

**The Amundi Evian Championship**

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Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes

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MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

(Zoom link available upon request; all times are local and six hours ahead of Eastern Time)

Wednesday, July 9

1 p.m. – **Lottie Woad**: Amateur and KPMG Women's Irish Open winner
2 p.m. – **Nelly Korda**: Rolex Rankings No. 1
2:15 p.m. – **Lydia Ko**: Rolex Rankings No. 2 and former champion
2:30 p.m. – **Celine Boutier**: Frenchwoman, former champion
2:45 p.m. – **Minjee Lee**: 2025 KPMG Women's PGA Championship winner

3 p.m. – **Maja Stark** – 2025 U.S. Women's Open champion

3:30 p.m. – **Ayaka Furue**: Defending champion

NOTABLE PLAYERS

- [Rolex Rankings No. 1 Nelly Korda](#)
 - Eighth start at The Amundi Evian Championship, two top-10 finishes, six made cuts
 - 2024 – T26; 2023 – T9; 2022 – T8; 2021 – T19; 2019 – T25; 2018 – T61; 2017 – CUT
 - 2025: 10 cuts made in 10 starts with four top-10 finishes
 - Three top-20 finishes in past three major championships of 2025
 - The Chevron Championship – T14
 - U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally – T2
 - KPMG Women's PGA Championship – T19
 - Has yet to finish outside of the top-30 this season
 - Career: 15 wins, two major championship victories, 70 top 10s, \$15.1 million in career earnings
 - In 2024, earned seven wins, including five in consecutive starts
 - Became the first player since 2011 to win seven times in a single season
 - Became the third player in LPGA Tour history to have a season with six or more wins, a team victory in the Solheim Cup and earn Player of the Year honors, alongside Beth Daniel (1990) and Annika Sorenstam (2003)
 - 2024 Rolex Player of the Year and Rolex ANNIKA Major Award winner
 - Two-time major champion (2024 The Chevron Championship, 2021 KPMG Women's PGA Championship)
 - Two-time Olympian for the United States, 2020 Gold Medal winner in Tokyo
 - Four-time Solheim Cup member for the U.S. Team
 - Member of the United States at the 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown team
- [Rolex Rankings No. 2 Jeeno Thitikul](#)
 - Sixth start at The Amundi Evian Championship, three top-10 finishes, four made cuts
 - 2024 – CUT; 2023 – T9; 2022 – T8; 2021 – 5th; 2017 – T64
 - 2025: 11 cuts made in 12 starts, one win and six additional top-10 finishes
 - Finished T27 in her title defense at the Dow Championship with partner Ruoning Yin
 - Won the Mizuho Americas Open in May
 - Her three previous finishes at 2025 major championships:
 - The Chevron Championship – T24
 - U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally – CUT
 - KPMG Women's PGA Championship – T4
 - Currently No. 1 in the Race to the CME Globe
 - Career: Five wins, 48 top 10s, \$11.5 million in career earnings
 - Won twice in 2024, including the season-ending CME Group Tour Championship
 - Broke the single-season earnings record set by Lorena Ochoa in 2007
 - Won twice in 2022, earning Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year honors
 - Winner of the Vare Trophy in 2023 with a season scoring average of 69.53
 - Four wins on the Ladies European Tour
 - Represented Thailand in the 2024 Olympics in Paris (T18)
 - Member of the Thailand Team that won the 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown

- Rolex Rankings No. 17 Celine Boutier

- Ninth start at The Amundi Evian Championship, one win, five cuts made
 - 2024 – T39; 2023 – 1st; 2022 – CUT; 2021 – T29; 2019 – T67; 2018 – T69; 2015 – CUT; 2014 – T29
 - The winningest French player on the LPGA and PGA Tours
- 2025: 12 cuts made in 14 starts, four additional top-10 finishes
 - Best finish was runner-up at the Mizuho Americas Open
 - Missed the cut in two of the last three major championships this season:
 - The Chevron Championship – CUT
 - U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally – T45
 - KPMG Women's PGA Championship – CUT
- Career: Six wins, one major championship victory, 43 top-10 finishes, \$8.4 million in career earnings
 - Won four times in 2023, including The Amundi Evian Championship
 - Four-time European Solheim Cup Team Member (2019, 2021, 2023, 2024)
 - Two-time Olympian representing France (2020 Tokyo, T34; 2024 Paris, T18)

- Defending Champion and Rolex Rankings No. 16 Ayaka Furue

- Fifth start at The Amundi Evian Championship, one win, two top-10 finishes, four cuts made
 - 2024 – WIN; 2023 – T36; 2022 – T19; 2021 – 4th
 - Earned her first major championship victory at The Amundi Evian Championship in 2024
 - Became the fourth Japanese player to ever win a major championship on the LPGA Tour
- 2025: 13 cuts made in 16 starts, three top-10 finishes
 - Missed the cut in two of three past major championships in 2025:
 - The Chevron Championship – T30
 - U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally – CUT
 - KPMG Women's PGA Championship – CUT
 - Best finish in 2025 is T2 at HSBC Women's World Championship
- Career: Two wins, one major championship victory, 27 top-10 finishes, \$6.1 million in career earnings
 - 2024 Vare Trophy winner
 - Competed on the Japan Team at the 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
 - Eight-time winner on the JLPGA

NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO

- This is the 31st anniversary and 30th playing of the Amundi Evian Championship since its inception in 1994
 - It was played as the Evian Masters from 1994 to 2012 (1994-1999 as an LET event, 2000-2012 as a co-sanctioned LPGA/LET event)
 - The event was elevated to major distinction in 2013; this is the 12th edition of the major, which was not played in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- **Ayaka Furue** is the defending champion
 - She earns her second career victory on Tour, and first since the 2022 Women's Scottish Open
 - She was the first Japanese winner of the Amundi Evian Championship since the event's major elevation

- Before the event was a major, there were two prior Japanese winners: Hiromi Kobayashi (1997) and Ai Miyazato (2009, 2011)
- She was the sixth player to make The Amundi Evian Championship her maiden major victory, joining Hyo Joo Kim (2014), Lydia Ko (2015), Angela Stanford (2018), Minjee Lee (2021) and Celine Boutier (2023)
- She was the 11th different winner of the major championship
- She was the fourth different golfer from Japan to win any women's major championship, joining **Chako Higuchi** (1977 KPMG Women's PGA Championship), **Hinako Shibuno** (2019 AIG Women's Open) and **Yuka Saso** (2024 U.S. Women's Open)
- The 132-player field includes:
 - 234 total LPGA Tour wins across 62 players
 - Winningest player is **Lydia Ko** with 23 victories, followed by **Jin Young Ko** and **Nelly Korda** with 15 wins each
 - 39 total major wins across 26 players
 - **In Gee Chun**, **Lydia Ko**, **Minjee Lee** and **Anna Nordqvist** each have three titles
 - Nine Amundi Evian Championship wins
 - No players has more than one Evian title
 - 27 Solheim Cup Team members
 - 29 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown Team members
 - 43 Olympians
 - 2016 – **Lydia Ko** (silver)
 - 2020 – **Nelly Korda** (gold), **Lydia Ko** (bronze)
 - 2024 – **Lydia Ko** (gold), **Esther Henseleit** (silver)
 - Average age is 26.72
 - Youngest player is amateur **Gianna Clemente** (17); youngest professional player is **Helen Briem** (19)
 - Oldest players are **Anna Nordqvist** (38) and **Ryann O'Toole** (38)
 - 26 players making Amundi Evian Championship debuts
 - Two #LPGAMoms
 - **Azahara Munoz** and **Sophia Popov**

KPMG PERFORMANCE INSIGHT OF THE WEEK

- Over the last two editions of the Amundi Evian Championship, players who finished in the top five got more than 41% of their strokes gained total on approach shots; during that same span, across the other four major championships in women's golf, players gained 28.8% of their strokes with approach play

Percentage of Strokes Gained Total Top Five Finishers in Majors Since 2023		
	Amundi Evian	Other Majors
Off the Tee	9.8%	17.6%
Approach	41.7%	28.8%
Around the Green	4.9%	7.7%
Putting	43.6%	45.9%

- Each of the last 13 LPGA major winners have been in the top 40 of the Rolex Rankings; that's tied for the second longest streak since the inception of the Rankings system in 2006

Major Winners in Rolex Rankings Top 40 Longest Streaks – Rankings Began in 2006	
2010 Chevron to 2014 U.S. Women's Open	19
2023 Chevron to 2025 KPMG Women's PGA	13
2014 KPMG Women's PGA to 2017 Chevron	13

- Hye Jin Choi has the best cumulative score to par in the majors so far in 2025, playing her 12 rounds in 5-under-par; four other players with eight or more rounds are at -3 or better

Best Cumulative Score to Par LPGA Majors This Season		
Hye Jin Choi	-5	12 rounds
Minjee Lee	-4	12 rounds
Ruoning Yin	-4	12 rounds
Angel Yin	-3	12 rounds
Jin Young Ko	-3	Nine rounds
Mao Saigo	-2	10 rounds

** Minimum eight rounds played*

2025 HANWHA LIFEPLUS INTERNATIONAL CROWN UPDATE

- The 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown field will comprise teams from the United States, the Republic of Korea, Japan, Thailand, Sweden, Australia and the People's Republic of China
 - Countries were determined by the combined Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings of the top four players from each country as of the Rankings published after the KPMG Women's PGA Championship
- The final field of 32 players and the country seeding will be determined via the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings published after the conclusion of the 2025 AIG Women's Open
- One World Team will also be included and will be determined at the Player deadline following the AIG Women's Open
- Notable close races heading into the Amundi Evian Championship
 - Yealimi Noh (20) trails Lauren Coughlin (15) by five rankings spots for the fourth berth on the U.S. Team
 - Amy Yang (26) trails Hye-Jin Choi (24) by two rankings spots for the fourth berth on the Korea Team
 - Charley Hull (19) trails Celine Boutier (17) by two rankings spots for the European berth on the World Team; Esther Henseleit (21) is two rankings spots further behind, with Carlota Ciganda (23) two rankings spots behind Henseleit

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** continues her lead of the Race to the CME Globe with 1,757.750 points
 - Won the Mizuho Americas Open
 - Six additional top-10 finishes this season
- 2nd: **Minjee Lee** moved into second after her major championship victory
 - Won the 2025 KPMG Women's PGA Championship
 - Has three additional top-10 finishes this season
- 3rd: **Rio Takeda** is in third
 - Won the 2025 Blue Bay LPGA
 - Five additional top-10 finishes this season
- Additional moves following the Dow Championship:
 - **Somi Lee** jumped 15 spots to No. 6 following her win
 - **Jin Hee Im** jumped 20 spots to No. 8 following her win
 - **Megan Khang** jumped 13 spots to No. 30 following her runner-up finish
 - **Lexi Thompson** jumped 13 spots to No. 30 following her runner-up finish

Aon Risk Reward Challenge: No. 18, par 5 at Evian Resort Golf Club

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.

- **Nasa Hataoka** took the lead in the Aon Risk Reward Challenge with a -1.000 score to par
- **Jennifer Kupcho** is in second place with -0.909 to par
- **Nelly Korda** is in third with -0.889 to par
- No. 18: A year ago, the field at the Amundi Evian Championship played the 18th hole in a combined 130 strokes under par
 - An accurate tee shot is essential on this par-5 in order to keep up with the competition:
 - In 2024, the penalty for missing the fairway on this hole was nearly half-a-stroke (+0.46)
 - Players who hit an accurate tee shot were able to make the decision to go for the green in two more than two-thirds of the time
 - That number crumbled to 14.2% following an errant drive
- More information on No. 18 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 nine hole-in-ones so far in the 2025 season
 - The last ace on Tour was Karis Davidson at the 2025 Dow Championship
- The total for 2025 is now \$180,000 donated toward St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- In 2024: 29 aces counted towards the challenge, \$580,000 raised