



ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open  
Dundonald Links | Ayrshire, Scotland | Aug.15-18, 2024

Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes  
August 13, 2024

**MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE**

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

Wednesday, May 14

Gemma Dryburgh – 10:30 a.m. BST  
Georgia Hall – 1:00 p.m. BST  
Charley Hull – 1:20 BST  
Lilia Vu – 3:00 p.m. BST  
Rose Zhang – 3:45 p.m. BST

**THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE 2024 ISPS HANDA WOMEN'S SCOTTISH OPEN**

- This is the eighth playing of the ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open since it became a co-sanctioned event with the Ladies European Tour in 2017
  - The event began as an LET event between 1986-1988 (Dalmahoy Hotel & CC, then Cawder GC), 1994 (Dalmahoy), 1995 (Dalmahoy), 2007 (The Carrick), 2008 (The Carrick), and 2010-2016 (Archerfield Links from '10-'14 and Dundonald Links from '15-'16)
  - Past winners of the LET event include **Laura Davies** (1994), **Sophie Gustafson** (2007), **Catriona Matthew** (2011, 2013) and **Trish Johnson** (2014)
- This is the fourth time the co-sanctioned event has been played at Dundonald Links, and third consecutive year the club has hosted
  - Since 2017, the event has been held at Gullane Golf Club (2018), the Renaissance Club (2019, 2020) and Dubarnie Links (2021)
  - Dundonald Links opened in 1911 and has played host to multiple other events including:
    - 2017: Aberdeen Asset Management Scottish Open
    - 2014: Boys Amateur Championship
    - 2012: Senior Opening Qualifying
    - 2008-2011: European Tour Qualifying School
- The 72-hole overall tournament scoring record belongs to the 2019 champion **Mi Jung Hur** (264), recorded at the Renaissance Club in 2019
- There are six past champions in the field:
  - Defending champion **Celine Boutier** won by two strokes to earn her third of four victories in 2023
    - She became the first player since **Ariya Jutanugarn** in 2016 to win any major championship and the tournament after
    - Boutier won her maiden major title in her home country, the Amundi Evian Championship, before winning this event last season
  - **Ayaka Furue** became a Rolex First-Time winner at this event as an LPGA Tour rookie in 2022
  - **Ryann O'Toole** won by three strokes in 2021 over **Lydia Ko** and **Atthaya Thitikul**
  - 2024 U.S. Solheim Cup Captain **Stacy Lewis** defeated three players with a birdie on the first playoff hole in 2020
  - **Ariya Jutanugarn** won by just one stroke over **Minjee Lee** in 2018
  - **Mi Hyang Lee** won the inaugural co-sanctioned ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open in 2017 by one stroke over Hur and **Karrie Webb**
- There are 36 of the 2024 Paris Olympians in the field including two of the three medalists
  - Gold medalist **Lydia Ko** representing New Zealand
    - Ko spoke to the Scottish media Tuesday morning; see below for assets
      - [Pre-Tournament Press Conference Video](#)
      - [Pre-Tournament Press Conference Transcript](#)
    - Ko completed the medal trifecta in Paris, having earned silver in 2016 and bronze in 2020, the first Olympic golfer to ever do so
    - Ko was officially inducted into the LPGA Hall of Fame after earning the Olympic gold medal; she earned the 27th point needed to be an LPGA Hall of Fame member after earning one point with her gold medal performance
    - Ko is the only female with multiple medals in Olympic golf and only athlete with multiple medals in the modern history of Olympic golf; three men earned multiple medals across the 1900 and 1904 Olympic golf competition (Chandler Egan/USA/one gold and one silver, Burt McKinnie/USA/one silver and one bronze, Frank Newton/USA/one silver and one bronze)
  - Silver medalist **Esther Henseleit** representing Germany
    - Henseleit became the first European woman to earn an Olympic medal in the golf competition in the modern era
    - She made her Olympic debut in Paris and had her fiancé, Reece Phillips, on the bag
  - Bronze medalist **Xiyu Lin** is not in the field this week but is competing at the AIG Women's Open
  - Other notable Olympians in the ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open field include:
    - **Albane Valenzuela**, who shot a 7-under 65 in her final round of play in Paris
      - Her final-round score tied the second-lowest final-round score in the modern history of women's Olympic golf
      - She finished T13, her best finish at the Olympics in her third start (21<sup>st</sup>/2016 and T18/2020)
    - Boutier finished as the top Frenchwoman at T22
- There are four sponsor invites in the field
  - Two Scotland natives in **Kylie Henry** and **Laura Beveridge**
    - Henry plays on the LET and has made 261 starts with two wins and 20 top-10 finishes
    - Beveridge has appeared in 114 tournaments with six top-10 finishes
  - **Erika Hara** competes on the JLPGA and has amassed five career wins
  - Lewis won this event in 2020, her most recent win on the LPGA Tour
    - The American has 13 career victories with 115 additional official top-10 finishes

**Tournament Scoring Records from Dundonald Links:**

18 holes – 62, Ayaka Furue (R4, 2022)  
36 holes – 130, Lydia Ko (2022)  
54 holes – 201, Lydia Ko and Celine Boutier (2022)  
72 holes – 267, Ayaka Furue (2022)

**Tournament Scoring Records Overall\***

18 holes – 62, Tiffany Joh (R1/2018) at Gullane Golf Club; Mi Jung Hur (R2/2019) at The Renaissance Club; Ayaka Furue (R4/2022) at Dundonald Links  
36 holes – 128, Mi Jung Hur (2019) at The Renaissance Club  
54 holes – 197, Moriya Jutanugarn (2019) at The Renaissance Club  
72 holes – 264, Mi Jung Hur (2019) at The Renaissance Club

\*Scoring records are since the event became co-sanctioned in 2017

**2024 STATISTICAL LEADERS**

Official Money: Nelly Korda, \$3,006,871  
Scoring Average: Ayaka Furue, 69.887  
Birdies: Chanettee Wannasaen, 241  
Eagles: Alison Lee, 8  
Hole-in-Ones: 16 LPGA Tour players, 1  
Greens in Regulation: Haeran Ryu, 75.1%  
Average Driving Distance: Polly Mack, 284.150 yards

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[LPGA Statistical Database](#): Request access to LPGA Tour data from 1980 to present  
[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)  
**Tournament:** @Womens\_Scottish (X, Instagram), #TheTrueTest

**TV/STREAMING TIMES** (All times EST)

**Thursday, August 15:** 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Peacock); 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Golf Channel)  
**Friday, August 16:** 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Peacock); 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Golf Channel)  
**Saturday, August 17:** 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Golf Channel/Peacock)  
**Sunday, August 18:** 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (Golf Channel/Peacock)

## 2024 Award Standings

Rolex Player of the Year		
1	Nelly Korda	214 points
2	Ayaka Furue	115 points
3	Hannah Green	72 points

Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year		
1	Mao Saigo	513 points
2	Gabriela Ruffels	422 points
3	Jin Hee Im	418 points

Rolex ANNIKA Major Award		
1	Ayaka Furue	70 points
T2	Yuka Saso	60 points
T2	Amy Yang	60 points
T2	Nelly Korda	60 points

#AonRiskReward Challenge		
1	Atthaya Thitikul	-0.938
2	Haeran Ryu	-0.929
T3	Kaitlin Milligan	-0.917
T3	Natthakritta Vongtaveelap	-0.917

Vare Trophy (Scoring Average)		
1	Ayaka Furue	69.887
2	Nelly Korda	69.976
3	Lilia Vu	70.175

Race to the CME Globe Points		
1	Nelly Korda	3,318.944 points
2	Ayaka Furue	2,081.702 points
3	Hannah Green	1,602.871 points

[Aon Risk Reward Challenge](#): No. 14, par 5

An accurate tee shot at the 14th at Dundonald Links is critical to subsequent success the rest of the hole. In 2023, players who missed the fairway here averaged half-a-stroke higher than those who hit it. Going for this green in two is virtually impossible without finding the fairway first: over the last two years, only 3% of players have hit the green in two after missing the 14th fairway. Last year, **Celine Boutier** found this fairway three times, including on Sunday, when her birdie gained 0.87 strokes on the field.

Thailand's **Atthaya Thitikul** has stayed in first place with a -0.938 average to par. She has held that spot since the conclusion of the CPKC Women's Open. Republic of Korea's **Haeran Ryu** also holds her position of second with a -0.929 average. Two players find themselves tied for third, 2024 Tour rookie **Kaitlin Milligan** and 2023 rookie **Natthakritta Vongtaveelap** both have -0.917 averages to par. America's **Lilia Vu** is in fifth place and rounds out the top-five with a -0.900 average to par. Vu is the only player in the top-five in the ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open field this week.

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 travels across the pond to the ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open for the first of a two-week stretch. **Nelly Korda** remains atop the leaderboard with 3,318.944 points. Korda will return to Tour action at the AIG Women's Open after her T22 finish at the 2024 Paris Olympics. Right behind her is Japan's **Ayaka Furue** (2,081.702 points) who will tee it up at Dundonald Links this week, the site of her first LPGA Tour win in 2022. Australia's **Hannah Green** (1,602.817) is in third and is also taking a post-Olympics break before teeing it up at the Old Course in St. Andrews. Republic of Korea's **Haeran Ryu** (1,520.617) is in fourth thanks to her eight top-10 finishes this season, including three-straight top-five finishes in her last three starts. CPKC Women's Open winner **Lauren Coughlin** rounds out the top five with 1,468.163 points a few weeks removed from becoming a Rolex First-Time Winner at the CPKC Women's Open.

Following the LPGA Tour's last event, the Portland Classic:

- **Moriya Jutanugarn** landed inside the top 60 for the first time since June 9 with her win in Portland, jumping from No. 72 to No. 22 on the Points List
- **Narin An's** T2 result put her inside the top 20 to No. 15 (from No. 30)
- **Nataliya Guseva**, who entered Portland at No. 62, also climbed inside the top 60 with her T2 finish (No. 36)
- **Angel Yin** reached No. 63 upon her tie for second place, after starting the week at No. 101

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. At the Portland Classic, three holes-in-one were made, bringing the 2024 donation total to \$380,000 with 19 total member and non-member aces being recorded throughout the season so far. The Tour is just one hole-in-one away from matching last year's total of \$400,000 (20 aces).

## 2024 Wins by Country (21 tournaments, 8 countries)

10 – United States of America (Nelly Korda (6), Bailey Tardy, Lilia Vu, Rose Zhang, Lauren Coughlin)  
4 – Thailand (Patty Tavatanakit, Atthaya Thitikul, Chanettee Wannasaen, Moriya Jutanugarn)  
2 – Australia (Hannah Green (2))  
2 – Japan (Yuka Saso, Ayaka Furue)  
1 – New Zealand (Lydia Ko)  
1 – People's Republic of China (Ruoning Yin)  
1 – Republic of Korea (Amy Yang)  
1 – Sweden (Linnea Strom)

## 2024 Wins by Player (21 tournaments, 16 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 – Lauren Coughlin (CPKC Womens Open)  
1 – Ayaka Furue (The Amundi Evian Championship)  
1 – Moriya Jutanugarn (Portland Classic)  
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 – Atthaya Thitikul (Dow Championship)  
1 – Lilia Vu (Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give)  
1 – Chanettee Wannasaen (Dana Open)  
1 – Amy Yang (KPMG Women's PGA Championship)  
1 – Ruoning Yin (Dow Championship)

1 – Rose Zhang (Cognizant Founders Cup)

**Average Age of 2024 Winners:** 24.850

Youngest Winner: Chanettee Wannasaen (20 years, 3 months, 5 days)

Oldest Winner: Amy Yang (34 years, 10 months, 26 days)