The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican

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Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes

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LPGA Tour Online Media Center (OMC): includes links to daily and archival tournament information, Stats Box, LPGA Statistical Database, photo/video assets and more
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LPGA Tour: @LPGA, @LPGAMedia (X), @lpga_tour (Instagram, TikTok)
Tournament: @theANNIKAlpga (Instagram, X, Facebook)

MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

(All times are local and subject to change)

Wednesday, Nov. 11

Approx. 11:00 a.m. (after Pro-Am) – Rolex No. 1 and three-time The ANNIKA Champion **Nelly Korda**
11:30 a.m. – Sponsor Invite and University of Miami preseason All-American **Scarlett Schremmer**
Approx. 12:30 p.m. (after Pro-Am) – Rolex No. 8 **Charley Hull**
Approx. 12:45 p.m. (after Pro-Am) – Sponsor Invite and 2027 LPGA Tour Rookie **Annabelle Pancake-Webb**
1:00 p.m. – ANNIKA Inspiration Award Press Conference with **Annika Sorenstam**, 2026 ANNIKA Inspiration Award winner **Emilia Duran**, and ANNIKA Sponsor Invite **Macy Pate**
Approx. 1:30 p.m. (after Pro-Am) – Defending Champion **Linn Grant**

NOTABLE PLAYERS

- Rolex Rankings No. 1 Nelly Korda
  - Has won The ANNIKA three times in six appearances

        - She can become the first player to win the same event four times in seven appearances since tracking began in 1980
        - Can also become the first LPGA Professional to win the same event for the fourth time since The ANNIKA tournament namesake Annika Sorenstam, who achieved this feat in 2005
        - Can also become the fifth player in LPGA Tour history to win the same tournament at least four times and first since Se Ri Pak at the Jamie Farr Kroger Classic (1998, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2007)
    - 2026: 14 cuts made in 15 starts with four wins including two major championships
        - Was just named the 2026 Rolex Player of the Year
            - She wins the award for the second time in her career
            - In the last 10 years, Korda becomes the first player to mathematically clinch Rolex Player of the Year twice before the season-ending event
        - Earned another point towards the LPGA Hall of Fame, leaving her one point shy of being added to the historic list of players
        - Won The Chevron Championship and U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
        - Her lone missed cut came at the Amundi Evian Championship
    - Career: 19 wins, four major championship victories, 85 top-10s, $22.3 million in official career earnings
        - 2024 Rolex Player of the Year and Rolex ANNIKA Major Award winner
        - Two-time Olympian for the United States, 2020 Gold Medal winner in Tokyo
        - Five-time U.S. Solheim Cup Team member
- **Rolex Rankings No. 3 Haeran Ryu**
    - Fourth start at The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican
        - Best finish was T7 in 2025
    - 2026: 15 cuts made in 16 starts, two major championship victories, and 11 top-10 finishes
        - Finished as runner-up in her last start at the BMW Ladies Championship
        - Shot a 60 in the third round of The Amundi Evian Championship
        - Is the third player from the Republic of Korea to win at least two major championships in a single season since The Amundi Evian Championship was elevated to a major championship in 2013
            - Joins **Jin Young Ko** and **Inbee Park** who won two majors in 2015 and three in 2013
            - Park won the KPMG Women's PGA Championship and the AIG Women's Open
        - Finished solo second or better in three consecutive starts including wins at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship and The Amundi Evian Championship
        - Her only cut came at the Aramco Championship
    - Career: Five wins, two major championships, 35 top 10s, $10.4 million in official career earnings
        - Participant at the 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown representing the Republic of Korea
        - Has five wins on the KLPGA Tour

NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO

- This is the seventh playing of the ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican
    - All have been hosted at Pelican Country Club

    - Annika Sorenstam has served as tournament host for four of the seven playings
- There are 57 Annika Alumnae in the field
    - To be considered an Annika alumnae, you must have played college or professional golf AND competed in an ANNIKA Foundation tournament or initiative
- All players ranked 55-65 in the Race to the CME Globe are in the field, as are all players ranked 95-105
    - Those who finish in the top 60 in the Race to the CME Globe following this event, earn a spot in the season-ending CME Group Tour Championship
        - Those currently ranked 61-65 include:
            - Robyn Choi
            - Soo Bin Joo
            - Nataliya Guseva
            - Yu Liu
            - Minji Kang
        - All players who are 148th or better in the Race to the CME Globe have a mathematical chance to play their way into next week
    - Those who finish in the top 100 avoid final qualifying and will have LPGA Tour status for the 2027 season
        - Those finishing 101-150 will be exempt into LPGA Final Qualifying next week in Mobile, Ala.
        - Those currently ranked 101-105 include:
            - Lilia Vu
            - Jiwon Jeon
            - Brianna Do
            - Mimi Rhodes
            - Megan Khang

STAT LEADERS

Official Money: Nelly Korda, $6,220,214
Scoring Average: Nelly Korda, 69.38
Strokes Gained Total: Nelly Korda, 3.03
Greens in Regulations: Haeran Ryu, 79.87%
Scrambling Percentage: Miyu Yamashita, 67.92%
Average Driving Distance: Riley Smyth, 288.55 yards

SEASON-LONG INITIATIVES

Race to CME Globe

The Race to CME Globe is a season-long points competition in which LPGA Members accumulate points in every Official LPGA Tournament to gain entry into the season-ending CME Group Tour Championship. The player who wins the CME Group Tour Championship will be named the "Race to the CME Globe Champion."

- **Nelly Korda** remains in the lead with 3,713.875 points
- Following the TOTO Japan Classic the following players moved inside the top 60:
    - **Ayaka Fuyure**: finished T12, moved up 10 spots to No. 56
    - **Aki Iwai:** Finished as a runner-up and moved up five spots to No. 8

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.

- At the conclusion of TOTO Japan Classic, Ryann O'Toole was named the winner of the 2026 Aon Risk Reward Challenge
    - She won the challenge at -0.917

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 2026, 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 24 aces during the 2026 LPGA Tour season, surpassing the number made in 2025 (22) with two events left to play
- There was one hole-in-one at the Maybank Championship
    - **Brooke Matthews** made an ace
- $480,000 has been donated in 2026 bringing the all-time amount donated to $3.84 million