

**TOTO Japan Classic**

Seta Golf Course | Otsu-shi, Shiga, Japan | Nov. 6-9, 2025

First-Round Notes

Nov. 6, 2025

Media Contact: [Matt Jesus](#) +1 (402) 957-4674**Course Setup:** 35-37 – 72; 6,515 yards**Scoring Average:** R1: 70.791**Weather:** Mostly cloudy with a mix of sun and clouds in the morning lead to clear conditions in the afternoon with temperatures reaching into the upper 60s F**Race to CME Globe Points:** 500 (winner)**Purse:** \$2.1 million USD; winner's portion is \$315,000**TV/Streaming Times:** [How to Watch](#)**QUICK LINKS**[Interview Transcripts](#)[LPGA Tour Online Media Center \(OMC\):](#)[Tournament Website](#)**SOCIAL MEDIA**

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LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
T1	Miyu Yamashita	-7	65
T1	Nasa Hataoka	-7	65
3	Jiyai Shin	-6	66
T4	Three Players	-5	67

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- **T1: Miyu Yamashita and Nasa Hataoka**
 - Yamashita went bogey-free with seven birdies in her opening round
 - Her opening round 65 is her lowest first round score of the 2025 season
 - It is her second-straight round of 65, her lowest of the 2025 season
 - She recorded a 65 in the final round of the Maybank Championship to force a playoff with **Hannah Green** and **Hye-Jin Choi**
 - This is her lowest 18-hole score in her last four starts of this event
 - Her previous best was a R3 66 in 2023
 - Hataoka's 65 is her lowest opening round since the LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei

- Her lowest 18-hole score is her fourth-round 63 of the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
- This is her first start at this event since 2024
- Her 18-hole score of 65 is her lowest since the first round of 2023, 64
- She recorded nine birdies and two bogeys in her opening round
 - Her nine birdies are the most among the field
- **Jiyai Shin**
 - Shin had seven birdies and a bogey to start her week
 - Her seven birdies is tied for the second-most among the field
 - She needed just 27 putts, tied for the sixth-fewest needed among the field
 - Shin has competed both on the LPGA and JLPGA Tour, primarily on the JLPGA Tour since 2014
 - On the LPGA Tour, she has 11 wins, including two major championships, both the AIG Women's Open
 - In 2009, she won the Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year and was the money leader that season
 - On the JLPGA Tour, she has 29 wins including one in 2025
 - In 2025, she has made 21 starts with six total top 10s
- **T4: Minami Katsu, Akie Iwai, Chisato Iwai**
 - Katsu recorded six birdies and a bogey in her opening round
 - She led the field in fewest putts needed with 26
 - Her 67 is her best first round at this event
 - Ties her best 18-hole score at this event, both coming in 2022 (R3 and R4)
 - A. Iwai carded six birdies and a bogey as well
 - Her six birdies are tied for the fourth-most among the field
 - This is her third start at this event, first as an LPGA Tour Member
 - She finished T8 in 2023
 - C. Iwai went bogey-free with five birdies
 - She is making her fourth start at the TOTO Japan Classic
 - Her opening round 67 is her best 18-hole score in her previous three starts
 - She finished T10 in 2024
- Defending champion **Rio Takeda** finished T62 at 1-over
 - She had three bogeys and two birdies
 - This is the first time in her two previous starts she has recorded a round in the 70s at this event
- **Ariya Jutanugarn** withdrew during the first round due to injury

A LOOK AT THE LEADERS

CATEGORY	Miyu Yamashita	Nasa Hataoka
2025 Race to CME Globe Rank	3	23
2025 LPGA Tour Wins	2	0
2025 LPGA Tour Top 10s	11	6
2025 Official Season Earnings	\$3,334,941	\$1,004,999
Career LPGA Tour Wins	2	6
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	11	53
Career Official Money	\$3,334,941	\$10,516,430

ABOUT THE LEADERS**Rolex Rankings No. 4 Miyu Yamashita**

- Fourth start at the TOTO Japan Classic, first as a Member of the LPGA Tour
 - 2024 – T12, 2023 – T27, 2022 – T5
- 2025: 19 cuts made in 22 starts with two wins and 11 top-10 finishes
 - Six of her 11 top 10s are top five finishes
 - Has a season-best non-win finish of T3 at the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
 - Leads the rookie class in the Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year points standings
 - Won the AIG Women's Open and the Maybank Championship
- Career: Two wins, 11 career top 10s with \$3.3 million in official career earnings
 - Made 12 starts on the LPGA Tour before earning Membership
 - Finished T4 at the 2024 Paris Olympics
 - Competed on the JLPGA and won 13 times including three major championships
 - Earned JLPGA Player of the Year honors in 2022 and 2023
 - Leading money winner on the JLPGA in 2022 and 2023

Rolex Rankings No. 32 Nasa Hataoka

- Sixth start at the TOTO Japan Classic
 - 2017 – T33, 2018 – 1, 2019 – T52, 2022 – T28, 2023 – T8
- 2025: 19 cuts in 21 starts with six top-10 finishes
 - Has a season-best finish of runner-up at the BMW Ladies Championship
 - Has four top 10 finishes in her last six starts
 - Has not missed a cut since May (U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally)
- Career: Six wins, 53 top 10s with \$10.5 million in official career earnings
 - Has represented Japan at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and the 2018 and 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
 - Last won on the LPGA Tour at the 2022 DIO Implant LA Open
 - Has five wins on the JLPGA Tour, last in 2019

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

18 holes – 63, 10 times, last by Hana Wakimoto (R1, 2024)

36 holes – 126, Annika Sorenstam (2003)

54 holes – 192, Annika Sorenstam (2003)

72 holes – 266, Mone Inami (2023)

*2022 was the first time the co-sanctioned tournament played as a 72-hole event

QUOTABLES

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SOCIAL SNAPSHOT

[Nasa Hataoka and Miyu Yamashita are on !\[\]\(248b91fcdac4810ffd15cf33fb6aec6f_img.jpg\) TOP after Round 1 !\[\]\(3f4a2271a4366a6bc6b830ded36cdf1a_img.jpg\)](#)

[Miyu Yamashita ends with a birdie to be tied at first](#)

[What a shot for Ayaka Furue !\[\]\(c1168d6a8b365d11e842ece304635fa7_img.jpg\)](#)

[Nasa Hataoka takes the solo lead at -7 !\[\]\(cbd8541a32dfc32f356f5c6c994b0a21_img.jpg\)](#)

[Nataliya Guseva with another chip in !\[\]\(d3e32d099174a7c248ec1f564ee4f69c_img.jpg\)](#)

[Minjee Lee's second eagle of the day !\[\]\(40770d9ed6ed4f1222ebf89a1396e8b2_img.jpg\) !\[\]\(519ce2edeb6db8709d9a451dff50bf34_img.jpg\)](#)

[Defending champ Rio Takeda chips it right in !\[\]\(ccd39a0dc6d5afcc151e1371f9462f58_img.jpg\)](#)