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**Amundi**  
**evian**  
CHAMPIONSHIP

### The Amundi Evian Championship

Evian Resort Golf Club | Evian-les-Bains, France | July 9-12, 2026

#### First-Round Notes

July 9, 2026

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**Course Setup:** 35-36 – 71, 6,343 yards

**Weather:** Sunny skies are forecast today with hot afternoon temperatures reaching 34C (93F). Winds are forecast from the northeast at 6-12mph

**Race to CME Globe Points:** 650 (winner)

**Purse:** \$9.1 million (winner's prize, \$1,365,000)

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#### LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
1	Aki Iwai	-8	63
2	Perrine Delacour	-6	65
T3	Five Players	-5	66

#### COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Leader: **Aki Iwai**
  - Recorded a 63 in her opening round, her best first round score since the 2025 Honda LPGA Thailand, 62
  - It her lowest first round score this season, previously 66 at the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
  - Her 63 is the lowest opening score at The Amundi Evian Championship since **Ayaka Furue** did so in 2022
- Second: **Perrine Delacour**
  - Shot a 65 in her first round, the best opening round of her season
    - It is her best first round score since she shot a 63 at The Standard Portland Classic in 2023
  - It is her first opening round in the 60s this season

- Lowest opening round by a Frenchwoman at The Amundi Evian Championship since it was elevated to a major in 2013
  - Previous lows: Perrine Delacour (2022) and Celine Boutier (2023) – 66 (-5)
- **T3: Maja Stark, Charley Hull, Haeran Ryu, Mao Saigo, and Jin Hee Im**
  - Stark carded a 66 in R1
    - The best opening round of her season
    - One of five bogey-free rounds
  - Hull shot a back nine 31 (-5) en route to a 66
    - Ties her best opening round in a major championship in her career
      - Shot a 66 at The Amundi Evian Championship in 2022
    - Her 16 of 18 greens in regulation today are a season high for her on the LPGA Tour
  - Ryu opened her tournament with a 66 after winning a major championship in her last start at the KPMG Women’s PGA Championship
    - Ties her best opening round of the season
    - Has played her last four rounds in major championships a combined 19-under (KPMG R2 – Evian R1)
  - Saigo was also bogey-free in her opening round 66
    - Is leading the field in greens in regulation (17/18)
    - This is the lowest opening round in a major championship in her career
  - Im shot a 66 in R1
    - Lowest first-round score in a major championship in her career
    - Closed her round with a 5-under 31
- **Farah O’Keefe** is the low amateur through 18 holes of play at T15
  - Making her first start at The Amundi Evian Championship
  - Has finished top 40 in her last two major championship starts
    - T34 at the U.S. Women’s Open presented by Ally, T38 at The Chevron Championship
  - Has 16 LPGA Elite Amateur Pathway (LEAP) points
    - Earns her 17th with a made cut OR
    - Earns her 18th with a top 25 finish

#### A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Aki Iwai
2026 Race to CME Globe Rank	27
2026 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2026 LPGA Tour Top 10s	3
2026 Official Season Earnings	\$733.9K
Career LPGA Tour Wins	1
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	10
Career Official Money	\$2.3M

#### ABOUT THE LEADER

##### [Rolex Rankings No. 24 Aki Iwai](#)

- Third start at The Amundi Evian Championship
  - 2025 – MC, 2024 – T10\*

- \*As a non-member
- 2026: 13 cuts made in 16 starts with three top 10s
  - Her season-best T5 finish came at the Aramco Championship
  - Has made the cut in every major championship this season
- Career: One win, 10 top 10s with \$2.3 million in official career earnings
  - Won The Standard Portland Classic in 2025
  - Six-time winner on the JLPGA
  - Finished in a tie for fifth at the Final Qualifying portion of LPGA Q-Series to earn LPGA Tour Membership for the 2025 season
  - Finished fourth in the Louise Suggs Rookie of Year rankings last season

#### **TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS (SINCE MAJOR ELEVATION IN 2013):**

18 holes – 61, Hyo Joo Kim (2014, R1), Jeongeun Lee6 (2021, R2), Leona Maguire (2021, R4)

36 holes – 127, Jeongeun Lee6 (2021)

54 holes – 194, In Gee Chun (2016)

72 holes – 263, In Gee Chun (2016)

#### **QUOTABLE**

*Aki Iwai (1st, -8) on what she did well in her opening round*

“Honestly, everything. Yes, driver shot, iron shot, chipping, putting, yes. But I like driver, so if good consistent will my driver. So I made the good score. That's why.”

*Perrine Delacour (2nd, -6) on how she approached this week in Evian-les-Bains*

“I mean, it's mostly stay patient. I have my parents with me so they can take me out of golf during the night, which is good. And then my team is doing an awesome job with like early in the week to set up everything right, and then I almost feel like it was not a major starting until today I guess. And I still feel like I'm just enjoying golf in Evian and that's a good feeling to have again. Since I have my card already secured on the LPGA, it's just playing shot after shot and just enjoy the life.”

*Charley Hull (T3, -5) on rallying back during her back nine*

“Yeah, like actually I played really well in the pro-am yesterday and started like that and I was like, wow, golf is really frustrating. Then I kind of just believed in myself and just kind of relaxed out there and took my time and took advantage of the birdies.”

*Haeran Ryu (T3, -5) on if she feels more comfortable after becoming a major champion*

“Yeah, so feels calm and more has comfortable for me because I'm already have a major, major champion, so I was so happy right now. Yeah, and my mom still happy, too.”

*Mao Saigo (T3, -5) on having precision over distance at Evian Resort Golf Club*

“Definitely I didn't really feel comfortable over the ball with driver, so lots of times I tried to use woods, like 3-wood. But this course definitely need -- course management is one of the key things here, so I think I did that part very well.”

*Jin Hee Im (T3, -5) on what her preparation was for this tournament*

“Yeah, I focusing at the like shape. I just think about my driver ball shape. Like matching the hole. So some hole I try to little fade and some hole I just play the draw. Like whenever I do, like kind of like this.”

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