



Mizuho Americas Open  
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### Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes

May 6, 2025

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#### MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

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

#### 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

#### NOTABLE PLAYERS IN THE FIELD

- Rolex Rankings No. 1 [Nelly Korda](#)
  - Making second start at Mizuho Americas Open
  - Earned her 14th career victory and sixth win in 2024 at this event last season
    - She became the first player since **Inbee Park (2013)** to record six wins in a single season
    - Since 1980, seven players have earned six or more wins in a single season including **Betsy King (1989)**, **Annika Sorenstam (1997, 2003)**, **Karrie Webb (1999, 2000)**, **Lorena Ochoa (2006, 2008)**, **Inbee Park (2013)**, **Beth Daniel (1990)**, **Yani Tseng (2011)**
    - She became the first American player to win at least six times in an LPGA Tour season since **Beth Daniel** in 1990, who won seven times
    - Tied Sorenstam as the fastest player to win six times in an LPGA Tour season since 1980

- Sorenstam earned her sixth win of the 2005 Tour season in her eighth start that year
  - Surpassed **Stacy Lewis**, **Betty Jameson** and **Rosie Jones** in All-Time LPGA Tour Wins by an American (13) since 1980
- 2025: Five cuts made in seven starts with two top-10 finishes
  - Two top-10 finishes including runner-up at Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions and T7 at Founders Cup presented by U.S. Virgin Islands
  - Finished T14 in her last start at The Chevron Championship
- Career: 15 wins, 68 top 10s, \$13.8 million Official Career earnings
  - In 2024, earned six wins including five in consecutive starts
  - 2024 Rolex Player of the Year, Rolex ANNIKA Major Award
  - Two-time major champion
  - Two-time Olympian, 2020 Gold Medalist
- Rolex Rankings No. 5 [Haeran Ryu](#)
  - Third start at the Mizuho Americas Open
    - 2024 – WD; 2023 – 3
  - 2025: Six cuts made in eight starts with one win and an additional top-10 finish
    - Won the Black Desert Championship presented by Greater Zion in her last start on Tour
      - Recorded the second-lowest under-par score this season at -26
      - First wire-to-wire win of her career
      - Set a career-low 72-hole scoring record, 262
      - Fourth player on Tour in the last 10 seasons to win wire-to-wire, no ties, with a margin of five shots or more
    - Finished T6 at The Chevron Championship
  - Career: Three wins, 21 top 10s, \$5.2 million Official Career earnings
    - 2023 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year
    - Has recorded at least one win in each of her seasons on Tour
    - Earned medalist honors at the 2022 LPGA Q-Series to first earn LPGA Membership for the 2023 season
  - Five-time winner on the KLPGA and was named KLPGA Rookie of the Year in 2020
- Rolex Rankings No. 7 [Hannah Green](#)
  - Second start at the Mizuho Americas Open
    - 2024 – 2
  - 2025: Five cuts in six starts with three top-10 finishes
    - Season-best T4 finish at the Founders Cup presented by U.S. Virgin Islands
    - Finished T9 at the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro in her last made cut
      - [Green donated \\$500 for every birdie and \\$1,000 for every eagle at El Caballero Country Club for fire recovery efforts in the Greater Los Angeles Area](#)
      - She made one eagle and 19 birdies for a grand total donation of \$10,500
    - Lone missed cut came at The Chevron Championship, her last start on Tour
  - Career: Six wins, 31 top 10s, \$6.9 million Official Career earnings
    - Three wins in 2024
    - Major champion (2019 KPMG Women's PGA Championship)
    - Two-time Olympian (2024 Paris, T4 and 2020 Tokyo, T5)

- Finished second on the Epson Tour's Race for the Card to first earn full LPGA Tour Membership for 2018
  - Won her second Greg Norman medal in 2024 as Australia's golfer of the year
- Rolex Rankings No. 26 [Rose Zhang](#)
  - Third start at the Mizuho Americas Open
    - 2024 – WD; 2023 – Won
    - Zhang won this event in 2023 as a sponsor invite making her professional debut
      - She accepted immediate LPGA Tour membership following her win
      - Zhang became the first player to win while making their professional debut since **Beverly Hanson** did in 1951
      - Zhang became the fourth sponsor invite to win on Tour
      - She became the first non-member to win on Tour since 2022
    - Zhang WD from her 2024 title defense during the first round due to illness
  - 2025: One made cut in three starts with one top-10 finish
    - Finished T10 at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
    - She missed the cut at the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
    - In her last start on Tour, WD from the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards due to injury
      - Has not played on the LPGA Tour since
  - Career: Two wins, 10 top 10s, \$2.6 million Official Career earnings
    - Her last win was at the 2024 Founders Cup presented by U.S. Virgin Islands
    - Represented the United States at the 2023 and 2024 Solheim Cup and Paris Olympics (T8)

### NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO

- This is the third edition of the Mizuho Americas Open
  - Mizuho Americas announced a five-year extension as title sponsor of the event on Thursday
    - [See the announcement here](#)
- The unique format of the Mizuho Americas Open sees 120 LPGA Tour professionals play alongside 24 AJGA juniors
  - The professionals will play stroke-play, while the juniors will play a [modified Stableford format](#)
- Professionals cut is to top-50 players & ties after 36 holes, while all juniors will play all four rounds
  - Players who miss the 36-hole cut, but are within the low 65 players & ties will receive CME Points and Official Money based upon their finish after 36 holes
- This week's sponsor exemptions are [Yana Wilson](#) and [Erika Hara](#)
  - Wilson was named a Mizuho Americas ambassador on Tuesday
    - She won the inaugural playing of the event in the AJGA competition
    - Will be the first former Mizuho Americas Open AJGA competitor to play in the tournament as a professional
    - Wilson won the Epson Tour's Reliance Matrix Championship presented by Epson on Sunday, in her home town of Las Vegas
  - Hara also plays on the Epson Tour, and has recorded two T6 finishes in her five starts
    - Hara has won five times on the JLPGA Tour, including two JLPGA majors
    - Has made 12 previous starts on Tour, including three major championship appearances

### KPMG PERFORMANCE INSIGHT OF THE WEEK

When looking at players who have finished in the top five at the Mizuho Americas Open the previous two years, shots around the green have proven to be more significant than the LPGA average. On the other side of that, putting has been a little less significant:

Top-Five Finishers at Mizuho Americas Open Percentage of Strokes Gained Total		
	Mizuho	LPGA Average
Off the Tee	17.0%	15.8%
Approach	38.0%	37.2%
Around Green	14.9%	8.6%
Putting	30.1%	38.4%

### 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: [Hyo Joo Kim](#) leads with 1,052.125 points
  - Won the 2025 Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass and has three additional top-10 finishes
- 2nd: [Jeeno Thitikul](#) has 978.450 points
  - Has five top-10 finishes through first seven events of the season
- 3rd: [Angel Yin](#) has 975.800 points
  - Won the Honda LPGA Thailand and has two additional top-10 finishes
- Following her win at the Black Desert Championship presented by Greater Zion, **Haeran Ryu** moved to No. 6, up 19 spots.
- Other notable moves after The Chevron Championship:
  - **Esther Henseleit** is up 15 spots to No. 16
  - **Ruoning Yin** moved up nine spots to No. 15

#### Aon Risk Reward Challenge: No. 16 at Liberty National Golf Club

*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.*

- [Ana Belac](#) leads the Aon Risk Reward Challenge heading into the summer stretch with a -1.100 score to par:
  - [Amy Yang](#) is in second with -1.083 score to par

- Five players are in third with a -1.000 score to par
  - Korda, [Elizabeth Szokol](#), [Sarah Schmelzel](#), [Jeeno Thitikul](#), [Xiaowen Yin](#)
- No 16: Playing as a drivable par-4 on the back nine, the 16th hole will test players' decision-making off the tee with a waste bunker and water along the right-hand side and trees that guard the left
  - Over the past two years 68% of the field has gone for the green from forward tees
  - Players that took on the risk and missed into the right greenside bunker lost only .10 strokes to the field compared to those who laid up losing .11 strokes

#### 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 three hole-in-ones so far in the 2025 season
  - [Jennifer Kupcho](#) recorded her third career ace at the Black Desert Championship presented by Greater Zion on the third hole
    - She hit her 8 iron 148 yards to score the third hole-in-one of the 2025 season
- The total for 2025 is now \$60,000 donated toward St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- In 2024: 29 aces counted towards the challenge, \$580,000 raised