



Mizuho Americas Open
Liberty National Golf Club | Jersey City, NJ | May 16-19, 2024

Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes
May 14, 2024

MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday, May 17

10:45– Nelly Korda
11:00 a.m. – Lydia Ko

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE MIZUHO AMERICAS OPEN

- This is the second playing of the Mizuho Americas Open
 - Last year was the inaugural playing of the event, which was also hosted by Liberty National Golf Club
- The Mizuho Americas Open is the first LPGA Tour event hosted by Liberty National Golf Club
 - The course has hosted several professional events on the PGA Tour, including the 2019 and 2021 FedEx Cup Playoffs, and the 2017 President’s Cup
 - The golf club was established in 2006 and the course was designed by Robert E. Cupp and Tom Kite
 - Located in Jersey City, N.J., Liberty National sits adjacent to Ellis Island and Liberty State Park, and is well known for its views of the Statue of Liberty and the New York City skyline
- The Mizuho Americas Open is played in a one-of-a-kind format, with AJGA amateurs playing alongside LPGA Tour professionals
 - 120 LPGA Pros and 24 AJGA Juniors will play two separate tournaments, with AJGA using [Stableford Scoring](#) all four rounds and playing from different yardages
 - During Rounds 1 & 2, AJGA juniors will all be paired together
 - After 36 holes, LPGA will cut to low 50 and ties; there is no cut for the AJGA Juniors
 - During Rounds 3 & 4, one AJGA junior will play with two LPGA Tour pros with groupings made based on scores (ie. the AJGA player with the lowest score will play with the lowest scoring LPGA pros)
 - LPGA Tour Players making the 36-hole cut of low 50 players & ties will receive CME Points and Official Money based upon their finish after 72 holes
 - New in 2024, players who miss the 36-hole cut, but are within the low 65 players & ties will also receive CME Points and Official Money based upon their finish after 36 holes
- **Michelle Wie West**, five-time LPGA Tour winner and major champion, is acting as tournament host for the Mizuho Americas Open
 - This is her second year hosting the event
 - Wie West [appeared on the Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon](#) on Monday night, where she announced she is expecting her second child and first son
 - Wie West last played on the LPGA Tour at the 2023 U.S. Women’s Open at Pebble Beach, where she [announced her retirement from professional golf](#)
 - Her last win on the LPGA Tour was at the 2018 HSBC Women’s World Championship
- **Rose Zhang** won the inaugural playing of the event in 2023 and is the defending champion
 - Zhang is coming into her first title defense as a two-time LPGA Tour champion, having [won the Cognizant Founders Cup](#) just last week
 - In 2023, Zhang won the Mizuho Americas Open in her professional debut and as a non-member on the LPGA Tour
 - She won in a playoff over **Jennifer Kupcho** with a birdie on the second playoff hole
 - Zhang accepted immediate LPGA Tour membership following her win
 - She was the first non-member to win on the LPGA Tour since Maja Stark won the 2022 ISPS Handa World Invitational
 - She was the first player to win while making their professional debut since **Beverly Hanson** did so in 1951
 - Zhang played as a sponsor invite that week and was the fourth sponsor invite to win on Tour, joining **Lydia Ko** (2013 & 2013 CPKC Women’s Open), **Lexi Thompson** (2011 Navistar LPGA Classic) and **Hee Kyung Seo** (2010 JTBC Classic Presented by Barbasol)
- **Yana Wilson** won the AJGA portion of the 2023 event, and will be defending her title this year
 - Wilson is 17 years old and is the top-ranked golfer in the Rolex AJGA Rankings
 - This season is her last on the AJGA
 - In February, Wilson won a professional event on the Cactus Tour
 - She has competed in the Augusta Women’s National Amateur three times (2022 – MC, 2023 – T26, 2024 – MC)
 - She was the Girls 12-13 champion in both the 2019 and 2021 Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals at Augusta National
 - In 2023, she was named the AJGA Girls Player of the Year
 - She is committed to play collegiate golf at the University of Oregon
 - She announced that she will be playing in the LPGA Qualifying Series later this year
- **Emma Talley** and **Laetitia Beck** were offered sponsor invitations into the 2024 Mizuho Americas Open
 - This is Talley’s second event of the LPGA Tour season
 - She also played in the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro as a sponsor invite, but missed the cut
 - Talley finished T49 in last year’s Mizuho Americas Open
 - This is her seventh season on the LPGA Tour
 - She has 10 career LPGA Tour top-10 finishes
 - Beck is making her seventh LPGA Tour start of 2024
 - She has missed the cut in her six previous starts
 - Beck’s rookie season on Tour was in 2015
 - She played primarily on the Epson Tour from 2021-2023
- **Lauren Peter** and **Yealimi Noh** Monday qualified for the event
 - Peter shot a 5-under 67 at Liberty National on Monday to qualify for the event
 - This will be Peter’s second LPGA Tour start
 - She played in the 2023 Dana Open, where she missed the cut
 - Peter played collegiate golf at Ohio State University and graduated in 2023
 - Noh shot a 3-under 68 on Monday to also qualify
 - This will be her seventh start of the 2024 season
 - She has yet to miss a cut in her past six events
 - Her best finish is a T9 result at The Chevron Championship
 - This is Noh’s fifth season on the LPGA Tour
 - In her tenure, she has earned nine career top-10s
- Nine players in the Rolex Women’s World Golf Rankings Top 10 are in the field this week including No. 1 **Nelly Korda**, No. 3 **Celine Boutier**, No. 4 **Ruoning Yin**, No. 5 **Jin Young Ko**, No. 6 **Rose Zhang**, No. 7 **Charley Hall**, No. 8 **Minjee Lee**, No. 9 **Hannah Green** and No. 10 **Brooke Henderson**

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Tournament: @MizuhoLPGA (X, Instagram)

TV/STREAMING TIMES (All times EST)

Thursday, May 16: 3-6 p.m. (Golf Channel/Peacock)

Friday, May 17: 3-6 p.m. (Golf Channel/Peacock)

Saturday, May 18: 3-6 p.m. (Golf Channel/Peacock)

Sunday, May 19: 3-6 p.m. (Golf Channel/Peacock)

2024 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Official Money: Nelly Korda, \$2,493,708

Scoring Average: Nelly Korda, 69.370

Birdies: Ayaka Furue and Brooke Henderson, 142

Eagles: Carlota Ciganda and Nelly Korda, 6

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

Greens in Regulation: Nelly Korda, 76.5%

Average Driving Distance: Auston Kim, 276.789 yards

Award Standings

Rolex Player of the Year		
1	Nelly Korda	184 points
2	Hannah Green	60 points
3	Lydia Ko	49 points

Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year		
1	Gabriela Ruffels	276 points
2	Jin Hee Im	254 points
3	Mao Saigo	185 points

#AonRiskReward Challenge		
1	Auston Kim	-1.071
T2	Five players	-1.000

Vare Trophy (Scoring Average)		
1	Nelly Korda	69.370
2	Brooke Henderson	70.057
3	Hannah Green	70.083

Race to the CME Globe Points		
1	Nelly Korda	2,785.00 points
2	Lydia Ko	1,157.258 points
3	Hannah Green	1,086.975 points

[Aon Risk Reward Challenge Hole:](#) No. 16, par 4

The 16th at Liberty National Golf Club is a short par 4 that plays dramatically different depending on which tee box is in play. With the back tees in play in rounds one and two last year, almost nobody in the field was able to go for the green. With the tees moved up on the weekend, more than 63% made the better decision to go for it – with the field making birdie or eagle nearly half the time. Rose Zhang’s tee shot in the third round found the green and gained 1.2 strokes on the field as she went on to a historic win.

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:](#)

The Race to the CME Globe continues at the Mizuho Americas Open as Nelly Korda (2,785 points) maintains her position in first place after her five consecutive wins thus far this season that stretched from the LPGA Drive On Championship to The Chevron Championship. Korda looks this week to continue her stellar season and add another win to her historic season.

In second place and 1,627.742 points behind Korda is 20-time LPGA Tour winner and 2024 Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions winner Lydia Ko. Ko finished as runner-up at the second event of the season, the LPGA Drive On Championship, after losing to Korda in a playoff. If Ko were to win this week, she would collect the 500-point prize in the Race to the CME Globe as well as the final point needed to in her a spot in the LPGA Tour Hall of Fame.

In third place behind Ko is two-time 2024 winner Hannah Green, who most recently defended her title at the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro. She also won the HSBC Women’s World Championship in Singapore earlier this year. In fourth is Sweden’s Maja Stark (968.771 points), who has finished solo second in her last two starts on Tour, and in fifth is Canada’s Brooke Henderson (928.850 points), who has five top-10 finishes in her eight starts on Tour this season.

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 five holes-in-one made this season, bringing the 2024 donation total to \$120,000. The most recent hole-in-ones were made during the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro by Jeongeun Lee5 (R1), Alexa Pano (R2) and Auston Kim (R2).

2024 Wins by Country (11 tournaments, 4 countries)

7 – United States of America (Nelly Korda (5), Bailey Tardy, Rose Zhang)
2 – Australia (Hannah Green (2))
1 – New Zealand (Lydia Ko)
1 – Thailand (Patty Tavatanakit)

2024 Wins by Player (11 tournaments, 6 players)

5 – 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)
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 – Bailey Tardy (Blue Bay LPGA)
1 – Patty Tavatanakit (Honda LPGA Thailand)
1 – Rose Zhang (Cognizant Founders Cup)

Average Age of 2024 Winners: 25.091

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

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