



# 2025 Founders Cup presented by U.S. Virgin Islands

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# This Week on the LPGA Tour

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#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

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### **LPGA TOUR NEWS**

<u>LPGA\*USGA Girls Golf Names New LPGA Player Brand Ambassadors</u> – Feb. 3, 2025 <u>LPGA to Commemorate Historic 75th Anniversary Throughout 2025</u> – Jan. 29, 2025 U.S. Virgin Islands Named Presenting Sponsor of 2025 Founders Cup – Jan. 15, 2025

### **MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE**

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

## Tuesday, February 4

2:00 p.m. - Alexandra Swayne, U.S. Virgin Islands native and sponsor invite

2:30 p.m. – Japanese rookie panel with Akie Iwai, Chisato Iwai and Miyu Yamashita

3:00 p.m. – Rookie panel with Adela Cernousek, Cassie Porter and Jessica Porvasnik

### Wednesday, February 5

Approx. 10:45 a.m. – **Nelly Korda**, defending champion at Bradenton Country Club 2:00 p.m. – **Brittany Lincicome**, eight-time LPGA Tour winner, two-time major champion and sponsor invite TBD – **Minjee Lee**, past champion of the Founders Cup presented by U.S. Virgin Islands

### **TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

**Competition Format:** 120 player field, 72-hole stroke-play, cut to top 65 and ties after 36-holes

**Purse:** \$2 million; winner's prize is \$300,000

Whiteline Par and Yardage: 36-35 – 71, 6,465 yards

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

**Course Information:** Bradenton Country Club

Designer: Donald Ross

Founded: 1924
Professional Events:

2025 – Founders Cup presented by U.S. Virgin Islands

2024 - LPGA Drive on Championship

### **Tournament History:**

Edition: 14th

2025: Founders Cup presented by U.S. Virgin Islands

2021-2024: Cognizant Founders Cup

2020: Volvik Founders Cup

2017–2019: Bank of Hope Founders Cup

2014-2016: JTBC Founders Cup

2011–2013: RR Donnelley LPGA Founders Cup

### Past Five Champions and Runners-Up:

2024\* - Rose Zhang, 264 (-24); Madelene Sagstrom, 266 (-22)

2023\* – Jin Young Ko, 275 (-13); defeated Minjee Lee in two-hole playoff

2022\* - Minjee Lee, 269 (-19); Lexi Thompson, 271 (-17)

2021\*\* - Jin Young Ko, 266 (-18); Caroline Masson, 270 (-14)

2020 edition canceled due to COVID-19

2019\*\*\* – Jin Young Ko, 266 (-22); Yu Liu, Carlota Ciganda, Jessica Korda & Nelly Korda, 267 (-21)

\*Played at Upper Montclair Country Club in Clifton, NJ

\*\* Played at Mountain Ridge Country Club in Caldwell, NJ

\*\*\* Played at Wildfire Golf Club in Phoenix, AZ

# **Tournament Scoring Records (Overall):**

18 holes – 61, Anna Nordqvist (R3, 2017) at Wildfire Golf Club

36 holes – 129, Jee Young Lee (2013) and Sei Young Kim (2016) at Wildfire Golf Club

54 holes - 195, Anna Nordqvist (2017) at Wildfire Golf Club

72 holes – 261, Sei Young Kim (2016) at Wildfire Golf Club

## Scoring Records at Bradenton Country Club\*:

18 holes – 64, Auston Kim (R3, 2024) and Maja Stark (R2, 2024)

36 holes – 132, Nelly Korda (2024)

54 holes – 200, Nelly Korda (2024)

72-holes – 273, Nelly Korda (2024) and Lydia Ko (2024)

\*All scoring records from the 2024 LPGA Drive on Championship at Bradenton Country Club

#### WHO'S IN THE FIELD:

### Founders Cup Past Champions (4 of 10):

Jin Young Ko (2023, 2021, 2019), Minjee Lee (2022), Hyo Joo Kim (2015), Stacy Lewis (2013)

## Past Champions at Bradenton Country Club (1 of 1):

Nelly Korda (2024)

### 2025 LPGA Tour Winners (0 of 1):

2025 Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions winner, A Lim Kim, is not competing in the Founders Cup presented by U.S. Virgin Islands

## Top-25 Rolex Rankings (15 of 25):

Nelly Korda (World No. 1), Lydia Ko (2), Hannah Green (6), Ayaka Furue (8), Charley Hull (9), Celine Boutier (10), Jin Young Ko (11), Miyu Yamashita (13), Lauren Coughlin (15), Rio Takeda (16), Minjee Lee (17), Yuka Saso (18), Angel Yin (20), Megan Khang (22), Brooke Henderson (23)

### **2025 LPGA Tour Rookies (16 of 21):**

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

### **Sponsor Exemptions (2):**

Brittany Lincicome, Alexandra Swayne

## **Monday Qualifiers (2)**:

Sophia Schubert, Polly Mack

## **Local Connections (3):**

Nelly Korda (Bradenton, FL native/resident), Brittany Lincicome (St. Petersburg, FL resident), Elizabeth Szokol (Tampa, FL resident)