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<u>This Week on the LPGA Tour</u> May 5, 2025	
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#### TOURNAMENT NEWS

Mizuho Americas Announces Five-Year Renewal Agreement With the LPGA Tour as Title Sponsor of the Mizuho Americas Open

- Mizuho to Raise Purse to \$3.25 Million in 2026
- Michelle Wie West to Continue as Mizuho Brand Ambassador and Tournament Host
- Liberty National Golf Club to Host Event in 2028-2030; Mountain Ridge Country Club Added for 2026-2027

#### MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

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

#### <u>Tuesday, May 6</u>

12:00 PM – Michelle Wie West, tournament host and five-time LPGA Tour winner

12:30 PM – Mizuho Americas Title Renewal Press Conference with:

- Cheryl Gilberg, CMO of Mizuho Americas
- Ricki Lasky, CBO of the LPGA Tour
- Stephen Hamblin, Executive Director of the AJGA
- Dan Fireman, Executive Chairman of Liberty National Golf Club

## LPGA



1:00 PM – Rose Zhang & Yana Wilson, 2023 LPGA Tour and AJGA Mizuho Americas Open winners

#### Wednesday, May 7

10:15 AM – Nelly Korda and Gianna Clemente, 2023 LPGA Tour and AJGA Mizuho Americas Open winners 10:45 AM – AJGA Player Panel w/ Asterisk Talley, Aphrodite Deng, and Sofia Cherif Essakali

#### **TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

Field Size: 144 players – 120 LPGA Tour professionals, 24 AJGA juniors

#### Format:

LPGA Tour Professionals – 72 holes of Stroke Play Juniors – 72 holes of Modified Stableford (see point scale <u>here</u>)

#### Cut:

Professionals – cut to top-50 players & ties after 36 holes Juniors – No Cut (all juniors will play all four rounds)

#### **Pairings:**

Rounds 1 & 2 – professionals and juniors will be paired separately

- Rounds 3 & 4 two professionals will be paired with one junior based upon score;
  - Final group will consist of the first and second place LPGA Tour pros paired with the first place AJGA junior; Second-to-last group would be third and fourth place pro paired with second place junior; and so on until all juniors have been paired with two pros

#### **CME Points & Official Money:**

- Players making the 36-hole cut of low 50 players & ties will receive CME Points and Official Money based upon their finish after 72 holes.
- Players who miss the 36-hole cut, but within the low 65 players & ties <u>will also</u> receive CME Points and Official Money based upon their finish after 36 holes

Purse: \$3 million; winner's portion is \$450,000

#### Whiteline Par and Yardage: 36-36 - 72; 6,690 yards

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

Course Information: Liberty National Golf Club

Designer: Tom Kite and Bob Cupp Opened: 2006 Past Professional Events: 2023-Present – Mizuho Americas Open 2019, 2021 – The Northern Trust 2017 – The Presidents Cup 2009, 2013 – The Barclays

## LPGA



#### **TOURNAMENT HISTORY:**

Edition: 3rd

#### Past LPGA Tour Champions and Runners-Up:

2024 – Nelly Korda, 274 (-14); Hannah Green, 275 (-13) 2023 – Rose Zhang, 279 (-9); defeated Jennifer Kupcho with a birdie on the second playoff hole

#### Past AJGA Champions and Runners-Up:

2024 – Gianna Clemente, 149 points (Stableford Scoring); Yana Wilson and Anna Huang, 147 points 2023 – Yana Wilson, 147 points; Anna Davis, 144 points

#### LPGA Tour Tournament Scoring Records:

18 holes: 63, Hannah Green (R3, 2024) 36 holes: 135, Athaya Thitikul (2024) 54 holes: 203, Nelly Korda (2024) 72 holes: 274, Nelly Korda (2024)

#### WHO'S IN THE FIELD:

Past LPGA Tour Champions (2 of 2): Nelly Korda (2024), Rose Zhang (2023)

#### Past AJGA Champions (2 of 2):

Gianna Clemente (2024), Yana Wilson\* (2023) \*competing as a professional in 2025

#### 2025 LPGA Tour Winners (8 of 10)

A Lim Kim (Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions), Lydia Ko (HSBC Women's World Championship), Ingrid Lindblad (JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro), Yealimi Noh (Founders Cup presented by U.S. Virgin Islands), Haeran Ryu (Black Desert Championship presented by Greater Zion), Madelene Sagstrom (T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards), Rio Takeda (Blue Bay LPGA), Angel Yin (Honda LPGA Thailand)

#### 2025 AJGA Winners:

Aphrodite Deng (2025 Junior Invitational at Sage Valley\*), Shauna Liu (The Nelly Invitational presented by Chevron), Lily Peng (Kathy Whitworth Invitational\*), Asterisk Talley (Hilton Grand Vacations ANNIKA Invitational presented by Rolex, The Fortinet Stanford Invitational hosted by Rose Zhang) \*non-AJGA event

#### Top-25 Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings (19 of 25):

Nelly Korda (World No. 1), Jeeno Thitikul (2), Lydia Ko (3), Ruoning Yin (4), Haeran Ryu (5), Hannah Green (7), Lauren Coughlin (10), Angel Yin (11), Ayaka Furue (12), Miyu Yamashita (15), Celine Boutier (16), Rio Takeda (17), Amy Yang (18), Esther Henseleit (19), Minjee Lee (21), Akie Iwai (22), Yealimi Noh (23), Ina Yoon (24), Megan Khang (25)

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### Rolex AJGA Rankings Top 25 (21 of 25):

Asterisk Talley (1), Gianna Clemente (2), Avery McCrery (3), Elizabeth Rudisill (4), Scarlett Schremmer (5), Nikki Oh (6), Aphrodite Deng (7), Shauna Liu (8), Clara Ding (9), Jude Lee (10), Anna Fang (12), Madison Messimer (13), Kayla Bryant (14), Sofia Cherif Essakali (15), Ann-Sophie Bourgault (16), Alice Ziyi Zhao (17), Lily Peng (20), Eliana Saga (21), Clairey Lin (22), Kinsley (Zixin) Ni (24), Lisa Herman (25)

### 2025 LPGA Tour Rookies (14 of 21):

Jenny Bae, Akie Iwai, Chisato Iwai, Ingrid Lindblad, Julia Lopez Ramirez, Cassie Porter, Jessica Porvasnik, Kate Smith Stroh, Rio Takeda, Fiona Xu, Miyu Yamashita, Ina Yoon, Madison Young, Yahui Zhang

## Sponsor Exemptions (2):

Erika Hara, Yana Wilson

Monday Qualifiers (2): Kate Smith Stroh, Soo Bin Joo

Local Connections (1): Aphrodite Deng (AJGA) – Short Hills, NJ