



## DOW CHAMPIONSHIP



### 2026 Dow Championship

Midland Country Club | Midland, MI | June 11-14, 2026

#### Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes

June 9, 2026

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#### SOCIAL MEDIA

LPGA Tour: @LPGA, @LPGAMedia (X), @lpga\_tour (Instagram, TikTok)  
Tournament: @dowchampionship (Instagram, TikTok, X)

#### MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

(All times are local (ET) and subject to change)

#### Wednesday, June 10

10:45 a.m. - **Juli Inkster** and **Angel Yin**, LPGA Tour Hall of Famer and mentee

2 p.m. - **Leah John** and **Riley Smyth**, 2026 LPGA Rookies

#### NOTABLE TEAMS IN THE FIELD

- [Rolex Rankings No. 1 Nelly Korda](#) and [Rolex Rankings No. 133 Olivia Cowan](#)
  - First time the duo are teaming up for the Dow Championship
    - 2026 Korda: Four wins including two major championship victories, eight top-10s in eight starts
    - Holds the No. 1 spot in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings
      - Has been No. 1 for at least one week in each of the last six years
      - Ranked No. 1 at the same time as fellow American Scottie Scheffler; the last pair of Americans to do so were Stacy Lewis and Tiger Woods in 2013
    - Won the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions, The Chevron Championship and the Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba
    - Started the season with six consecutive finishes of T2 or better

- Career: 19 wins, four major championships, 83 top-10 finishes, \$21.4 million in official career earnings
  - Won the Rolex Player of the Year and Rolex ANNIKA Major Award in 2024
  - Represented the U.S. at the 2024 Paris Olympics and 2020 Tokyo Olympics
  - Four-time U.S. Solheim Cup team member (2019, 2021, 2023, 2024)
  - Participant at the 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
- 2026 Cowan: Three cuts made in three starts on the LPGA Tour
  - Has a season-best finish of T27 at the Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba
  - Has made four starts on the Ladies European Tour as well with a season-best finish of 13 at the Joburg Ladies Open
- Career Cowan: Three career top 10s with \$756.5k in official career earnings
  - Has a career best fifth place result at the ISPS Handa World Invitational
  - Has one win on the LET at the 2022 Hero Women's Indian Open
- **Rolex Rankings No. 34 Jin Hee Im and Rolex Rankings No. 41 Somi Lee**
  - The duo both became Rolex First Time Winners at the 2025 Dow Championship
    - Defeated Megan Khang and Lexi Thompson with a birdie on the first playoff hole
  - 2026 Im: Has made 11 cuts in 11 starts with two top-10s
    - Finished T2 at the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro for her best finish of the 2026 season
      - Lost in a three-person playoff to Hannah Green on the first playoff hole
    - Finished T19 at the U.S. Women's Open her last time out
  - Career Im: One career win, 13 career top 10s and \$3.7 million in career official earnings
    - Earned her sole career win at the 2025 Dow Championship
    - Has six career victories on the KLPGA
    - Finished T17 at LPGA Q-Series to earn LPGA Tour membership for the 2024 season
  - 2026 Lee: 8 cuts made in 10 starts with three top-10 finishes
    - Finished solo fourth at the Honda LPGA Thailand and T4 at the ShopRite LPGA powered by Wakefern for her best finishes of the season
    - Finished T40 at the U.S. Women's Open in her last start
  - Career Lee: One career win, 12 career top 10s and \$2.6 million in career official earnings
    - Earned her sole career win at the 2025 Dow Championship
    - Five-time winner on the KLPGA
    - Finished T2 at LPGA Q-Series to earn LPGA Tour membership for the 2024 season

### **NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO**

- This is the seventh playing of the Dow Championship, with the first Championship taking place in 2019
- This was the first known, official team event added to the LPGA Tour
  - Several unofficial team competitions have occurred on Tour previously including: Solheim Cup (1999-present), International Crown (2014-present) and others
- **Juli Inkster** is making her first appearance on the LPGA Tour since the 2025 Standard Portland Classic playing with partner **Angel Yin**
  - That marked the first time she made a start on the LPGA Tour since 2022
  - Inkster is a 31-time winner on the LPGA Tour with seven major championships
  - Yin is making her first start at this event since 2022

- **Competition Format:** 144 players, 72 teams, 72-hole stroke play, cut to the top 33 teams and ties after 36 holes
  - The first and third rounds will be played in foursomes (alternate shot) and the second and final rounds will be played in four-ball (best-ball) format). In the event of a playoff, the champions will be determined by a hole-by-hole playoff in the foursomes format.
  - Each LPGA Member on the winning team will receive the standard two-year winner's exemption on the LPGA Priority List. CME points and prize money will be official for the purposes of the current-year LPGA Official Money List and Race to the CME Globe Standings. Rolex Player of the Year, Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year and U.S. Solheim Cup points will not be allocated, and statistics will not be calculated. Rolex Women's World Rankings Points also will not be allocated. Non-Member win regulations apply to non-Members that are participating in the event.

### STAT LEADERS

Official Money: Nelly Korda, \$5,386,790

Scoring Average: Nelly Korda, 68.26

Greens in Regulation: Haeran Ryu, 79.88%

Scrambling Percentage: Nelly Korda, 74.83%

Average Driving Distance: Julia Lopez Ramirez, 290.63 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** remains in first following her win at the U.S. Women's Open with 3,293.750 points
- Following the U.S. Women's Open, two players moved up notably in the rankings:
  - **Gaby Lopez** finished T2 and moved up 16 spots to No. 9
  - **Sei Young Kim** finished T2 and moved up 6 spots to No. 10
  - There were no changes of Nos. 1-8 following U.S. Women's Open

#### 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.*

- **Ryann O'Toole** continues to lead at -1.250
- There is no Aon Risk Reward Challenge hole during the week of the Dow Championship due to the team nature of the event

### 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.*

- **Xiyu Janet Lin** made an ace at the U.S. Women's Open for the ninth of the season
- \$180,000 has been donated in 2026, bringing the all-time amount donated to \$3.54 million