



## **LPGA “Moms on Tour”**

Becoming a parent is a life-changing experience for anyone who has a child, but for professional female athletes, becoming a mom also brings some unique challenges. The LPGA has worked to provide programs and policies to help its players pursue their goals both as an elite athlete and a mom while helping them to thrive both on and off the golf course as they travel with their young children.

### **The LPGA Child Development Center**

The LPGA pioneered the concept of providing the children of its athletes with consistent, high-quality and familiar child development services. The LPGA Child Development Center was the first traveling childcare center in the world of professional sports and has been with the LPGA Tour for more than 25 years. The program has provided childcare services to LPGA athletes and staff since its inception, and it is vital to helping the athlete moms continue their careers after having children.

Three full-time credentialed child development staff members travel to each North American event to care for the children of LPGA Tour moms. Week after week, as the LPGA Tour travels, the children receive consistent care and education because these same staff members travel with the center. The facility is also supported by temporary credentialed staff and volunteers.

### **LPGA Maternity Policy**

In 2019, the LPGA introduced an updated maternity policy aimed at providing new moms with enhanced flexibility regarding maternity leave. We regularly review the policy to ensure it remains pro-athlete and pro-mom, structured to offer moms flexibility and options during their maternity leave.

- Athletes can take maternity leave in the year of the child's birth, the year after, and in certain limited circumstances, the year prior to the child's birth.
- Moms have up to two years from the date of the baby's birth to return to playing.
- Upon return, moms retain the same status they held entering the season of maternity leave and have 12 months (equivalent to the same number of tournaments) to compete at that status.

In addition to the updated LPGA maternity policy, all five majors on the LPGA Tour schedule now include maternity clauses. These clauses exempt athletes who qualified for the previous year's championship but did not compete due to maternity.

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- Chella Choi
  - Baby Boy Cha (2024)
- Paula Creamer
  - Hilton Kennedy (2022)
- Jaye Marie Green
  - Paisley Casello (2023)
- Mi Jung Hur
  - Ji-An Wang (2022)
- Cristie Kerr
  - Mason Stevens (2013)
  - Griffin Stevens (2018)
- Jessica Korda
  - Greyson DelPrete (2024)
- Brittany Lang
  - Shay Spann (2020)
- Stacy Lewis
  - Chesnee Chadwell (2018)
- Brittany Lincicome
  - Emery Gouws (2019)
  - Sophia Gouws (2022)
- Caroline Masson
  - Benton McDede (2023)
- Sydnee Michaels
  - Isla Muncrief (2017)
- Azahara Munoz
  - Lucas Vickers (2022)
- Amy Olson
  - Carly Olson (2023)
- Inbee Park
  - Inseo Nam (2023)
- Hee Young Park
  - Mino Joe (2023)
- Jane Park
  - Grace Godfrey (2020)
- Katherine Perry-Hamski
  - John Hamski (2020)
- Sophia Popov
  - Maya Mehles (2023)
- Mel Reid
  - Kai Reid (2023)
- Rachel Rohanna
  - Gemelia Virgili (2018)
  - Greenlee Virgili (2023)
- Sarah Jane Smith
  - Theo Smith (2019)
- Jackie Stoelting
  - Baren Stoelting (2019)
  - Baylor Stoelting (2022)
- Mariajo Uribe
  - Lucca Bautista (2020)
- Lindsey Weaver-Wright
  - Crew Wright (2023)
- Cheyenne Woods
  - Cameron Hicks (2022)
  - Maya Hicks (2023)

Additionally, Brittany Altomare is expecting in 2024.