

**2025 MEXICO Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba**

El Camaleón Golf Course at Mayakoba | Playa del Carmen, Quintana Roo, Mexico | May 22-25

**Final-Round Notes**

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**Course Setup:** 36-36—72, 6,535 yards

**Scoring Average:** R1: 75.162; R2: 73.836; R3: 71.938; R4: 73.136

**Weather:** Dry, sunny and hot weather with the heat index ranging from 100-105F in the middle of the day and winds between 6-12 mph.

**Race to CME Globe Points:** 500 (winner)

**Purse:** \$2.5 million (winner's prize \$375,000)

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**LEADERBOARD**

| Pos. | Player       | To par | Score             |
|------|--------------|--------|-------------------|
| 1    | Chisato Iwai | -12    | 68-74-68-66 – 276 |
| 2    | Jenny Bae    | -6     | 69-69-71-73 – 282 |
| 3    | Haeji Kang   | -5     | 73-70-69-71 – 283 |
| T4   | Five players | -4     | 284               |

**COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- According to KPMG Performance Insights, each of the last three tournaments on the LPGA schedule have been decided by four strokes or more. It's the first time that has happened on the LPGA Tour since 2016:
  - 2016: **Ha Na Jang** (HSBC Women's World Championship, 4 strokes), **Sei Young Kim** (Founders Cup, 5 strokes) and **Lydia Ko** (Kia Classic, 4 strokes)
  - 2025: **Haeran Ryu** (Black Desert Championship, 5 strokes), **Jeeno Thitikul** (Mizuho Americas Open, 4 strokes) and **Chisato Iwai** (MEXICO Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba, 6 strokes)
- Chisato Iwai** wins by six shots after shooting a final-round 66
  - Birdied five of first six holes on Sunday

- More than half of her birdies throughout the week came from the first six holes of El Camaleon
    - Made seven total birdies and one bogey on No. 14
  - Hit 8/14 fairways, 13/18 greens in regulation with 25 putts
    - Made the least amount of bogeys (5) across the field through four rounds
    - Recorded the least amount of putts of any player on Sunday (25 putts)
  - Only round in the 60s today among the 33 players that started the round on No. 1
  - Gained 7.14 strokes total, the second-most in final round by an LPGA winner this season
  - First player in seven years to get her first career LPGA Tour victory with a margin of six strokes or more
  - Entered the final round with the highest win probability of any player
  - First player since **Rio Takeda** (2025 Blue Bay LPGA) to win by six or more strokes
  - Read more: [Chisato Iwai wins Mexico Riviera Maya Open by 6 shots for first LPGA title](#)
  - [Chisato Iwai Final Round Golf Channel Interview](#)
  - [Chisato Iwai Final Round Highlights](#)
- 2nd: **Jenny Bae** recorded her best finish on the LPGA Tour this week
    - Shot a final-round 73 with four birdies and five bogeys
      - Bogeyed three of her first five holes
      - Birdied three of her last six holes
      - Hit 9/14 fairways, 11/18 greens in regulation with 29 putts
      - Recorded the third-most birdies across the field throughout the week (18)
    - Held the second- and third-round leads this week
      - These were her first post-round leads of her career
    - Her four-day total of 282 is her third-lowest 72-hole score following:
      - 273 – 2025 JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
      - 280 – 2025 Black Desert Championship
    - Projected to move from No. 80 to No. 33 in the 2025 Race to the CME Globe with her runner-up finish
    - Read more: [Epson Tour Graduate Jenny Bae Battles For Career-Best LPGA Finish in Mexico](#)
    - [Jenny Bae Final Round Highlights](#)
  - 3rd: **Haeji Kang** shot a final-round 71 with three birdies and two bogeys
    - Birdied three of her last eight holes
    - Hit 12/14 fairways, 13/18 greens in regulation with 30 putts
    - Recorded her best finish since the 2018 ASI Ladies Scottish Open (T3)
      - Excludes her T3 finish at 2024 Dow Championship partnered with In Kyung Kim
    - Marks her 20th official top-10 finish on the LPGA Tour since 2009
    - Was her third LPGA Tour start of the season, missing the cut in her two previous starts
    - Lowest 72-hole score since a 279 at the 2024 Portland Classic
  - T4: Five players (**Linn Grant, Weiwei Zhang, Jenny Shin, Somi Lee, Hye-Jin Choi**)
    - Grant recorded her 15th career top-10 finish and second top-5 finish in 2025
    - Zhang recorded her third career top-10 finish this week and first since her runner-up finish at the 2024 ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican
    - Shin recorded her 45th career top-10 finish this week and first top-10 finish since the 2023 CPKC Women's Open
    - Lee recorded her first top-10 finish on the LPGA Tour since joining the LPGA Tour in 2024

- Choi recorded her 22nd top-10 finish without a win this week
  - This is the most by any player since 2022, Choi's rookie year

#### A LOOK AT THE WINNER

| CATEGORY                          | Chisato Iwai |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 2025 Race to CME Globe Rank       | 18           |
| 2025 LPGA Tour Wins               | 1            |
| 2025 LPGA Tour Top 10s            | 1            |
| 2025 Official Season Earnings     | \$525,523    |
| Career LPGA Tour Wins             | 1            |
| Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s | 1            |
| Career Official Money             | \$525,523    |

#### ABOUT THE WINNER

##### Rolex Rankings No. 45 Chisato Iwai

- Becomes the Rolex First-Time Winner earning her first LPGA Tour victory
- Is the fifth Rolex First-Time Winner this season and first since **Mao Saigo** (The Chevron Championship)
- Is the inaugural winner of the MEXICO Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba
- Becomes the 12th different winner on the LPGA Tour this season
- Is the third rookie to win on Tour this season, joining **Rio Takeda** and **Ingrid Lindblad**
  - This is the first time since 2015 that three rookies have won on Tour before the end of May
  - In 2015, **Sei Young Kim** won the Pure Silk-Bahamas LPGA Classic on Feb. 8, **Hyo Joo Kim** won the JTBC Founders Cup on March 22, Kim won again at the LPGA LOTTE Championship on April 18 and **Minjee Lee** won the Kingsmill Championship on May 18
- Becomes the third player from Japan to win this season, joining **Rio Takeda** and **Mao Saigo**
- Becomes the 20th different player from Japan with a win on the LPGA Tour
- Is already in the field at the 2025 U.S. Women's Open, so the spot will be given to the next alternate
  - Has made two previous starts at the U.S. Women's Open (2023 and 2024)
- Earns her first top-10 finish on the LPGA Tour
- Iwai is in her first season on the LPGA Tour
  - Finished second at LPGA Final Qualifying to earn LPGA Tour Membership for the 2025 season
  - Made 11 starts on the LPGA Tour before becoming a member, five in 2024, five in 2023 and one in 2022
- Iwai has eight wins on the JLPGA Tour including her most recent being the 2025 Daikin Orchid Ladies Golf Tournament in March
- Iwai has a twin sister, Akie, who is also a rookie on the LPGA Tour

#### TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

18 holes – 65, Miranda Wang (R2, 2025)

36 holes – 138, Jenny Bae (2025)

54 holes – 209, Jenny Bae (2025)

72 holes – 276, Chisato Iwai (2025)

**QUOTABLES**

*Chisato Iwai (1, -12) on playing with a big lead during the final round*

"No matter how many birdies I made today and how far ahead I was my mindset didn't change. I just kept thinking of trying to make the next birdie and trying to stay positive."

*Chisato Iwai (1, -12) on why she got emotional during her speech on the 18<sup>th</sup> green*

"So every day supporter support for me, family, team. Yeah, I have good team every day, yeah."

*Chisato Iwai (1, -12) on what was good for her game at Mayakoba*

"Yeah, so I played well in the wind because I can read it well and I was able to make some good club selections today, so that's why I was able to play well."

*Jenny Bae (2, -6) on what she learned about herself this week*

"I'm pretty happy with this week. It just tells me that I have a long ways to go but also I'm also getting there, too. So I'm happy. I definitely know what I need to work on for the week off for me. Hopefully I'll be able to score better at the next tournament.... I definitely realized that I've gotten more patience. I think that's a really key thing out here, just being able to focus within all the stress and pressure. Again, I think that was really good."

*Haeji Kang (3, -5) on what she will take away from this week*

"I haven't been honestly been playing well, so I kind of forgot how to like stay in contention. I think I learned watching good players, obviously fellow players, and just staying in the moment, just one shot at a time. I think I got that feel back, so I think I'll take that towards the next tournaments, yeah."

*Hye Jin Choi (T4, -4) on her play this week*

"I mean, I felt this week was really tough week because really hot and my shot wasn't really great. So I feel really tough, but it just one tournament. So I have next week really big one, so, I feel little -- not really great, but I'll keep trying to next week."

*Brianna Do (T9, -3) on what her best LPGA Tour finish means to her*

"It means a lot. I mean, all the emotions are coming out now, but I've been working really hard and wanted to be on the LPGA so it's meant a lot."

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Chisato went on a TEAR 🧐

Rookie Chisato Iwai secures her first win on the LPGA Tour here @rivieramayaopen 🏆

Jenny Bae fighting back with this chip-in 🎯

Good morning Mayakoba 😊