



CHAMPIONSHIP

2026 FM 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 (ET) and subject to change)

Wed., August 26

10:00 a.m. – **Kiara Romero**, newest member to the LPGA Tour through LEAP Program

12:00 p.m. – **Anna Nordqvist**, European Solheim Cup Captain

Approx. 12:30 p.m. – **Nelly Korda**, Rolex Rankings No. 1

2 p.m. – **Lottie Woad**, FM Ambassador

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NOTABLE PLAYERS

- [Rolex Rankings No. 1 Nelly Korda](#)
 - Second start at the FM Championship
 - 2025 – T35

- Remains \$269,328 away from passing Annika Sorenstam to become the career official money leader on the LPGA Tour
 - Sorenstam has held the record for more than 25 years (May 6, 2001)
 - Korda would need a third place or better finish to achieve the milestone
- Passed Lydia Ko for most career weeks at Rolex No. 1 Rankings
 - Korda is now third all-time for weeks ranked at No. 1
 - Her 126 weeks on top of the leaderboard passed Lydia Ko's 125 weeks
 - Remains behind Lorena Ochoa (158 weeks) and Jin Young Ko (163 weeks)
- Remains two points away from the required 20 points necessary for induction into the LPGA Hall of Fame
 - With a win this week, she would earn one point, which would place her one point from induction
- Won the 2026 Rolex ANNIKA Major Award
 - Is her second Rolex ANNIKA Major Award after earning it in 2024
- 2026: Four wins including two major championships, 10 top-10s, and 13 events played
 - Won the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions, The Chevron Championship, Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba and U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
 - Missed the cut at The Amundi Evian Championship
- Career: 19 wins, four major championship victories, 85 top-10s, \$22.3 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; clinched her spot on the 2026 team
- **Rolex Rankings No. 2 Jeeno Thitikul**
 - Third start at the FM Championship
 - Runner-up in 2025 and T4 in 2024 at TPC Boston
 - First start since her victory at The Standard Portland Classic
 - 2026: 13 cuts made in 15 starts with three wins and five additional top 10s
 - Won The Standard Portland Classic, Honda LPGA Thailand and defended her title at the Mizuho Americas Open
 - Has finished inside the top 10 in six of her last eight starts
 - Her only missed cuts have come at The Chevron Championship and the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
 - Career: 10 wins, 61 top 10s, \$19.6 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. 3 and 2024 FM Championship Winner Haeran Ryu**
 - Third start at the FM Championship
 - Won in 2024 and finished T28 last year
 - 2026: Two major championship victories, nine top-10 finishes in 14 starts

- Shot a 60 in the third round of The Amundi Evian Championship with a putt stopping just short for a 59
- 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
 - Park won three majors in 2013
- 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 Aramco Championship
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- Career: Five wins, two major championships, 33 top 10s, \$10.1 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

NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO

- This is the third edition of the FM Championship
 - Haeran Ryu won the inaugural playing in 2024, besting Jin Young Ko in a playoff
 - **Miranda Wang** became a Rolex First-Time Winner at the event in 2025; she withdrew prior to the start of the week
- There are three sponsor invites in the field including:
 - **Inseoul (Zoe) Jiamanukoonit (a)**, 2026 Rolex Girls Junior Championship winner
 - **Paula Martin Sampedro (a)**, 2025 The Women's Amateur Championship winner
 - **Katie Lu**, 2026 New Jersey Open Champion
- **Kiara Romero** is playing at the FM Championship this week; it is her first event in the field after being named a sponsor invite at the 2026 CPKC Women's Open
 - Won her second Mark. H McCormack Medal two weeks ago and immediately accepted LPGA Membership
 - Finished T23 last week at the CPKC Women's Open at Royal Mayfair Golf Club; she was a sponsor's invite last week
 - Second player to become eligible through this pathway, following Lottie Woad who achieved the feat in 2025

STAT LEADERS

Official Money: Nelly Korda, \$6,204,807

Scoring Average: Nelly Korda, 69.14

Strokes Gained Total: Nelly Korda, 3.44

Greens in Regulation: Haeran Ryu, 79.14%

Scrambling Percentage: Miyu Yamashita, 68.86%

Average Driving Distance: Riley Smyth, 290.62 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 3,706.875 points
- Following the CPKC Women's Open, the following players moved up in the rankings:
 - **Miyu Yamashita** moved up 2 spots to No. 3 with her win in Canada
 - **Gina Kim** moved up 15 spots to No. 34 after a T4 finish

Aon Risk Reward Challenge No. 12, par 5 at TPC Boston

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 -.955
- No. 12: The 12th at TPC Boston, playing as a par 5 this week, is a slight dogleg left that provides a scoring opportunity where players will have to take elevation changes into consideration.
 - 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 last ace was made by **Anne Chen** at The Standard Portland Classic
- \$300,000 has been donated in 2026 bringing the all-time amount donated to \$3.66 million