



## 2026 The Chevron Championship

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### Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes

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#### **MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE**

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

Wednesday, April 22

**10:30 a.m.** – Farah O’Keefe, Sponsor Invitation and World Amateur Golf Rankings No. 4

**Approx 11:45 a.m.** – Lindy Duncan

**NOTABLE PLAYERS****• Rolex Rankings No. 1 Jeeno Thitikul**

- Fifth appearance at The Chevron Championship
  - 2025 – T24, 2024 – 12, 2023 – T4, 2022 – T17
- 2026: Six cuts made in six starts with one win and two additional top 10s
  - 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 T17 at the Aramco Championship in her last start
- 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 eleventh start at The Chevron Championship
  - 2025 – T14, 2024 – WIN, 2023 – 3, 2021 – T3, 2020 – T2, 2019 – T52, 2018 – T13, 2017 – T42 (a), 2015 – 99 (a), 2014 – 106 (a)
- 2026: Four cuts made in four starts with one win and three additional top 10s
  - Won the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
  - Finished runner-up in back-to-back-back starts at the Fortinet Founders Cup, the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass and the Aramco Championship
- 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**
  - Eleventh start at the Chevron Championship
    - 2025 – T2, 2024 – CUT, 2023 – 11, 2022 – T8, 2021 – T28, 2019 – T6, 2018 – CUT, 2017 – T40, 2016 – T18, 2015 – T11
  - 2026: Five cuts made in six starts with two wins and an 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
    - Withdrew prior to her second round of the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro her last time out
    - 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**
  - Twelfth start at the Chevron Championship
    - 2025 – CUT, 2024 – T23, 2023 – CUT, 2022 – T25, 2021 – T14, 2019 – T12, 2018 – T6, 2017 – T14, 2016 – T2, 2015 – T26, 2014 – T7
  - 2026: Three cuts made in four starts with one top 10 finish
    - Finished T15 at her last start at the Aramco 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
- **Rolex Rankings No. 5 Hannah Green**
  - Green is making her ninth start at The Chevron Championship
    - 2025 – CUT, 2024 – CUT, 2023 – CUT, 2022 – T8, 2021 – T14, 2020 – T62, 2019 – CUT, 2018 – T16
  - 2026: Four cuts made in three starts, with two wins and one additional top 10
    - Won the 2026 JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro and the HSBC Women's World Championship
    - Becomes the first Australian player with multiple season wins before the year's first major since **Karrie Webb** in 2014
    - Tied for the fourth most wins by an Australian on the LPGA Tour, joining Rachel Hetherington (8)
  - Career: 8 wins, one major championship, 36 top 10s, and \$8.8M in official career earnings
    - First joined the LPGA Tour in 2018
    - Won the 2019 KPMG Women's PGA Championship to become a Rolex First Time Winner
    - Represented Australia at the 2023 and 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
    - Represented Australia at the 202 and 2024 Olympics
    - Won twice so far in 2026 on the LET

### **NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO**

- This is the 55th official playing of The Chevron Championship
  - First time The Chevron Championship will be hosted by Memorial Park Golf Course
    - Also hosts the Texas Children's Houston Open on the PGA Tour
    - Underwent a major renovation in 2020 by renowned architect Tom Doak with Brooks Koepka as a player consultant
- **Mao Saigo** is the defending champion
  - Defeated **Hyo Joo Kim, Ruoning Yin, Ariya Jutanugarn** and **Lindy Duncan** in a five-person playoff
    - It was the largest playoff in major championship history on the LPGA Tour
    - The largest playoffs involved six players, which has happened twice
  - Became a Rolex First-Time Winner, picking up her first major championship and LPGA Tour victory

- The 46th player to earn her first LPGA Tour victory at a major championship and first since **Allisen Corpuz** at the 2023 U.S. Women's Open
- The eighth player to become a Rolex First-Time Winner at The Chevron Championship
- The fifth player from Japan with a major championship victory and first since Ayaka Furue at the 2024 Amundi Evian Championship
- The first player from Japan to win The Chevron Championship
- Three players are eligible to earn a career Grand Slam with a win at The Chevron Championship
  - **Minjee Lee:**
    - Won 2021 The Amundi Evian Championship, the 2022 U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally and the 2025 KPMG Women's PGA Championship
    - Has recorded five consecutive top-25 finishes in major championships
  - **In Gee Chun:**
    - Won the 2015 U.S. Women's Open, 2016 The Amundi Evian Championship, and 2022 KPMG Women's PGA Championship
  - **Anna Nordqvist:**
    - Won the 2009 KPMG Women's PGA Championship, 2017 The Amundi Evian Championship and the 2021 AIG Women's Open
    - 2026 European Solheim Cup Captain
- There are eight amateurs in the field this week
  - They are eligible to receive points toward the [LPGA Elite Amateur Pathway](#); two points for top 25 and ties, and one point for a cut made
    - **Shauna Liu** (0 LEAP Points) – sponsor exemption, 2025 winner of The Nelly Invitational presented by Chevron
      - Currently ranked No. 10 in the AJGA Rolex Rankings
      - Verbally committed to UCLA
      - Has appeared in one LPGA Tour event, 2025 CPKC Women's Open
    - **Farah O'Keefe** (4 LEAP Points) – sponsor invitation
      - Currently ranked No. 4 in the WAGR
      - Junior at the University of Texas
      - Has earned three collegiate wins in 2026
      - Has played in three LPGA Tour events (2025 U.S. Women's Open, 2023 U.S. Women's Open, 2021 Volunteers of America Classic)
    - **Megha Ganne** (4 LEAP Points) – 2025 U.S. Women's Amateur champion
      - Currently ranked No. 7 in WAGR
      - Senior at Stanford University
      - Has played in seven LPGA Tour events (2025 FM Championship, 2024 U.S. Women's Open, 2023 Mizuho Americas Open, 2021 ShopRite LPGA Classic, 2021 U.S. Women's Open, 2020 ShopRite LPGA Classic, 2019 U.S. Women's Open)
    - **Paula Martin Sampedro** (9 LEAP Points) – 2025 Women's Amateur champion
      - Currently ranked second in WAGR
      - Junior at Stanford University
      - Has played in two LPGA Tour events (2025 AIG Women's Open and U.S. Women's Open)

- **Yunseo Yang** (1 LEAP Point) – 2026 Women’s Amateur Asia-Pacific Championship winner
  - Currently ranked No. 32 in WAGR
  - First LPGA Tour event
- **Kiara Romero** (14 LEAP Points) – 2025 McCormack Medal recipient
  - Current No. 1 in the WAGR Rolex Rankings
  - Leads LEAP point standings with 14
  - Junior at the University of Oregon
  - Has played in four LPGA Tour events (2025 CPKC Women’s Open, 2025 The Standard Portland Classic, 2025 U.S. Women’s Open, 2024 U.S. Women’s Open)
- **Asterisk Talley** (5 LEAP Points) – No. 1 in the AJGA Rolex Rankings
  - Committed to Stanford University
  - Has played in seven LPGA Tour events (2026 JM Eagle LA Championship, 2025 ShopRite LPGA Classic, 2025 U.S. Women’s Open, 2025 The Chevron Championship, 2025 JM Eagle Championship, 2024 U.S. Women’s Open)
- **Andrea Revuelta** (3 LEAP Points) – No. 3 in WAGR
  - Sophomore at Stanford University
  - First LPGA Tour event

### STAT LEADERS

Official Money: Hannah Green, \$1,214,178

Scoring Average: Nelly Korda, 68.27

Greens in Regulation: In Gee Chun, 81.11%

Scrambling Percentage: Jeongeun Lee6, 73.68%

Average Driving Distance: Riley Smyth, 297.00 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.*

- **Nelly Korda** moved back into first after her runner-up finish at the Aramco Championship
  - Has 1,415.000 points
- **Hyo Joo Kim** is currently in second with 1,326.000 points
- **Hannah Green** moved to third following her second win of the season at the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro and has 1,100.000 points
- In 2025, **Jeeno Thitikul** earned the most points with 4,066.950 in 20 starts

Aon Risk Reward Challenge: No. 14 at Memorial Park Golf 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.*

- **Ryann O'Toole** leads at  $-1.333$
- **Jennifer Kupcho** won the 2025 Aon Risk Reward Challenge
- No. 14 at Memorial Park Golf Course
  - The 14th hole at Memorial Park is a par 5 playing at 529 yards from the back tees and 487 yards from the forward tees.
  - Oak trees surround the fairway on either side, placing a premium on finding the fairway. The key decision is to lay up or go for the green in two. As one of the only right-to-left fairways on the back nine, it challenges players to shape a shot differently from what they've faced on the preceding holes.
  - The green funnels from back to front, giving players an opportunity to utilize the slope for an eagle or birdie look.

#### 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.*

- **Yu Liu** made an ace at the JM Eagle LA Championship for the fourth of the season
- \$80,000 has been donated in 2026, bringing the all-time amount donated to \$3.46 million
- There were 22 holes in one throughout the 2025 season
- 336 all-time eligible holes-in-one since the program started in 2019