



CHAMPIONSHIP

2026 Aramco Championship

Shadow Creek Golf Club | Las Vegas, Nev. | April 2-5, 2026

First-Round Notes

April 2, 2026

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Course Setup: 36-36—72, 6,707 yards

Scoring Average: R1: 73.816

Weather: Sunny skies with the high temperature of 78F and southwest winds up to 6-12 mph

Race to CME Globe Points: 500 (winner)

Purse: \$4 million (winner's prize, \$600,000)

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LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
T1	Miyu Yamashita	-5	67
T1	Nasa Hataoka	-5	67
T1	Lauren Coughlin	-5	67
T4	Nelly Korda	-4	68
T4	Jing Yan	-4	68
T4	Hyo Joo Kim	-4	68

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- This is the seventh time two or more Japanese players have been tied for the lead following the first round of play
 - It is the fourth time since 2017 with two instances last season
- **T1: Miyu Yamashita, Nasa Hataoka, Lauren Coughlin**
 - Yamashita is competing for the first time at the Aramco Championship and at Shadow Creek
 - One of five players to record an eagle in their first round
 - Making her sixth start of 2026 and has three top 10 finishes
 - Missed the cut in last week's Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
 - Hataoka recorded her best 18-hole score at Shadow Creek when playing stroke play
 - Previously recorded rounds of 76 and 82

- Her 67 is her lowest 18-hole score of 2026 since the first round of the Honga LPGA Thailand
 - Has teed it up at Shadow Creek three previous times
 - Career best T9 finish in 2021
 - Coughlin’s 67 is her best 18-hole score of the season
 - She has recorded just two rounds in the 60s so far this season
 - Coughlin finished runner-up at Shadow Creek last season playing match play
 - All of her matches went 18 holes or longer
 - 67 is her best 18-hole score at Shadow Creek, previously 74
- **T4: Nelly Korda, Jing Yan and Hyo Joo Kim**
 - Korda beat her career-best 18-hole score at Shadow Creek, 69 in R3 of 2024
 - Was one of five players to record an eagle today
 - Is making her third start at Shadow Creek
 - She won the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Resorts in 2024
 - Has recorded seven-straight rounds in the 60s dating back to second round of the Fortinet Founders Cup
 - Has just two rounds 70 or worse in 2026
 - Yan tied her season-best 18-hole score of 68
 - Strung together six-straight birdies in her opening round
 - It is the longest streak of birdie or better scores at Shadow Creek since **Maja Stark** in 2024 (5)
 - Is playing Shadow Creek for the second time in her career
 - Finished T26 in 2021
 - Finished T15 in last week’s Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
 - Kim recorded five birdies and a bogey in her opening round
 - Has started three-straight tournaments with a round in the 60s
 - Has started four of her five starts with a round in the 60s
 - Making her fifth start at Shadow Creek
 - Has never finished better than T17
 - Best 18-hole score at Shadow Creek
 - Shot rounds of 75 and 76 in 2024
- **Hannah Screen** is the top player from the Ladies European Tour at T6
 - Recorded six birdies and three bogeys in her opening round
 - Screen has competed on the LET since 2022
 - She has seven top 10 finishes
- Sponsor invites **Anna Nordqvist** and **Jessica Korda** each finished over par on Thursday
 - Nordqvist shot 2-over par and J. Korda shot 3-over

A LOOK AT THE LEADERS

CATEGORY	Miyu Yamashita	Nasa Hataoka	Lauren Coughlin
2026 Race to CME Globe Rank	11	25	94
2026 LPGA Tour Wins	0	0	0
2026 LPGA Tour Top 10s	3	2	0
2026 Official Season Earnings	\$245.9K	\$163.3K	\$33.7K

Career LPGA Tour Wins	2	7	2
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	15	57	16
Career Official Money	\$3.8M	\$11.3M	\$4.0M

ABOUT THE LEADERS

Rolex Rankings No. 6 Miyu Yamashita

- First start at the Aramco Championship and Shadow Creek
- 2026: Four cuts made in five starts with three top 10s
 - Has T5 finishes at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions and the Fortinet Founders Cup
 - Missed her first cut of the year at the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
 - First missed cut since the 2025 Mizuho Americas Open
 - Has just three missed cuts since joining the Tour in 2025
- Career: Two wins including one major championship, 15 top 10s with \$3.8 in official career earnings
 - Became a Rolex First-Time Winner at the 2025 AIG Women's Open
 - Followed that with a win at the Maybank Championship
 - Became the sixth different Japanese player to win a major championship
 - Finished T4 at the 2024 Paris Olympics
 - Competed on the JLPGA prior to joining the LPGA Tour
 - 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. 16 Nasa Hataoka

- First start at the Aramco Championship, fourth start at Shadow Creek
 - 2025 – T17, 2024 – MC, 2021 – T9
 - All starts came at the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards
 - In 2024, three rounds of stroke play were played to determine those competing in match play over the weekend
- 2026: Four cuts made in four starts with two top 10s
 - Has a season-best finish of T5 at the Fortinet Founders Cup
 - Recorded her fifth career ace at the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
 - She hit her pitching wedge 133 yards on the No. 15 par 3 and won a 2026 Ford Bronco Badlands
- Career: Seven wins, 57 top 10s and \$11.3 million in official career earnings
 - Most recently won the 2025 TOTO Japan Classic, her seventh career victory
 - Her first win since 2022
 - Represented Japan in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics (T9) and the 2023 and 2018 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crowns
 - Also competes on the JLPGA Tour and has six career wins

Rolex Rankings No. 32 Lauren Coughlin

- First start at the Aramco Championship, fourth start at Shadow Creek
 - 2025 – Runner-Up, 2024 – T32, 2023 – T17
 - All starts came at the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards

- In 2024, three rounds of stroke play were played to determine those competing in match play over the weekend
- 2026: Three cuts made in three starts
 - Has a season-best finish of T27 at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
- Career: Two wins, 16 top 10s with \$4.0M in official career earnings
 - Became a Rolex First-Time Winner at the 2024 CPKC Women's Open
 - Won the ISPS HANADA Women's Scottish Open later that season
 - Competed on the 2024 U.S. Solheim Cup and the 2025 U.S. International Crown teams

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

18 holes: 66, Sei Young Kim (R1, 2024)

36 holes: 140, Carlota Ciganda, Angel Yin, Rose Zhang and Sei Young Kim (2024)

54 holes: 210, Leona Maguire (2024)

72 holes:

*The LPGA played three rounds of stroke play in 2024 to determine the top eight players that would move on to match play later in the week.

QUOTABLE

Lauren Coughlin (T1, -5) on the changes she's made to her iron game

"I changed iron shafts at the beginning of the year. I've been playing the same shafts for almost six years. Just didn't feel like -- my swing hasn't changed a ton, but I feel like I've gotten older and my swing has gotten more efficient I guess I would say. I was testing out stuff trying to get a little bit more height, and I also changed my lie angles. I used to be super, super flat, like three and a half degrees flat, and I -- after messing around with some wedges earlier in January, I decided to go to two degrees flat and it's made a huge difference."

Miyu Yamashita (T1, -5) on playing Shadow Creek for the first time

"So the course is really hard and there are a lot of doglegs so you can't always hit driver off the tee. With the firm condition it makes it even tougher, so the greens are firm and the fairways are firm, too. The ball travels farther than expected so judging distance a tricky. But I could birdie on the par-5 so it was nice round."

Nasa Hataoka (T1, -5) on how good it feels to get a low score in her first round

"Yeah, before tournament get start we talk about my goal is 5-under total for four days, so, yeah, it was no windier condition. That's why I made so many good birdies today. But I will play in the afternoon tomorrow, so it's going to be a little bit different to today."

Jing Yan (T4, -4) on her round and her stretch of six-straight birdies

"Yeah, I started off really well. Two really short birdie putts, so two good approaches.

And then kind of like a little hiccup on a par-3, a short save that I didn't make. And then a double on 14 which is -- I think it's one the tougher holes on the course so a little disappointed at that point to kind of make an unforced errors with a double. But then just try to like hit good shots, stay positive. I wasn't expecting to make six birdies. I was just trying to hit one good shot at a time and go one hole at a time; ended up working out pretty good. So, yeah, it was a nice stretch to end."

[Lauren Coughlin Knows Shadow Creek and it Helps her to 3-Way Share of the Lead on LPGA](#)
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