



This Week on the LPGA Tour TOTO Japan Classic

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

MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

(All times are local to Otsu-shi, Shiga, Japan, 13 hours ahead of Eastern Time and subject to change.)

Tuesday, Oct. 29

2:30 p.m. – Yuka Saso (Press Conference)
3:00 p.m. – Ayaka Furue (Press Conference)
Between 1-3:00 p.m. – Yuna Nishimura (kakomi)
Between 1-3:00 p.m. – Minami Katsu (kakomi)

Wednesday, Oct. 30

Following the conclusion of their pro-am – Mao Saigo (Press Conference)
Following the conclusion of their pro-am – Hinako Shibuno (Press Conference)

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Competition Format: 78 players (43 LPGA Tour Members and 35 JLPGA Tour Members), 72-hole stroke play, no cut

Aon Risk Reward Challenge Hole: No. 13, par 5

Purse: \$2 million; winner's portion is \$300,000

Whiteline Par and Yardage: 35-37 – 72; 6,616 yards
(The par and yardage are subject to change through the start of the tournament)

Course History: Seta Golf Course; created by renowned course design architect Seiichi Inoue. The course is designed with Zoysia grass on tees, fairways, approaches, collars, intermediate and primary roughs, and bent grass on the greens.

Tournament History:

2022 – *Current* – Played as the TOTO Japan Classic
2020 – 2021 – Event did not take place due to the COVID-19 pandemic
2015 – 2019 – Played as the TOTO Japan Classic
1976 – 2014 – Played as the Mizuno Classic

Past Five Champions and Runner-Ups:

2023 – Mone Inami, 266 (-22); Seon Woo Bae and Shiho Kuwaki, 267 (-21)
2022 – Gemma Dryburgh, 268 (-20); Kana Nagai, 272 (-16)
2019 – Ai Suzuki, 199 (-17); Hyo Joo Kim, 202 (-14)
2018 – Nasa Hataoka, 202 (-14); Carlota Ciganda, Momoko Ueda, Saki Nagamine, 204 (-12)
2017 – Shanshan Feng, 197 (-19); Ai Suzuki, 199 (-17)
*The 2020 and 2021 playings of the event were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Tournament Scoring Records:

18 holes – 63 (-9), shot nine times, most recently by Akie Iwai (2023, R1)
36 holes – 126, Annika Sorenstam (2003)
54 holes – 192, Annika Sorenstam (2003)
72 holes – 266, Mone Inami (2023)
*2022 was the first time the co-sanctioned tournament played as a 72-hole event

WHO IS IN THE FIELD

Past Champions of the TOTO Japan Classic (4):

Gemma Dryburgh (2022), Ai Suzuki (2021), Mi Hyang Lee (2014), Jiyai Shin (2010, 2008)

2024 LPGA Tour Winners (6 of 18):

Ayaka Furue (The Amundi Evian Championship), Moriya Jutanugarn (Portland Classic), Haeran Ryu (FM Championship), Yuka Saso (U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally), Linnea Strom (ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer), Chanettee Wannasaen (Dana Open)

2024 LPGA Tour Rookies (6 of 26):

Nataliya Guseva, Jin Hee Im, Somi Lee, Hira Naveed, Gabriela Ruffels, Mao Saigo

LPGA Tour Players Representing Japan (6):

Ayaka Furue, Minami Katsu, Yuna Nishimura, Mao Saigo, Yuka Saso, Hinako Shibuno

JLPGA Tour Players (35):

Rio Takeda, Miyu Yamashita, Akie Iwai, Sakura Koiwai, Chisato Iwai, Shiho Kuwaki, Yui Kawamoto, Shuri Sakuma, Haruka Kawasaki, Sayaka Takahashi, Ai Suzuki, Saiki Fujita, Haruka Amamoto, Amiyo Ozeki, Yuka Yasuda, Jiyai Shin, Hikaru Yoshimoto, Haruka Morita, Serena Aoki, Momoko Osato, Erika Hara, Minami Hiruta, Lala Anai, Seonwoo Bae, Shina Kanazawa, Kokona Sakurai, Kotone Hori, Karen Tsuruoka, Miyuu Abe, Mitsuki Kobayashi, Ayako Kimura, Hana Lee, Hana Wakimoto, MinYoung Lee, Sora Kamiya

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[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
[Tournament Website](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA

LPGA Tour: @LPGA, @LPGAMedia (X), @lpga_tour (Instagram, TikTok)
JLPGA Tour: @JLPGA_Official (Instagram, X)
Tournament: @TOTO_JP_CLASSIC (X)

TV/STREAMING TIMES (All times ET)

Wednesday, Oct. 30: 11:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. (Golf Channel)
Thursday, Oct. 31: 11:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. (Golf Channel)
Friday, Nov. 1: 11:30 p.m. – 2:30 a.m. (Golf Channel)
Saturday, Nov. 2: 11:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. (Golf Channel)