



The Amundi Evian Championship

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Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes

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MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

(Zoom link available upon request; all times are local and six hours ahead of Eastern Time. The most updated times will be available on the LPGA Online Media Center)

Wednesday, July 8

10 a.m. - **Grace Kim**, 2025 Amundi Evian Championship winner

Following pro-am (7:20 a.m. tee time) - **Haeran Ryu**, 2026 KPMG Women's PGA Championship winner

Following pro-am (8:10 a.m. tee time) - **Nelly Korda**, Rolex Rankings No. 1

Following pro-am (8:10 a.m. tee time) - **Jeenoo Thitikul**, Rolex Rankings No. 2

Following pro-am (9 a.m. tee time) - **Celine Boutier**, Frenchwoman, former champion

3:30 p.m. - **Lottie Woad**, Two-time LPGA Tour winner

NOTABLE PLAYERS

- [Rolex Rankings No. 1 Nelly Korda](#)
 - Korda is making her ninth start at The Amundi Evian Championship

- Her best finish is T8 in 2022
 - Has only missed the cut one time during her first appearance in 2017
 - Has the longest active streak of making the cut at a major championship with 10
 - Has 25 points toward the LPGA Hall of Fame
 - With a win this week, she earns the final two points necessary to be inducted into the LPGA Hall of Fame
 - Would be the first player to be inducted since Lydia Ko in 2024
 - Won the first two major championships of the year, The Chevron Championship and U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
 - 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
 - 2026: Four wins, including two major championships, nine top-10s and 10 events played
 - Won the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions, The Chevron Championship, Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba and the U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
 - Started the season with six consecutive finishes of T2 or better
 - Career: 19 wins, four major championship victories, 84 top 10s, \$21.8 million in official career earnings
 - 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
 - Is the highest-earning American in LPGA Tour history
- **Rolex Rankings No. 2 Jeeno Thitikul**
 - Seventh appearance at The Amundi Evian Championship
 - Her best finish is second in 2025
 - Has four total top 10 results
 - Has the most career victories without a major championship among current LPGA Tour members
 - 2026: Two wins, four top-10 finishes and 10 cuts made in 12 starts
 - Won the Honda LPGA Thailand and defended her title at the Mizuho Americas Open
 - Career: Nine wins, 60 top 10s, \$18.7 million in official career earnings
 - 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. 31 Grace Kim**
 - Fourth appearance at The Amundi Evian Championship
 - Won the event last year in a playoff over Jeeno Thitikul
 - 2026: Nine cuts made in 10 starts with one top 10 finish
 - Her T7 result at the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give is her best finish of the season

- Has made four straight cuts entering the week
- Career: Two wins, one major championship, 10 top 10s, and \$4.0 million in career earnings
 - Won The Amundi Evian Championship in 2025 for her first major championship
 - Became a Rolex First-Time winner at the 2023 LOTTE Championship in her rookie season
 - Represented Australia at the 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
 - Team Australia went on to win the event for the first time
 - Won the 2021 and 2022 TPS Sydney on the WPGA Tour of Australia

NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO

- The 32nd playing of The Amundi Evian Championship since 1994
 - It was played as the Evian Masters from 1994 to 2012 (1994-1999 as an LET event, 2000-2012 as a co-sanctioned LPGA/LET event)
 - Evian Resort Golf Club has hosted every edition of the event
 - There are 10 past champions of the event in the field, including the last six winners
 - Since the elevation to a major championship in 2013, there has been no repeat winners of the event
 - Ai Miyazato is the last champion with multiple wins (2009 and 2011)
- Five sponsor invites this week: **Aphrodite Deng (a), Lauren Kim (a), Farah O’Keefe (a), Sayaka Takahashi, Kiara Romero (a), and Asterisk Talley (a)**
 - Deng is making her fourth start on the LPGA Tour
 - She finished T17 at the 2026 U.S. Women’s Open presented by Ally and was the third-lowest amateur at the event
 - No. 6 ranked amateur
 - She made her LPGA Tour debut at the 2025 CPKC Women’s Open and finished 20th as well as lowest amateur
 - She has won the AJGA portion of the Mizuho Americas Open in back-to-back years (2025, 2026)
 - She announced earlier this month that she is committed to playing collegiately at Stanford University
 - Kim is making her seventh start on the LPGA Tour
 - She most recently missed the cut at the 2026 U.S. Women’s Open
 - She has a career-best finish of 75th at the 2023 U.S. Women’s Open
 - Kim is currently a senior at the University of Texas
 - She is a 2025 WGCA and Golfweek Second Team All-American and was named All-Big 12 in 2024
 - O’Keefe is making her sixth start on the LPGA Tour
 - She most recently finished T34 at the 2026 U.S. Women’s Open, which is also her career-best finish on Tour
 - She also finished T38 at the Chevron Championship this year
 - No. 4 ranked amateur
 - O’Keefe is a senior at the University of Texas

- She is the 2025 ANNIKA Award winner, was named the WGCA and Golfweek Player of the Year and won the Honda Award
- She was also named 2026 First Team All-American and the SEC Player of the Year
- As a junior, she set a new Texas women's golf single season-scoring average record at 69.84
- O'Keefe currently sits at 16 LPGA Elite Amateur Pathway (LEAP) points
 - With a made cut, she can earn one point bringing her total to 17 OR
 - With a made cut and a top-25 finish, she can earn two points bringing her total to 18
- Takahashi is making her 10th start on the LPGA Tour
 - She missed the cut at the 2026 U.S. Women's Open
 - She primarily competes on the JLPGA
 - She has three wins on the JLPGA including one in 2026
- Romero is making her eighth start on the LPGA Tour
 - This is her fourth start on Tour in 2026
 - She finished as low amateur at T6 at the 2026 U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
 - She currently plays for the University of Oregon, All-American
 - No. 1 ranked amateur, McCormack Medal winner
 - Romero currently sits at 19 LEAP points
 - With a made cut, she can earn one point bringing her total to 20 and making her eligible to earn LPGA Tour membership
 - Upon earning her 20th LEAP point, she has the following options:
 - Accept LPGA membership for the remainder of the current LPGA season and the following LPGA season
 - Defer LPGA membership until the following season. Eligibility will be for the following LPGA season only
 - She would be the second player to earn LPGA Tour status through the LEAP program, joining Lottie Woad who also secured her status as the low amateur at the 2025 Amundi Evian Championship
- Talley is making her 10th start on the LPGA Tour
 - This is her fifth start on the LPGA Tour in 2026
 - She has a career-best finish of T13 at the 2026 JM Eagle LA Championship
 - She is ranked No. 1 on the Rolex AJGA Rankings and the No. 8 ranked amateur
 - She has 13 amateur wins including two in 2026
- Two amateur champion exemptions: **Maria Jose Marin (a)** and **Yunseo Yang (a)**
 - Marin won the 2026 Augusta National Women's Amateur earlier this year
 - She became the first Latin American player to make the cut and play at Augusta National in 2023 before winning in 2026
 - No. 5 ranked amateur
 - She is making her sixth start on the LPGA Tour and third of 2026
 - She has a career-best finish of fifth at the 2026 Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba

- She has not missed a cut in her six starts on the LPGA Tour
- Marin currently has 16 LPGA Elite Amateur Pathway (LEAP) points
 - With a made cut, she can earn one point bringing her total to 17 OR
 - With a made cut and a top-25 finish, she can earn two points bringing her total to 18
- Yang won the 2026 Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific
 - She is making her second start on the LPGA Tour
 - Finished T38 at the 2026 Chevron Championship
 - Yang is coming off her best finish as an amateur
 - Finished runner-up at the Mercedes-Benz 40th Korea Women's Open Golf Championship on the KLPGA
 - No. 15 ranked amateur

STAT LEADERS

Official Money: Nelly Korda, \$5,680,924

Scoring Average: Nelly Korda, 68.51

Greens in Regulation: Haeran Ryu, 80.08%

Scrambling Percentage: Nelly Korda, 73.94%

Average Driving Distance: Julia Lopez Ramirez, 290.89 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 at first with 3,412.625 points
- Following the KPMG Women's PGA Championship, numerous players moved up in the rankings:
 - **Haeran Ryu** moved from No. 8 to No. 3 after her win
 - **Ina Yoon** finished second and moved into the top 10 to No. 9
 - **Brooke Henderson** moved up 21 spots to No. 22
 - **Dewi Weber** moved up 55 spots to No. 46 after her T3 finish

Aon Risk Reward Challenge: No. 18 at Evian Resort Golf Club

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 -1.214
- No. 18 at Evian Resort Golf Club

- The final hole at Evian Resort Golf Club provides an excellent scoring opportunity for players who make smart decisions from tee to green.
- The par-5 18th features the most difficult fairway to hit on the course and ranked as the fifth-toughest par-5 fairway to hit on the LPGA Tour last season
- Despite that challenge, Go-for-Green Rate increased by more than 11% from the previous year, highlighting players' growing willingness to take on the risk
- Last year's champion, Grace Kim, showcased the ideal blueprint. She hit the fairway on all four rounds (+0.56 Strokes Gained: Off the Tee), with drives exceeding 250 yards each day, setting up three birdies and an eagle on the 18th en route to her breakthrough major victory.

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.

- **Shannon Tan** and **Amanda Doherty** both made an ace at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship for the 12th and 13th of the season
- \$260,000 has been donated in 2026, bringing the all-time amount donated to \$3.58 million