



BMW LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP

BMW Ladies Championship

Pine Beach Golf Links | Haenam-gun, Jeollanam-do, Republic of Korea | Oct. 22-25, 2026

Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes

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MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

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Wednesday, October 21

1:00 p.m. – Hye-Jin Choi, Haeran Ryu, Sei Young Kim, Ina Yoon, Minsol Kim, and Kyo Rim Seo

NOTABLE PLAYERS

- [Rolex Rankings No. 3 Haeran Ryu](#)
 - Fifth start at the BMW Ladies Championship
 - Has two top 10 results (2024 – T6 and 2021 – T7)
 - 2026: 14 cuts made in 15 starts, two major championship victories and 10 top-10 finishes
 - 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, 34 top 10s, \$10.3 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

- Rolex Rankings No. 7 Lottie Woad

- Second start at the BMW Ladies Championship
 - Competed in 2025 where she finished T24
- 2026: One win, six top 10s, and 16 cuts made in 19 starts
 - Won the Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G
- Career: Two wins, eight top 10s, \$2 million in official career earnings
 - Represented Team Europe at the 2026 Solheim Cup
 - Became a Rolex First-Time winner with her victory at the ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open
 - Became the first athlete to earn LPGA Tour status via the LPGA Elite Amateur Pathway in July 2025 when she tied for third at The Amundi Evian Championship
- Amateur Career:
 - Won the 2025 KPMG Women's Irish Open on the LET
 - Won the Mark H. McCormack Medal in 2024
 - Member of the winning Great Britain and Ireland Team at the 2024 Curtis Cup
 - Won the 2024 Augusta National Women's Amateur
 - Played collegiately at Florida State University

- Rolex Rankings No. 9 Sei Young Kim

- Seventh start at the BMW Ladies Championship
 - Won the event in 2025
 - It was her first win in 1,792 days (2020 The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican)
- 2026: 14 cuts made in 17 starts, with seven top 10 finishes
 - Season-best T2 result at the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
- Career: 13 wins, one major championship, 82 top 10s, and \$15.8M in official career earnings
 - First joined the LPGA Tour in 2015
 - Won and recorded an additional nine top 10 finishes in the 2025 season
 - Won the 2020 KPMG Women's PGA Championship to become a major champion
 - Won the 2020 Rolex Player of the Year and the 2015 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year
 - Represented the Republic of Korea at the 2016 Rio Olympics (T25) and 2020 Tokyo Olympics (T9)
 - Represented the Republic of Korea at the 2016 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
 - Five-Time winner on the KLPGA

NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO

- This is the seventh playing of the BMW Ladies Championship
 - There have been four different host venues
 - 2025 to present – Pine Beach Golf Links, Haenam-gun, Jeollanam-do, Republic of Korea
 - 2023, 2024 – Seowon Valley Country Club, Seowon Hills, Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea
 - 2022 – Oak Valley Country Club, Wonju, Republic of Korea
 - 2019, 2021 – LPGA International Busan, Busan, Republic of Korea
- Defending champion is **Sei Young Kim**
 - Holds or shares the 18-hole, 36-hole, 54-hole, and 72-hole scoring records at the BMW Ladies Championship

- There is one sponsor invite: **Seoah Kim (a)**
 - Meng is the 32nd ranked amateur in the world
 - Has competed on the KLPGA 4 times and the CLPGA once
 - Is making her first start on the LPGA Tour

STAT LEADERS

Official Money: Nelly Korda, \$6,220,214

Scoring Average: Nelly Korda, 69.38

Strokes Gained Total: Nelly Korda, 3.03

Greens in Regulation: Haeran Ryu, 79.04%

Scrambling Percentage: Miyu Yamashita, 67.73%

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 Buick LPGA Shanghai, the following players moved up in the rankings:
 - **Ruoning Yin** moved into the top 5 after her win last week
 - **Hye-Jin Choi** jumped to No. 10 after her runner-up finish at the Buick LPGA Shanghai
 - **Amy Yang** climbed 10 spots to No. 31

Aon Risk Reward Challenge No. 17, par 5 at Pine Beach Golf 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.

- **Ryann O'Toole** leads at -.917
- O'Toole is not competing the rest of 2026 in preparation for the birth of her first child
 - The 17th at Pine Beach Golf Links is a 536-yard par five with a winding, narrow fairway that gradually opens up. Players will need to decide how aggressive they will be off the tee to give themselves a chance at reaching the green in two. From the fairway, 66% of players choose to lay up, compared to 83% from the rough. Overall Go-For-Green (GFG) Success rate is just 5.2%, making it a risky decision even for players in a favorable position. The key decision for players is deciding whether to take on the risk of going for the green in two for an outside chance at Eagle, or situating themselves as best as possible for a Birdie opportunity.
 - The fact sheet for this week can be found [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 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.

- The were two aces at the Buick LPGA Shanghai from **Minji Kang** and **Natthakritta Vongtaveelap**
- \$440,000 has been donated in 2026 bringing the all-time amount donated to \$4.16 million