



CHAMPIONSHIP

2026 Aramco Championship

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Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes

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MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

(All times are local and subject to change; PST)

Wednesday, March 31

9:30 a.m. – Hannah Green, Minjee Lee and Lottie Woad

10:30 a.m. – Anna Nordqvist and Anne Van Dam

1 p.m. – Charley Hull and Jeeno Thitikul

NOTABLE PLAYERS

- [Rolex Rankings No. 1 Jeeno Thitikul](#)
 - First appearance at the Aramco Championship
 - 2026: Five cuts made in five starts with one win and one additional top 10
 - Won in her second start of 2026 at her home event at the Honda LPGA Thailand
 - Finished T7 at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
 - Finished T50 at the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass her last time out
 - 2025: 19 cuts made in 20 starts with 14 top-10 finishes and three wins
 - Successfully defended her title at the 2025 CME Group Tour Championship to close out the season
 - Won earlier in the year at the Mizuho Americas Open and the Buick LPGA Shanghai

- Had six consecutive top-10 finishes, including four top-two finishes
- Her 14 top 10s were the most she has recorded in a single season since her rookie year in 2022, when she recorded 16
- Earned Rolex Player of the Year honors for the first time in her career and earned the Vare Trophy for lowest scoring average for the second time
- Career: Eight wins, 57 top 10s, \$17.7 million in official career earnings
 - In 2024, earned two wins and recorded 12 top 10s in 17 starts
 - Won the Dow Championship and the CME Group Tour Championship
 - Won the 2024 Aon Risk Reward Challenge
 - Broke Lorena Ochoa's single-season earnings record with a season total of \$6,059,309
 - 2023 Vare Trophy recipient
 - 2022 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year
 - Member of the Thailand Team at the 2023 and 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown and represented Thailand at the 2024 Paris Olympics
- **Rolex Rankings No. 2 Nelly Korda**
 - Korda is making her third start at the Aramco Championships
 - 2021 – Runner-Up, 2022 – Fourth
 - 2026: Three cuts made in three starts with one win and two additional top 10s
 - Won the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
 - Finished runner-up in back-to-back starts at the Fortinet Founders Cup and the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
 - 2025: 19 cuts made in 19 starts with nine top-10 finishes
 - Finished runner-up three times in 2025
 - CME Group Tour Championship
 - U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
 - Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
 - Did not miss a cut in 2025, the first time in her career she did not miss a cut in a single season
 - Career: 16 wins, two major championship victories, 77 top 10s, \$16.9 million in official 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, capture 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 Olympian for the United States, 2020 Gold Medal winner in Tokyo
 - Four-time U.S. Solheim Cup Team member
- **Rolex Rankings No. 3 Hyo Joo Kim**
 - First start at the Aramco Championship
 - 2026: Four cuts made in four starts with two wins and one additional top 10

- Won in back-to-back weeks for the first time in her career at the Fortinet Founders Cup and the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
- Set a career best 72-hole scoring record of 260 at the Ford Championship
- She became the first player in LPGA Tour history to shoot 61 or lower twice in one tournament
 - One of two players to do so on the LPGA or PGA Tour, joining Ludvig Aberg, who did so at the 2023 RSM Classic (67-64-61-61)
- Reached No. 3 in the Rolex Rankings, a career-best
- Career: Nine wins, 66 top 10s, \$12.3 million in official career earnings
 - Represented the Republic of Korea at the 2020 Tokyo and 2024 Paris Olympics
 - Represented the Republic of Korea at the 2023 and 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
 - Finished as KLPGA leading money winner in 2014 and 2020
- **Rolex Rankings No. 4 Charley Hull**
 - Making her fifth start at the Aramco Championship
 - 2021 – Won, 2022 – 58, 2023 – Runner-Up, 2025 – Runner-Up
 - 2026: Two cuts made in three starts with one top 10 finish
 - Missed her first cut of the year at last week's Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
 - First missed cut since the 2025 Chevron Championship
 - Finished T10 at the HSBC Women's World Championship
 - Hull won the PIF Saudi Ladies International on the Ladies European Tour in February, the fifth win on the LET
 - 2025: 14 cuts made in 16 starts with one win and three additional top 10 finishes
 - Claimed her third LPGA Tour victory at the Kroger Queen City Championship
 - Competed on the first ever World Team at the 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
 - Career: Three wins, 43 top 10s; \$11 million in official career earnings
 - Won the 2022 Ascendant LPGA Benefiting the Volunteers of America and the 2016 CME Group Tour Championship
 - Seven-time member of the European Solheim Cup Team
 - Youngest member of the European Solheim Cup team at 17 years, 4 months and 25 days
 - Has represented England at two International Crowns (2016, 2018) and two Olympics (2016, T7 and 2024, T27)
 - Her No.3 position in the Rolex Rankings is the highest ranking ever for an Englishwoman
 - Also competes on the Ladies European Tour
 - Has five career victories
 - Was named 2013 LET Rookie of the Year
 - Won the 2014 Order of Merit and Player of the Year

NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO

- All 20 of the top 20 players in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings are in the field

- This is the first time, excluding the CME Group Tour Championship and major championships, since the 2017 Ascendant benefiting Volunteers of America that all 20 are in the field
- Sixth playing of the Aramco Championship, first as a co-sanctioned event with the Ladies European Tour
- **Nuria Iturriz** is the defending champion of this event
 - She defeated **Charley Hull** and **Carlota Ciganda** by two strokes at Golfcrest Country Club in Houston
- Second time stroke play has been played on the LPGA Tour at Shadow Creek
 - The Tour played three rounds of stroke play in 2024 to determine the final eight players participating in match play over the weekend
- This is the first time the Aramco Championship has been held on the West Coast of the United States
- The LPGA Tour has competed at Shadow Creek since 2021 competing in a match play format

STAT LEADERS

Official Money: Hyo Joo Kim, \$939,640

Scoring Average: Nelly Korda, 67.09

Strokes Gained Total: Nelly Korda, 4.00

Hole-in-Ones: 3 (Jenny Bae, Nasa Hataoka, Ruoning Yin)

Greens in Regulation: Nelly Korda, 84.34%

Scrambling Percentage: Madelene Sagstrom, 76.47%

Average Driving Distance: Riley Smyth, 301.00 yards

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 an \$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.

- **Hyo Joo Kim** moved into first with her second win in as many weeks at the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
 - Has 1,268.000 points
- **Nelly Korda** dropped one spot to second after finishing runner-up at the Ford Championship
 - Has 1,140.000 points
- **Jeeno Thitikul** remains in third with 678.000
- In 2025, **Jeeno Thitikul** earned the most points with 4,066.950 in 20 starts

Aon Risk Reward Challenge: No. 17 at Whirlwind Golf Club, Cattail Course

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.

- **Hannah Green** leads at -1.500

- **Jennifer Kupcho** won the 2025 Aon Risk Reward Challenge
- No. 18 at Shadow Creek
 - With 503 yards from tee to green, players' second shot will be crucial to end the round on a high note. A well-placed drive that finds the narrow fairway leaves roughly 225 - 250 yards in. From there, many players may choose to lay up, as water protects the front of the green and leaves a small landing area, making it a high-risk approach.

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.

- **Jenny Bae** and **Nasa Hataoka** made aces at the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
- **Ruoning Yin** made the first hole-in-one of the LPGA Tour season at Blue Bay LPGA
- \$60,000 has been donated, bringing the all-time amount donated to \$3.44 million
- 335 all-time eligible holes-in-one since the program started in 2019