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2025 Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass

Whirlwind Golf Club, Cattail Course | Chandler, Ariz. | March 27-30, 2025

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MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

(Zoom link available upon request; all times are local to Phoenix, Ariz., and subject to change)

Tuesday, March 25

12:30 p.m. – **Gabby Barker**, sponsor exemption and first female Native American professional golfer
1 p.m. – **Maria Fassi**, sponsor exemption

Wednesday, March 26

(Each player will be coming in around their pro-am time. Pro-am times are posted on the LPGA's Online Media Center)

Approx. 10:30 a.m. – **Anna Nordqvist**, Phoenix-area resident, Arizona State University alumni and 2026 European Solheim Cup Team Captain

10:45 a.m. – **Nelly Korda**, defending champion and Rolex Rankings No. 1

Approx. 11:30 a.m. – **Rose Zhang**, making her first LPGA Tour start since January after wrapping her winter quarter at Stanford University

TBD – **Sarah Schmelzel**, life-long Phoenix-area resident, LPGA*USGA Girls Golf Ambassador and 2024 U.S. Solheim Cup Team member

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Competition Format: 144 player field, 72-hole stroke-play, cut to top 65 and ties after 36 holes

Purse: \$2.25 million; winner's prize is \$337,500

Whiteline Par and Yardage: 36-36 – 72, 6,661 yards

(Par and yardage are subject to change through the start of the tournament)

Course Information: [Whirlwind Golf Club](#), Cattail Course

Designer: Gary Panks

Opened: 2000

Past Professional Events: Gila River Golf Classic (Korn Ferry Tour event): 2001-2005

Tournament History:

Edition: Second

2025: Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass

2024: Ford Championship presented by KCC

Past Champion and Runner-Up:

2024 – Nelly Korda, 268 (-20); Hira Naveed, 270 (-18)

Tournament Scoring Records (Overall):

18 holes: 61, Hannah Green (R2, 2024)*

36 holes: 130, Hannah Green (2024)*

54 holes: 201, Carlota Ciganda (2024), Hyo Joo Kim (2024), Sarah Schmelzel (2024)*

72 holes: 268, Nelly Korda (2024)*

* The 2024 Ford Championship took place at Seville Golf and Country Club, and all current tournament scoring records are from the previous edition.

WHO'S IN THE FIELD:**Past Champions (1 of 1):**

Nelly Korda (2024)

2025 LPGA Tour Winners (5 of 5):

A Lim Kim (Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions), **Lydia Ko** (HSBC Women's World Championship), **Yealimi Noh** (Founders Cup presented by U.S. Virgin Islands), **Rio Takeda** (Blue Bay LPGA), **Angel Yin** (Honda LPGA Thailand)

Top-20 Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings (19 of 20):

Nelly Korda (No. 1), **Jeenoo Thitikul** (2), **Lydia Ko** (3), **Ruoning Yin** (4), **Hannah Green** (5), **Lilia Vu** (6), **Ayaka Furue** (7), **Jin Young Ko** (8), **Haeran Ryu** (9), **Charley Hull** (10), **Angel Yin** (11), **Celine Boutier** (12), **Amy Yang** (13), **Miyu Yamashita** (14), **Rio Takeda** (15), **Lauren Coughlin** (16), **Rose Zhang** (17), **Yuka Saso** (19), **Megan Khang** (20)

2025 LPGA Tour Rookies (18 of 21):

Saki Baba, Jenny Bae, Adela Cernousek, Mariel Galdiano, Akie Iwai, Chisato Iwai, Ingrid Lindblad, Julia Lopez Ramirez, Caley McGinty, Cassie Porter, Jessica Porvasnik, Kate Smith-Stroh, Rio Takeda, Fiona Xu, Miyu Yamashita, Ina Yoon, Madison Young, Yahui Zhang

Sponsor Invitations (2):

Gabby Barker, Maria Fassi

Monday Qualifiers (2):

Jeongeun Lee5, Jing Yan

Local Connections (8):

Residence: Carlota Ciganda, Esther Henseleit, Cristie Kerr, Jennifer Kupcho, Ryann O'Toole, Anna Nordqvist, Alena Sharp, Linnea Strom

Birthplace and residence: Sarah Schmelzel

University Connections (8):

Arizona State University: Carlota Ciganda, Linn Grant, Azahara Munoz, Anna Nordqvist, Linnea Strom

University of Arizona: Bianca Pagdanganan, Gigi Stoll, Lindsey Weaver-Wright