



CHAMPIONSHIP

FM 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 subject to change)

Wednesday, August 27

Approx. 11 a.m. (following pro-am) – U.S. Amateur Champion and sponsor invite **Megha Ganne**

Approx. 11:30 a.m. (following pro-am) – FM Ambassador and Massachusetts native **Megan Khang**

Approx. 2:30 p.m. (following pro-am) – CPKC Women's Open Champion **Brooke Henderson**

Approx 3 p.m. (following pro-am) – Rolex Rankings No. 1 **Jeeno Thitikul**

NOTABLE PLAYERS

- [Rolex Rankings No. 1 Jeeno Thitikul](#)
 - Thitikul is making her second appearance at the FM Championship, finished T4 in 2024
 - 2025: 14 cuts made in 15 starts with nine top-10 finishes and a win
 - Finished T7 at the CPKC Women's Open in her last start
 - Her best finish in 2025 was a win at the Mizuho Americas Open in May

- Finished second at the 2025 Amundi Evian Championship for her best finish in a major
- Career: Five wins, 50 top 10s, \$12.4 million in official career earnings
 - In 2024, earned two wins and recorded 12 top 10s in 17 starts
 - Won the Dow Championship and the CME Group Tour Championship
 - Won the 2024 Aon Risk Reward Challenge
 - Broke Lorena Ochoa's single-season earnings record with a season total of \$6,059,309
 - Named the 2022 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year
 - Recipient of the 2023 Vare Trophy
 - Member of the 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown team and represented Thailand at the 2024 Paris Olympics
 - Two-time winner of the World Girls Junior individual competition (2018 and 2019), Canada's premier amateur world championship
- According to the KPMG Performance Insights, World No. 1 Thitikul has a big handful of number one statistical rankings as well:

Jeeno Thitikul LPGA Tour 1st Place Ranks This Season	
Scoring Average	69.47
Strokes Gained Total	2.68
Top 10 Finishes	9
% of Rounds in 60s	55.1%
Bridie to Bogey Ratio	2.09
Putts per GIR	1.72
Made of 15+ Feet	64 (T1)

- **Rolex Rankings No. 2 Nelly Korda**

- Korda is making her first appearance at the FM Championship
- 2025: 14 cuts made in 14 starts with six top-10 finishes
 - Finished T10 at the CPKC Women's Open last week
 - Her best finish of the season is runner-up at the U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally and the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
 - Has not missed a cut this season
 - Korda's six top-ten finishes are tied for most of any player without a win this season
- Career: 15 wins, two major championship victories, 72 top 10s, \$15.3 million in official 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 U.S. Solheim Cup Team Member
- Member of the U.S. Team at the 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
- According to KPMG Performance Insights, over the last four LPGA seasons, Korda has gained at least a full stroke off the tee at a rate of 52.1%. Among players with 100 or more rounds in that span, Korda is the only player to gain at least a stroke with her performance off of the tee 50% of the time or more.

- **Rolex Rankings No. 10 and defending champion Haeran Ryu**

- Ryu is making her second appearance at the FM Championship
- 2025: 14 cuts made in 17 starts with three top-10 finishes
 - Finished T45 at the CPKC Women's Open in her last tournament start
 - Won the 2025 Black Desert Championship presented Greater Zion for her best finish of the season
- Career: Three wins, 22 top-10s, \$5.5 million in official career earnings
 - Won the 2025 Black Desert Championship presented by Greater Zion, the 2024 FM Championship and the 2023 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G
 - Recorded the most top-10 finishes on Tour in 2023 (13 top-10s)
 - Named the Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year in 2023
- According to KPMG Performance Insights, Ryu averaged +1.40 strokes gained putting per round during her victory at this event last season, the second most in a single event in her LPGA Tour career:

Haeran Ryu Most SG Putting per Round LPGA Tour Career		
	SG Putting	Finish
2023 Founders Cup	+1.75	4th
2024 FM Championship	+1.40	Won
2023 Walmart NW Arkansas	+1.35	Won
2024 Evian Championship	+1.30	5th

- **Rolex Rankings No. 30 and FM Ambassador Megan Khang**

- Khang is making her second appearance at the FM Championship
 - Finished T35 in 2024
- 2025: 13 cuts made in 15 starts with five top-10 finishes
 - Finished T7 at the CPKC Women's Open in her last tournament start
 - Earned her highest finish of the year at the Dow Championship, where her and playing partner **Lexi Thompson** finished runner-up after a playoff
- Career: One win, 47 top-10s, \$7.5 million in official career earnings
 - Won the 2023 CPKC Women's Open
 - Represented the U.S. team in the 2019, 2021, 2023 and 2024 Solheim Cup

- **2025 U.S. Women's Amateur Champion Megha Ganne**

- Ganne received a sponsor invite to the FM Championship following her win at the 2025 U.S. Women's Amateur
- Plays collegiately at Stanford University, 2024 NCAA Team Champion and 2023 Pac-12 Freshman of the Year

NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO

- This is the second playing of the FM Championship
 - **Haeran Ryu** won the inaugural playing, besting **Jin Young Ko** in a playoff
- There are two sponsor invites in the field including:
 - 2025 U.S. Women's Amateur Champion **Megha Ganne**
 - Rolex Girls Junior Champion **Amelie Zalsman**

KPMG PERFORMANCE INSIGHTS OF THE WEEK

Last season at the FM Championship, Haeran Ryu gained an incredible +10.16 strokes on the field during her second round 62, the most by any player during a single round on the LPGA Tour in 2024:

Most Strokes Gained in a Single Round LPGA Tour – Last Season			
Haeran Ryu	FM Championship	Round 2	+10.16
Linnea Strom	ShopRite LPGA Classic	Round 3	+10.15
Mao Saigo	CPKC Women's Open	Round 3	+9.66
Auston Kim	T-Mobile Match Play	Round 2	+9.08
Carlota Ciganda	T-Mobile Match Play	Round 2	+9.08

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 seedings were determined via the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings published after the conclusion of the 2025 AIG Women's Open
 - The United States secured the top seed with 42 points
- One World Team will be included for the first time this year and was determined at the Player deadline following the AIG Women's Open
 - Brooke M. Henderson, **Charley Hull**, **Wei-Lin Hsu** and **Lydia Ko** will make up the World Team
- See here for the full release: [United States, Japan Secure Top Seeds for 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown](#)

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 2,299.950 points
 - Won the Mizuho Americas Open
 - Nine additional top-10 finishes this season
 - Finished runner-up at The Amundi Evian Championship
- 2nd: **Minjee Lee** remains in second with 2,245.295 points
 - Won the 2025 KPMG Women’s PGA Championship
 - Has six additional top-10 finishes this season, including a solo second at the CPKC Women’s Open in her last appearance
- 3rd: **Rio Takeda** remains in third with 1,743.118
 - Won the 2025 Blue Bay LPGA
 - Seven additional top-10 finishes this season
 - Finished T4 at the AIG Women’s Open
- Additional moves following the CPKC Women’s Open:
 - **Akie Iwai** moved up 4 spots into the top 10 (No. 10) due to her solo third finish at the CPKC Women’s Open
 - **Lydia Ko** jumped 8 spots to No. 16 following her T5 finish at the CPKC Women’s Open
 - **Brooke M. Henderson** rose 27 spots to No. 26 following her win at the CPKC Women’s Open

Aon Risk Reward Challenge: No. 12, par 5 at TPC Boston

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.

- **Perrine Delacour** regained first place in the Aon Risk Reward Challenge with a -0.938 score to par
- **Nelly Korda** is in tied for second with -0.885 score to par
- **Nasa Hataoka** fell to a tie for second with a -0.885 score to par
- **Jeeno Thitikul** rose to a tie for second with a -0.885 score to par
- No. 12: The 12th hole at TPC Boston is a slight dogleg left that provides a scoring opportunity where players will have to take elevation changes into consideration. Overall, players who find the fairway with their drive are likely to go for the green 57% of the time, while only 32% of players are expected to go for the green from the rough.
 - A missed fairway on this hole will cost players about one quarter of a stroke.
 - With the approach shot playing downhill, players will consider going for the green or laying-up based on their position off the tee.
 - In 2024, the average score on No. 12 was 4.63.
- More information on No. 12 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 14 hole-in-ones so far in the 2025 season
 - No aces were recorded at the CPKC Women's Open
 - Two aces were recorded at The Standard Portland Classic
 - **Haeran Ryu** aced the 16th hole during R3
 - **Caroline Masson** made a hole-in-one during R1 on hole 2
- The total for 2025 is now \$280,000 donated toward St. Jude Children's Research Hospital