) and The Chevron Championship (T3)
 - Her only missed cut was at the U.S. Women’s Open
 - **Lexi Thompson** won the event in 2015, earning her fifth LPGA Tour victory
 - She won by one stroke over **Lizette Salas** and **Gerina Mendoza** in the second playing of the event
 - She has made nine appearances in the Meijer LPGA Classic and has earned sixth top-10 finishes including her win

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TV/STREAMING TIMES (All times EST)

Thursday, June 13: 3:00-6:00 p.m.
(Golf Channel/Peacock/International)
Friday, June 14: 3:00-6:00 p.m.
(Golf Channel/Peacock/International)
Saturday, June 15: 3:00-6:00 p.m.
(Golf Channel/Peacock/International)
Sunday, June 16: 1:00-2:00 p.m. (Golf Channel/International); 2:00-4:00 p.m. (CBS)

- She finished 41st in the inaugural playing of the event in 2014 and earned a T20 result in 2021
- She has only missed the cut once, in 2023
- She set the 54-hole tournament scoring record in 2017 which was later tied by Korda in 2021
- Thompson [announced at the U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally that she would be retiring from the LPGA Tour](#) following the 2024 season
 - So far, she has made seven starts in her final season and two cuts
 - She earned a T16 result at the LPGA Drive On Championship and a T3 result at the Ford Championship presented by KCC
- **Brittany Lang, Georgia Oboh, and Katie Lu** are the sponsors invites this week
 - Lang is an LPGA Tour veteran, a two-time Tour winner and a major champion
 - Lang won the 2016 U.S. Women's Open and the 2012 Manulife Financial LPGA Classic
 - She has only made one start on Tour in 2024, at the U.S. Women's Open where she missed the cut
 - Oboh won the 2024 John Shippen Invitational held at Blythefield CC on June 4-5
 - In the two-day event, Oboh shot a 5-under 139
 - Oboh is a Nigerian golfer based in the UK
 - She has played on both the Epson Tour and LET
 - This will be her third start on the LPGA Tour
 - Lu is a collegiate golfer at Michigan State University and earned a sponsor invite by recording the lowest scoring average on the team during the 2024 season
 - Lu was named first team all-Big Ten Conference in 2024 and was named a WGCA Honorable Mention All-American
 - This is her second LPGA Tour start
 - She is a rising senior at MSU
- **Keera Foocharoen and Christina Kim** Monday qualified for the event
 - Foocharoen is a Thai player who has been playing on the Epson Tour for the past two seasons
 - She formerly played collegiate golf at Virginia Tech
 - Last week, she finished T8 at the Epson Tour's FireKeepers Casino Hotel Championship, which was also played in Michigan
 - It is her best finish on the Epson Tour so far
 - Kim won a three-way playoff on Monday to qualify for the event, defeating **Soo Bin Joo** and **Samantha Vodry**
 - This will be Kim's first start of the 2024 season
 - In 2023, Kim made 13 starts on Tour and seven cuts with a season-best result of T31

SCORING RECORDS AT BLYTHEFIELD COUNTRY CLUB

18 holes: 61, Lee-Anne Pace (R3, 2017)

36 holes: 128, Brooke Henderson (2019)

54 holes: 196, Lexi Thompson (2017) and Nelly Korda (2021)

72 holes: 263, Brooke Henderson (2017) and Nelly Korda (2021)

2024 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Official Money: Nelly Korda, \$2,943,708

Scoring Average: Nelly Korda, 69.606

Birdies: Ayaka Furue, 191

Eagles: Carlota Ciganda, Nelly Korda, Sei Young Kim, Patty Tavatanakit, A Lim Kim, 6

Hole-in-Ones: Jennifer Song, Danielle Kang, Alexa Pano, Auston Kim, Jeongeun Lee5, Sophia Popov, 1

Greens in Regulation: Nelly Korda, 74.8%

Average Driving Distance: Auston Kim, 278.085 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	361 points
2	Jin Hee Im	351 points
3	Mao Saigo	231 points

#AonRiskReward Challenge		
1	Auston Kim	-1.000
2	Nelly Korda	-0.938
T3	Mina Harigae	-0.938
T3	Mel Reid	-0.900
T3	Atthaya Thitikul	-0.900

Vare Trophy (Scoring Average)		
1	Nelly Korda	69.606
2	Hannah Green	69.971
3	Sei Young Kim	70.040

Race to the CME Globe Points		
1	Nelly Korda	3,285.00
2	Hannah Green	1,495.737
3	Ayaka Furue	1,294.452

Aon Risk Reward Challenge: No. 14, par 5

There's ample opportunity for scoring on the 14th hole at Blythefield Country Club, with players carding birdie or eagle nearly 40 percent of the time in 2023. To take advantage, an accurate drive is very important – one in three players who miss the fairway lose, on average, more than four-tenths of a stroke. Meanwhile, hitting the fairway makes a player more than three times as likely to go for the green in two. Last year's Meijer LPGA Classic winner **Leona Maguire** hit the fairway all four rounds and gained 3.7 strokes on the field on this hole alone.

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 LPGA Tour heads to Blythefield Country Club for the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give, 2021 champion and six-time 2024 Tour winner **Nelly Korda** has a commanding lead in the Race to the CME Globe with 3,285 points. With a nearly 1,800-point lead, Korda will tee-it-up this week at the Meijer LPGA Classic as a past champion of the event while her nearest chaser, **Hannah Green** (1,495.737 points), takes a week off before the third major of the year next week. Green, who has two wins this season and is the only other multi-winner this year besides Korda, is followed by Japan's **Ayaka Furue** (1,294.452), who has not won this season but has earned seven top-10 results in 13 starts, including three in her last three starts. Furue finished T2 at last week's ShopRite LPGA Classic Presented by Acer to jump to third in the Race, passing **Lydia Ko** (1,157.258) who won the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions earlier this season. Rounding out the top five is Sweden's **Maja Stark**, who has three top-three finishes this year including consecutive runner-up results at The Chevron Championship and JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro.

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 (14 tournaments, 6 countries)

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

2024 Wins by Player (14 tournaments, 8 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 – Rose Zhang (Cognizant Founders Cup)

Average Age of 2024 Winners: 25.00

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

Oldest Winner: Linnea Strom (27 years, 7 months, 26 days)

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