



2026 Fortinet Founders Cup

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This Week on the LPGA Tour

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MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

(All times are local and subject to change)

Tuesday, March 17

9:45 a.m. – **Yealimi Noh**, 2025 Founders Cup champion

10:30 a.m. – **Nelly Korda**, Rolex Rankings World No. 2

12 p.m. – **Jeenoo Thitikul**, Rolex Rankings World No. 1

1 p.m. – **Rose Zhang**, Stanford University student and 2024 Fortinet Founders Cup champion

2 p.m. – **Juli Inkster**, 2026 Pioneer Honoree

2:30 p.m. – **Natasha Andrea Oon**, 2026 rookie

3 p.m. – **Angela Stanford**, 2026 U.S. Solheim Cup Captain

Wednesday, March 18

TBD – **Lydia Ko**, Bay Area resident and LPGA Hall of Fame member

2 p.m. – **Meg Mallon**, 2026 Pioneer Honoree

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Competition Format: 144 players; 72-hole stroke play, cut after 36 holes

Purse: \$3 million; winner's prize is \$450,000

Whiteline Par and Yardage: 36-36-72, 6,542 yards

(Par and yardage are subject to change through the start of the tournament)

Course Information: Sharon Heights and Country Club

Opened: 1962 by architect Jack Fleming, underwent a major renovation in 2023 by architect Todd Eckenrode

Tournament History:

Edition: 15th

2025: Founders Cup presented by U.S. Virgin Islands

2021-2024: Cognizant Founders Cup

2020: Volvik Founders Cup

2017-2019: Bank of Hope Founders Cup

2014-2016: JTBC Founders Cup

2011-2013: RR Donnelley LPGA Founders Cup

Past Five Champions and Runners-Up:

2025* – Yealimi Noh, 263 (-21); Jin Young Ko, 267 (-17)

2024** – Rose Zhang, 264 (-24); Madelene Sagstrom, 266 (-22)

2023** – Jin Young Ko, 275 (-13); defeated Minjee Lee in two-hole playoff

2022** – Minjee Lee, 269 (-19); Lexi Thompson, 271 (-17)

2021*** – Jin Young Ko, 266 (-18); Caroline Masson, 270 (-14)

**Played at Bradenton Country Club in Bradenton, Fla.*

***Played at Upper Montclair Country Club in Clifton, N.J.*

****Played at Mountain Ridge Country Club in Caldwell, N.J.*

Tournament Scoring Records (Overall):

18 holes – 61, Anna Nordqvist (R3, 2017) at Wildfire Golf Club

36 holes – 129, Sei Young Kim (2016) and Jee Young Lee (2013) at Wildfire Golf Club

54 holes – 195, Yealimi Noh (2025) at Bradenton C.C. and Anna Nordqvist (2017) at Wildfire Golf Club

72 holes – 261, Sei Young Kim (2016) at Wildfire Golf Club

WHO'S IN THE FIELD:

Past Champions (6 of 11):

Yealimi Noh (2025), Rose Zhang (2024), Minjee Lee (2022), Anna Nordqvist (2017), Sei Young Kim (2016), Hyo Joo Kim (2015)

Top-25 Rolex Rankings (20 of 25):

Jeenoo Thitikul (No. 1), Nelly Korda (2), Minjee Lee (4), Miyu Yamashita (5), Lydia Ko (6), Hyo Joo Kim (8), Lottie Woad (9), Sei Young Kim (10), Mao Saigo (12), Haeran Ryu (13), Angel Yin (14), Hye Jin Choi (15), Rio Takeda (16), Nasa Hataoka (17), Maja Stark (18), Chizzy Iwai (19), Akie Iwai (20), Andrea Lee (22), Auston Kim (24), Linn Grant (25)

2026 LPGA Tour Rookies (26 of 28):

Camille Boyd, Helen Briem, Carolina Chacarra, Briana Chacon, Anne Chen, Hailee Cooper, Laney Frye, Melanie Green, Erika Hara, Youmin Hwang, Leah John, Dongeun Lee, Emma McMyler, Carolina Melgrati, Nastasia Nadaud, Natasha Andrea Oon, Mimi Rhodes, Cocona Sakurai, Erica Shepherd, Riley Smyth, Chiara Tamburlini, Carla Tejada Mulet, Suvichaya Vinjichaiham, Lauren Walsh, Yana Wilson, Michelle Zhang

Sponsor Exemptions (2):

Victoria Cui (a), Sherry Zhong (a)

[Monday Qualifiers \(2\)](#)