



BMW LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP

BMW Ladies Championship

Pine Beach Golf Links | Haenam-gun, Jeollanam-do, Republic of Korea | Oct. 16-19, 2025

Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes

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MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE: Wed., Oct. 15 at 1 p.m. (All times are local, 13 hours ahead of Eastern Time)
Defending champion **Hannah Green**, rookie **Ina Yoon** and 2025 winners **Miyu Yamashita**, **Haeran Ryu**, **Hyo Joo Kim** and **A Lim Kim**

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NOTABLE PLAYERS

- [Rolex Rankings No. 4 Minjee Lee](#)
 - Sixth appearance at the BMW Ladies Championship
 - Won the 2023 edition at Seowon Valley Country Club
 - 2025: 18 cuts made in 19 starts with seven top-10 finishes and a major championship victory
 - Finished 2nd twice – CPKC Women's Open and Blue Bay LPGA
 - Won the season's third major championship, KPMG Women's PGA Championship
 - Leads the Tour in Official Money this season at \$3,776,108
 - Currently 2nd in Rolex Player of the Year points and Race to the CME Globe points
 - Career: 11 wins, 81 top 10s, \$18.5 million in official career earnings
 - 2022 Rolex ANNIKA Major Award winner

- Represented Australia in the 2016 Rio Olympics (T7), 2020 Tokyo Olympics (T29), 2024 Paris Olympics (T22) and the 2014, 2016, 2018, 2023 and 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crowns
- Competed in the 2014 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown as an amateur, the only amateur in competition history

- **Rolex Rankings No. 8 Hyo Joo Kim**

- Sixth appearance at the BMW Ladies Championship
 - Is the top-ranked player from the Republic of Korea in the field this week (No. 8 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings)
 - Best finish is T3 in 2022
 - One of 14 players to participate in every edition of the event
- 2025: 13 cuts made in 16 starts with six top-10 finishes and a win
 - Won the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
 - Has three runner-up finishes at The Chevron Championship, ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open and LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei
 - Set to play in next week's Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
- Career: Seven wins, 62 top 10s, \$11.2 million in official career earnings
 - Represented the Republic of Korea in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics (T15), 2024 Paris Olympics (T25) and the 2023 and 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crowns
 - Won the 2014 Amundi Evian Championship as a non-Member and deferred Membership to 2015
- Has 14 wins on the KLPGA Tour

- **Defending champion Hannah Green**

- Sixth appearance at the BMW Ladies Championship
 - Won last year's edition at Seowon Valley Country Club
 - One of three victories in 2024
 - Has one additional top-10 in the event in 2022
 - Successfully defending a title once previously, at the 2024 JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
- 2025: 10 cuts made in 16 starts with three top-10 finishes
 - Finished in the top-10 in three of her first five starts of the season
 - Missed the cut in four consecutive events from The Amundi Evian Championship to the CPKC Women's Open
 - Currently ranked No. 54 in the Race to the CME Globe; the top 60 players participate in the CME Group Tour Championship
- Career: Six wins, 31 top 10s, \$7.2 million in official career earnings
 - Represented Australia in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics (T5), 2024 Paris Olympics (T4) and the 2023 and 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crowns

NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO

- This is the sixth playing of the BMW Ladies Championship

- Due to COVID-19, the event did not take place from 2020
- There are 24 players making their first start at the BMW Ladies Championship this week
- There are 22 players from the Republic of Korea in the field
 - Players within Rolex Women's World Rankings Top-25: **Hyo Joo Kim, Haeran Ryu, Hye-Jin Choi**
 - 2025 LPGA Tour winners: **Somi Lee, Jin Hee Im, A Lim Kim**
 - Rookie **Ina Yoon**
 - LPGA Tour veterans: **Haeji Kang, Jin Young Ko, Sei Young Kim, Mi Hyang Lee, Jenny Shin, Ilhee Lee**
 - Sponsor invites: **Narin An, Jeongeun Lee5, Kumkang Park, In Gee Chun, Jeonguen Lee6, Sung Hyun Park, Chella Choi, Soomin Oh (a), Eun-Hee Ji**

2025 HANWHA LIFEPLUS INTERNATIONAL CROWN UPDATE

- The 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown takes place next week in Seoul
- There are 21 players in the BMW Ladies Championship field playing next week:
 - United States: **Lauren Coughlin, Lilia Vu, Yealimi Noh**
 - Japan: **Miyu Yamashita, Rio Takeda**
 - Republic of Korea: **Hyo Joo Kim, Haeran Ryu, Jin Young Ko, Hye-Jin Choi**
 - Australia: **Minjee Lee, Hannah Green, Grace Kim, Steph Kyriacou**
 - Thailand: **Chanettee Wannasaen**
 - Sweden: **Maja Stark, Madelene Sagstrom, Ingrid Lindblad, Linn Grant**
 - World: **Brooke Henderson**
 - People's Republic of China: **Weiwei Zhang, Yan Liu**

SEASON-LONG INITIATIVES

Race to CME Globe

The Race to the CME Globe is a season-long points competition with LPGA Tour Members accumulating points in every official LPGA Tour 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, highlighted by a \$4 million winner's check, which is the largest winner's prize in the history of women's golf.

- 1st: **Jeeno Thitikul** extends her lead of the Race to the CME Globe with her win at the Buick LPGA Shanghai
 - Has 3,439.950 points
 - Wins at the Mizuho Americas Open and Buick LPGA Shanghai
- 2nd: **Minjee Lee** remains in second with 2,570.295 points
 - Won the 2025 KPMG Women's PGA Championship
 - Seven top-10 finishes this season
- 3rd: **Miyu Yamashita** is in third with 2,026.861 points
 - Won the AIG Women's Open
 - Ten top-10 finishes this season
- Additional moves following the Buick LPGA Shanghai:

- **Minami Katsu** moved up 11 spots from No. 27 to 16
- **Arpichaya Yubol** moved up 17 spots from No. 96 to 79

Aon Risk Reward Challenge: No. 17, par 5 at Pine Beach Golf Links

The Aon Risk Reward Challenge is a unique, season-long competition on 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 Aon Risk Reward Challenge hole, with the winners having the best average score to par at the end of the regular season. The winner will take home the Aon trophy and a \$1 Million prize.

- **Jeeno Thitikul** is in the lead at -0.938 average to par through 16 events played
- The 17th at Pine Beach Golf Links is a 536-yard par five with a winding, narrow fairway that gradually opens up
 - Overall, players are expected to go for this green in two a little over 30% of the time. That decision will be significantly impacted by accuracy off the tee: players who find the fairway are twice as likely to go for this green with their second shot than those who miss in the rough.
- More information on No. 17 from this week's fact sheet is available [here](#)

CME Group Cares Challenge

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 2025, 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 17 hole-in-ones so far in the 2025 season
 - There were two recorded last week by **Wei-Ling Hsu** and **Menghan Li (a)**
- The total for 2025 is now \$340,000 donated toward St. Jude Children's Research Hospital