

**ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open**

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Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes

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MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

(Zoom link available upon request; all times are local, five hours ahead of EST, and subject to change)

Wednesday, June 23

11:15 a.m. – Nelly Korda: Rolex Rankings No. 1

11:45 a.m. – Charley Hull: Rolex Rankings No. 19

3 p.m. – Scottish golfers Gemma Dryburgh, Hannah Darling and Lorna McClyrmont

3:20 p.m. – Mimi Rhodes: Three-time LET winner in 2025

NOTABLE PLAYERS

- **Rolex Rankings No. 1 Nelly Korda**
 - Korda is making her first appearance at Dundonald Links
 - 2025: 11 cuts made in 11 starts with four top-10 finishes
 - She finished T43 at the Amundi Evian Championship her last time out
 - Her best finish of the season is runner-up at the U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally and the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
 - Career: 15 wins, two major championship victories, 70 top 10s, \$15.1 million in career earnings
 - In 2024, earned seven wins, including five in consecutive starts
 - Became the first player since 2011 to win seven times in a single season

- Became the third player in LPGA Tour history to have a season with six or more wins, a team victory in the Solheim Cup and earn Player of the Year honors, alongside Beth Daniel (1990) and Annika Sorenstam (2003)
 - 2024 Rolex Player of the Year and Rolex ANNIKA Major Award winner
 - Two-time major champion (2024 The Chevron Championship, 2021 KPMG Women's PGA Championship)
 - Two-time Olympian for the United States, 2020 Gold Medal winner in Tokyo
 - Four-time Solheim Cup member for the U.S. Team
 - Member of the United States at the 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown team
- **Rolex Rankings No. 5 Minjee Lee**
 - Making her ninth appearance at the ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open
 - 2024 – T12, 2023 – T13, 2022 – T18, 2021 – CUT, 2020 – T16, 2019 – T6, 2018 – 2, 2017 – 8
 - 2025: 12 cuts made in 13 starts with one win and four additional top-10 finishes
 - Earned her 11th career victory and third major championship at the 2025 KPMG Women's PGA Championship
 - She finished T3 in her last start at The Amundi Evian Championship
 - Has a season-best non-win finish of runner-up at the 2025 Blue Bay LPGA
 - Career: 11 wins, three major championship victories, 79 top-10s, \$17.9 million in career earnings
 - 2022 Rolex ANNIKA Major Award winner
 - Represented Australia in the 2016 Rio Olympics (T7), 2020 Tokyo Olympics (T29), 2024 Paris Olympics (T22) and the 2014, 2016, 2018 and 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crowns
 - Competed in the 2014 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown as an amateur, the only amateur in competition history
- **Rolex Rankings No. 14 and Defending Champion Lauren Coughlin**
 - Fourth start at the ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open
 - 2024 – 1, 2023 – T56, 2022 – CUT
 - 2025: 10 cuts made in 14 starts with three top-10 finishes
 - Has a season-best finish of runner-up at the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards
 - She missed the cut at The Amundi Evian Championship in her last start
 - Career: Two wins, 14 top-10s, \$3.6 million in career earnings
 - Won twice in 2024 at this event and the 2024 CPKC Women's Open
 - Competed on the winning U.S. Solheim Cup team in 2024 as well
 - Went 3-0-1 in her four starts at that event
- **Rolex Rankings No. 25 Grace Kim**
 - Second start at the ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open
 - 2024 – T15
 - 2025: Nine cuts made in 12 starts, one win and one additional top-10 finish
 - Won The Amundi Evian Championship in her last start, the first of her career
 - Her first win since the 2023 LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei
 - Was the second Aussie ever to win the major championship
 - Became the 10th player from Australia to win at least twice on the LPGA Tour

- Her one additional top-10 finish came at the Black Desert Championship presented by Greater Zion, ninth
- Career: Two wins, one major championship victory, 7 career top-10 finishes
 - Became a Rolex First-Time Winner at the 2023 LOTTE Championship in her third start as a Member

NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO

- This is the ninth playing of the ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open since it became a co-sanctioned event in 2017
 - Prior, the event has been played since 1986 as a Ladies European Tour event only
 - 2012 – 2016: Aberdeen Asset Management Ladies Scottish Open
 - 2011: Aberdeen Ladies Scottish Open
 - 2010: Ladies Scottish Open
 - 2008: Aberdeen Asset Management Ladies Scottish Open
 - 2007: De Vere Ladies Scottish Open
 - 1995: Payne & Gunter Scottish Open
 - 1994: The New Skoda Women's Scottish Open
 - 1986 – 1989: Bowring Ladies Scottish Open
- **Lauren Coughlin** is the defending champion besting **Esther Henseleit** by four strokes
 - In her win last season, she earned her second career victory and second of 2024
 - She became the third different American to win the ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open since the event became co-sanctioned in 2017
 - She joins **Ryann O'Toole** (2021) and **Stacy Lewis** (2020)
 - She also claimed her first victory in Europe with a previous best finish of solo-fourth at the 2024 Amundi Evian Championship
- Two players are making their professional debuts at the 2025 ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open
 - **Lottie Woad** earned the necessary 20 LPGA Elite Amateur Pathway (LEAP) points needed to secure Tour membership after her T3 finish at The Amundi Evian Championship
 - Woad has appeared in seven LPGA Tour major championships since 2024
 - She has career-best finishes of T3 at the 2025 Amundi Evian Championship, T10 at the 2024 AIG Women's Open and T23 at the 2024 Chevron Championship
 - Woad played collegiate golf at Florida State University
 - During her time as a Seminole, Woad was named the 2023 ACC Freshman of the Year, was named a WCGA All-American three times (2023-25) and was the 2024 ACC Golfer of the Year
 - Woad was the WCGA Co-Freshman of the Year in 2023 and was the Golden Nole - Female Athlete of the Year in 2024
 - Woad became the first Englishwoman to win the Mark H. McCormack Medal in August 2024, an award given to the athlete who is ranked No. 1 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking at the conclusion of what's considered to be the elite amateur season
 - **Hannah Darling** is also making her professional debut this week
 - Darling, a native of Scotland, has made one LPGA Tour start prior to this week at the 2024 FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship
 - Darling played collegiate golf at the University of South Carolina

- As a Gamecock, she was named a WGCA and Golfweek First Team All-American in 2023 and 2022, First Team All-SEC all four years she competed and was part of the 2022 SEC All-Freshman Team
- She is one of two players all-time at South Carolina to be named a four-time All-American and the only player in school history to be a four-time First Team All-SEC selection

KPMG PERFORMANCE INSIGHTS OF THE WEEK

- Among players in the field this week, 2022 champion **Ayaka Furue** has averaged the most strokes gained at the ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open over the last three seasons (minimum two starts):

Strokes Gained Total Leaders ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open – Last Three Seasons	
	SG Total
Ayaka Furue	+3.03
Hyo Joo Kim	+2.80
Minjee Lee	+2.30
Charley Hull	+2.21
Megan Khang	+2.13

- Minjee Lee is making her ninth start at this event and has been one of the best ball strikers over the last three years

Minjee Lee ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open - Last Three Years		
		Rank
Greens in Regulation	81.5%	2nd
Strokes Gained Approach	+1.92	3rd
Strokes Gained Ball Striking	+2.14	2nd

- Defending champion **Lauren Coughlin** was excellent throughout the bag in her victory last year in her win leading the field in strokes gained putting, but also ranked in the top-15 in the other three key denominations

Lauren Coughlin Strokes Gained Ranks – 2024 ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open	
Category	Rank
Off the Tee	7th
Approach	9th
Around Green	15th
Putting	1st

2025 HANWHA LIFEPLUS INTERNATIONAL CROWN UPDATE

- The 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown field will comprise teams from the United States, the Republic of Korea, Japan, Thailand, Sweden, Australia and the People's Republic of China
 - Countries were determined by the combined Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings of the top four players from each country as of the Rankings published after the KPMG Women's PGA Championship
- The final field of 32 players and the country seeding will be determined via the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings published after the conclusion of the 2025 AIG Women's Open
- One World Team will also be included and will be determined at the Player deadline following the AIG Women's Open
- Notable close races heading into the ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open
 - **Lauren Coughlin** moved into the third berth for the U.S. Team, with **Lilia Vu** dropping to fourth; **Yealimi Noh** is the first reserve, six points behind Vu
 - Coughlin and Noh are in the field for the ISPS Handa Women's Scottish Open
 - The Japan Team is just two points behind the Korea Team for the second seed
 - **Xiyu Lin** is not expected to play for the China Team, as she is expecting her first child; **Ruixin Liu** is the first reserve at No. 111, followed by **Yahui Zhang** at No. 178 and **Miranda Wang** at No. 182
 - Wang is in the field for the ISPS Handa Women's Scottish Open

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: **Jeeno Thitikul** continues her lead of the Race to the CME Globe with 2,173.750 points
 - Won the Mizuho Americas Open
 - Seven additional top-10 finishes this season
 - Finished runner-up at The Amundi Evian Championship
- 2nd: **Minjee Lee** remains in second with 1,817.878 points
 - Won the 2025 KPMG Women's PGA Championship
 - Has four additional top-10 finishes this season
 - Finished T3 at The Amundi Evian Championship
- 3rd: **Rio Takeda** is in third with 1,434.368 points
 - Won the 2025 Blue Bay LPGA
 - Five additional top-10 finishes this season
- Additional moves following The Amundi Evian Championship:
 - **Grace Kim** jumped 59 spots to No. 26 following her first career major championship victory
 - **Leona Maguire** moved up nine spots to No. 49 after her T7 finish
 - **Gabriela Ruffels** finished T9 and climbed 13 spots to No. 66

Aon Risk Reward Challenge: No. 14, par 5 at Dundonald Links

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.

- **Perrine Delacour** took the lead in the Aon Risk Reward Challenge with a -1.200 score to par
- **Nasa Hataoka** is in second with a -1.045 score to par
- **Nelly Korda** is in third with -0.950 score to par
- No. 14: In 2024, the 14th hole at Dundonald Links saw a dramatic increase in players going for the green in 2, making it the easiest hole on the course in relation to par
 - The decision to go for it gave players an average of nearly half a stroke (+0.44) over the field, a significant reward for those with longer driving distance off the tee
 - This jump in players going for it does not come without risks: across the past 3 seasons, players who go for it and find one of two greenside bunkers lose an average of 0.08 strokes on the field
- More information on No. 14 from this week's fact sheet is available [here](#)

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 10 hole-in-ones so far in the 2025 season
 - The last ace on Tour was Leona Maguire at The Amundi Evian Championship
- The total for 2025 is now \$200,000 donated toward St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- In 2024: 29 aces counted towards the challenge, \$580,000 raised