



TOTO Japan Classic

Seta Golf Course | Otsu-shi, Shiga, Japan | Oct. 31 – Nov. 3, 2024

In The Winner's Circle with Rio Takeda

November 3, 2024

Hometown/Resides: Komamoto, Japan

Birthdate: April 2, 2023; currently 21, 7 months and 1 day

LPGA Tour Eligibility: Takeda is eligible to accept immediate LPGA Tour Membership for the remainder of the season or defer Membership until the following season with her win at the TOTO Japan Classic

Turned Professional: 2022

Caddie: Yasukuni Cho

VICTORIES

LPGA TOUR: First career victory

JLPGA TOUR: Eighth career victory

RACE TO THE CME GLOBE

If Takeda accepts immediate LPGA Tour Membership, she earns 500 points in the Race to the CME Globe

MONEY

If Takeda accepts immediate LPGA Tour Membership, she will earn \$300,000 towards her official and career earnings on the LPGA Tour this year

PREVIOUS TOTO JAPAN CLASSIC RESULTS

2023 – T8

2024 LPGA TOUR PERFORMANCE

This was her fifth start on the LPGA Tour in 2024; she played in every major championship except The Chevron Championship

2024 JLPGA TOUR PERFORMANCE

Including the 2024 TOTO Japan Classic, she has eight wins and 13 additional top-10 finishes on the JLPGA Tour this season; Twenty-six cuts made in 29 starts with ¥252,201,016 earned

OF NOTE

- Takeda earns her eighth JLPGA Tour win of the 2024 season
- She earns her first LPGA Tour win in her sixth start on the LPGA Tour
- She is the 19th different player to win on Tour this season
- She is the third Japanese player to win on Tour this season following **Yuka Saso** (U.S. Women's Open) and **Ayaka Furue** (Amundi Evian Championship)
- She is the first non-member win on the LPGA Tour since **Mone Inami** won the 2023 TOTO Japan Classic
- This was her first playoff on the LPGA Tour and her first playoff on the JLPGA Tour
 - This was the sixth playoff of the 2024 LPGA Tour season and first since the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship
 - This was the 12th playoff to take place at the TOTO Japan Classic and first since 2015 when Sun-Ju Ahn defeated Angela Stanford and Ji-Hee Lee with a birdie on the first playoff hole
- She is the second consecutive Japanese player to win the TOTO Japan Classic following Inami in 2023
- It is the 11th time a player from Japan won the TOTO Japan Classic since 1980
- She is able to accept immediate LPGA Tour Membership, or defer Membership until the 2025 season
- If she accepts Membership, she would be the fourth Rolex First-Time Winner in 2024, joining **Bailey Tardy** (Blue Bay LPGA), **Linnea Strom** (ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer) and **Lauren Coughlin** (CPKC Women's Open)
- If she accepts Membership, she would be the third consecutive player to become a Rolex First-Time Winner at this event following Inami (2023) and **Gemma Dryburgh** (2022)
- This is her third season on the JLPGA Tour
- She has made five previous starts on the LPGA Tour
 - Takeda played in every major championship in 2024 except The Chevron Championship

- Wakimoto earn her first LPGA Tour win and first JLPGA Tour win
- This is her third top-10 finish of the year on the JLPGA Tour
- She earns her first LPGA Tour win in her second career start on the LPGA Tour
 - She also competed at the 2023 U.S. Women's Open and missed the cut
- She is the third wire-to-wire winner in the 2024 season, joining **Nelly Korda** (LPGA Drive On Championship) and **Hannah Green** (BMW Ladies Championship)
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- She has been a Member of the JLPGA Tour since 2018
 - Her previous best finish on the Tour is tied for fourth place at the 2019 AXA Ladies Golf Tournament in Myazaki
 - She has one professional win on the JLPGA developmental tour at the 2022 Hanasaka ladies Yanmar Golf Tournament