

T-Mobile [MATCH PLAY]

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T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards
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Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes

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NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Competition Format: 64 players, divided into 16 groups of four; after three days of round-robin matches, competition moves to a 16-player, single-elimination bracket

Scoring: Win – 1 point, Tie – ½ point, Lose – 0 points

Field Breakdown: The field for the 2025 T-Mobile Match Play Presented by MGM Rewards will be broken into 16 groups of four players based on Rolex Rankings from Monday, March 31st in the following way:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
64	63	62	61	60	59	58	57	56	55	54	53	52	51	50	49

The first three days (Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday) will be Round-Robin Group Play. Players will play one match against every other player in their group. The player with the most points in their group after the three days will advance to the Round of 16 (one player from each group). In the event of a tie for first in a group, a play-off will be used to determine which players advance out of their group into the Round of 16.

Starting with the Round of 16, a single-elimination match play bracket will be used to determine the champion.

The schedule for the single elimination bracket is as follows:

- Saturday (April 5) morning – Round of 16
- Saturday afternoon – Quarterfinals
- Sunday (April 6) morning – Semifinals
- Sunday afternoon – Championship Match

History of event:

- Fifth edition of the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards
 - Every edition has been held at Shadow Creek Golf Course
 - Called the Back of Hope LPGA Match-Play from 2021-2023
- The 2023 edition was the only year to feature a combination of stroke and match play

NOTABLE PLAYERS

- **Rolex Rankings No. 1 [Nelly Korda](#)**
 - Defending champion at the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards
 - In 2024 she:
 - Won her fourth consecutive LPGA Tour start
 - She became the first player on Tour to win four-straight starts since **Lorena Ochoa** in 2008
 - Never trailed in any of her match play matches
 - Never played more than 16 holes in match play
 - Won a total of 18 holes over three matches and lost just seven (playing a total of 46 holes across three matches)
 - This is her second start at this event
 - In 2025 season: Two top-10 finishes in three starts including a runner-up finish at Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
 - Coming off a T22 finish at the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass

- Career: 15 wins, 2 majors, 68 official top-10 finishes
 - Two-time LPGA Award winner (2024 Rolex Player of the Year, 2024 Rolex ANNIKA Major Award)
 - Four-time U.S. Solheim Cup Team member (2019, 2021, 2023, 2024)
 - Two-time Olympian (2020 Gold Medalist; 2024, T22)
 - Recorded a historic 2024 season with seven wins and four additional top-10 finishes; became the first player since **Yani Tseng** in 2011 with seven wins in a singular LPGA Tour season
- **Rolex Rankings No. 2 [Jeeno Thitikul](#)**
 - Thitikul is making her first start at Shadow Creek Golf Course since 2022
 - In 2025: Three top-5 finishes in four starts
 - Finished T2 at the HSBC Women's World Championship
 - Finished T12 at the Blue Bay LPGA, her worst finish since the 2024 AIG Women's Open
 - Coming off a solo fourth-place finish at the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
 - Won the Ladies European Tour's PIF Saudi Ladies International in her first professional start of the season
 - Was named LET Player of the Month after her win
 - Career: Four wins, 44 official top-10 finishes
 - Became the fastest player to reach \$10 million in career official money on the LPGA Tour
 - Earned \$10,101,122 in 66 events played including four wins (3 years, one month and six days)
 - Beat **Lorena Ochoa's** record of 4 years, eight months and five days (124 events)
 - Two-time LPGA Award Recipient (2023 Vare Trophy, 2022 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year)
 - Was on Team Thailand in the 2023 International Crown
 - Five-time LET winner including the Ladies European Thailand Championship as a 14-year-old amateur
- **Rolex Rankings No. 3 [Lydia Ko](#)**
 - Second start at the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards
 - 2025: One win (HSBC Women's World Championship) in three cuts made and two additional top-10 finishes
 - Earned her second-straight top-10 finish at the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass (T6)
 - Recorded her 23rd career victory at the HSBC Women's World Championship
 - Is the 25th player with 23 or more LPGA Tour victories
 - Passed **Karrie Webb** on the Career Official Money List with her winner's check at the HSBC Women's World Championship
 - Remains nearly \$2 million behind the Career Official Money List leader, **Annika Sorenstam** (\$1,929,914)
 - Sorenstam has been the leader since she reached \$7 million in career earnings in 2001
 - Sorenstam's last event that counted toward official career earnings was the 2022 Dow Championship
 - Career: 23 wins, three majors, 113 official top-10 finishes

- Member of the LPGA Hall of Fame
 - Only active player to be a Member of the LPGA Hall of Fame
 - Has won three times since her induction; most number of wins since her LPGA Hall of Fame induction is 25 by **Annika Sorenstam**
- Eleven-time LPGA Award winner
- Three-time Olympic Medalist (2016, Silver; 2020, Bronze; 2024, Gold)
- Has recorded at least one win (official/unofficial) since 2021
- **Rolex Rankings No. 7 Ayaka Furue**
 - Fourth start at the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards
 - Has finished runner-up twice at this event, 2022 and 2023
 - Finished T18 last season
 - In 2025: Two top-10 finishes in six starts this season
 - Has not missed a cut all year
 - Finished T2 at HSBC Women's World Championship and third at the Blue Bay LPGA
 - Coming off a T17 finish at the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
 - Career: 2 wins, 1 major championship, 25 official top-10 finishes
 - First win on Tour came at 2022 ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open
 - Earned Vare Trophy for recording season's lowest scoring average (69.988) in 2024
 - Highest scoring average since **Danielle Kang** finished with 70.082 in 2020
 - First player from Japan to ever receive the award in its 72-year history
 - Played on Team Japan at the 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
 - Eight-time winner on the JLPGA
 - 2020-21 Player of the Year on JLPGA

QUOTABLES

Nelly Korda on what she remembers most about her win at Shadow Creek last season

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"Yeah, I mean, playing in a match play event, it's just something a little different and it's exciting in its own aspect. The conditions were really tough. Last year the golf course played really tough. Played Leona in the final as well, so kind of like a Solheim Cup re-battle. But it was fun. Honestly, getting to play in this kind of format, you don't get to do it very often, so it's always fun to kind of switch it up."

Rose Zhang on what her game plan is coming into this week

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"I think overall it is important to have a game plan going into match play. At the same time everything in your strategy is dependent on what your opponent does. Obviously don't want to stray too far away from your overall game plan starting the week, but I do think in certain moments of whether you're down or up that will determine, especially on this course, what club to use and what lines to aim at. I think there is a no-fear type mentality when it comes to match play because at the end of the day it's either a win or a lose. I think that that's both helped and hurt me, but I think more so helped. I like to play full send strategies, and I think I'm more excited for the way this format is going to turn out."

Brooke Henderson on what she has learned about Shadow Creek after playing here the last three times

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“I think the more you play this golf course the better. You learn where the misses are; you learn are to hit it for certain pin locations. I think the more often you can come out here and play, it's definitely an advantage, yeah, just getting the strategy, learning the course a little bit more. I definitely feel more comfortable this year being my fourth year than when I first came out four years ago. That's definitely a good thing, so I'm just looking forward to learning it a little bit better over the next few days.”

Allisen Corpuz on coming into this week after such a great week at the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass

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“Yeah, even those it's match play, you're still out there trying to put great shots and just kind of see the best that I can do. I mean, I think it's really nice to see my game in a good spot and just know I'm hitting the ball well, putting it well, chipping it well. So just really excited to get out there.”

KPMG PERFORMANCE INSIGHT OF THE WEEK

- The top-eight players in stroke play at this event last year (so the players who advanced to the match play portion of the tournament) gained 41.4% of their strokes on the greens. That’s a higher rate than other top-eight finishers throughout the 2024 season. A breakdown:

Match Play Qualifiers – 2024 T-Mobile Match Play		
Percentage of Strokes Gained Total		
	T-Mobile	Top 8 Season Average
Off the Tee	11.7%	15.0%
Approach	32.9%	40.3%
Around Green	14.0%	7.2%
Putting	41.4%	37.5%

- The top-8 players from 2024 were **Leona Maguire, Minami Katsu, Angel Yin, Rose Zhang, Sei Young Kim, Nelly Korda, Narin An** and **Moriya Jutanugarn**
- View the rest of the Pre-Tournament Intelligence Pack [here](#)
- KPMG Performance Insights for the 2025 T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards will be uploaded to the [LPGA Online Media Center](#) daily

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: [A Lim Kim](#) leads with 809.500 points
 - Kim won the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions and has three additional top-10 finishes in her five starts of 2025

- 2nd: [Yealimi Noh](#) has 744.250 points
 - Noh won the Founders Cup presented by U.S. Virgin Islands and two additional top-10 finishes in four starts this season
- 3rd: [Jeeno Thitikul](#) has 743.000 points
 - Thitikul has three top-10 finishes in her first four starts of the 2025 season
- Notable moves:
 - [Hyo Joo Kim](#) moved up 22 spots (No. 27 to No. 5) with her win at the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
 - [Lilia Vu](#) moved up 64 spots (No. 78 to No 14) with her runner-up finish last week
- Players in the 2025 T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards field can earn 500 points in the Race to the CME Globe

[Aon Risk Reward Challenge:](#)

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.

- [Saki Baba](#) (-1.250) currently leads the Tour following the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
- There is no Aon Risk Reward Challenge Hole this week at the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards

[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.

- In 2024: 29 aces counted towards the challenge, \$580,000 raised
- [Jiwon Jeon](#) recorded three aces last season (most on Tour)
 - Donation total from aces: \$60,000
- 310 all-time eligible holes-in-one
- \$2,940,00 all-time amount donated