

Hilton GRAND VACATIONS

TOURNAMENT of CHAMPIONS

2026 Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions

Lake Nona Golf & Country Club | Orlando, Fla. | Jan. 29 – Feb. 1, 2026

Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes

Jan. 27, 2026

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MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

(Zoom link available upon request; all times are local and subject to change)

Wednesday, January 28

Defending Champion **A Lim Kim**

Brooke Henderson, 2023 Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions winner

Lydia Ko, 2024 Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions winner

Charley Hull, 2025 Kroger Queen City Championship winner

Jeeno Thitikul, 2025 Rolex Player of the Year

Yealimi Noh, 2025 Fortinet Founders Cup winner

**Pro-Am timing will be determined by a draft on Tuesday night; updates will be available on the LPGA Online Media Center and by request*

NOTABLE PLAYERS

- [Rolex Rankings No. 1 Jeeno Thitikul](#)

- First start at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
- 2025: 19 cuts made in 20 starts with 14 top-10 finishes and three wins
 - Successfully defended her title at the 2025 CME Group Tour Championship to close out the season

- Won earlier in the year at the Mizuho Americas Open and the Buick LPGA Shanghai
 - Had six consecutive top-10 finishes, including four top-two finishes
 - Her 14 top 10s were the most she has recorded in a single season since her rookie year in 2022, 16
 - Earned Rolex Player of the Year honors for the first time in her career and earned the Vare Trophy for lowest scoring average for the second time
 - Career: Seven wins, 55 top 10s, \$17.4 million in official career earnings
 - In 2024, earned two wins and recorded 12 top 10s in 17 starts
 - Won the Dow Championship and the CME Group Tour Championship
 - Won the 2024 Aon Risk Reward Challenge
 - Broke Lorena Ochoa's single-season earnings record with a season total of \$6,059,309
 - 2023 Vare Trophy recipient
 - 2022 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year
 - Member of the 2023 and 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown teams and represented Thailand at the 2024 Paris Olympics
- **Rolex Rankings No. 2 Nelly Korda**
 - Korda is making her eighth start at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
 - 2025 – 2nd, 2024 – T16, 2023 – 4th, 2022 – T4, 2021 – 3rd, 2020 – 10th, 2019 – 3rd
 - 2025: 19 cuts made in 19 starts with nine top-10 finishes
 - Finished runner-up three times in 2025
 - CME Group Tour Championship
 - U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
 - Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
 - Did not miss a cut in 2025, the first time in her career she did not miss a cut in a single season
 - Career: 15 wins, two major championship victories, 74 top 10s, \$15.6 million in official career earnings
 - In 2024, earned seven wins, including five in consecutive starts
 - Became the first player since 2011 to win seven times in a single season
 - Became the third player in LPGA Tour history to have a season with six or more wins, capture a team victory in the Solheim Cup and earn Player of the Year honors, alongside Beth Daniel (1990) and Annika Sorenstam (2003)
 - 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
- **Rolex Rankings No. 4 Miyu Yamashita**
 - Making her first career start at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
 - 2025: 23 cuts made in 25 starts with two wins and 12 top 10s in her rookie season
 - Won the AIG Women's Open in July to claim her first career victory and the Maybank Championship in October for her second
 - Became the first player since 2022 to make the AIG Women's Open her first career win

- The 12th player to make the AIG Women's Open her first major championship victory
- Became the sixth Japanese player to win a major championship
- Was named the 2025 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year
 - Became the third player from Japan to earn the award since it was introduced and second consecutive Japanese winner
 - Represented Japan at the 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown in South Korea
- Career: Earned medalist honors at the Final Qualifying portion of LPGA Q-Series to earn LPGA Membership for the 2025 season
 - Made 12 starts on the LPGA Tour before earning Membership
 - Finished T4 at the 2024 Paris Olympics
 - Competed on the JLPGA and won 13 times including three major championships
 - Earned JLPGA Player of the Year honors in 2022 and 2023
 - Leading money winner on the JLPGA in 2022 and 2023

NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO

- Eighth edition of HGVTOC; sixth playing at Lake Nona Golf and Country Club
 - Two players that have competed in every edition: **Brooke Henderson, Nelly Korda**
- Defending champion is **A Lim Kim** who earned her third career win at Lake Nona in 2025
 - She won with a 20-under 268 (65-69-67-67 – 268)
 - Led the field in birdies with 24
 - The only player in the field to record all four rounds in the 60s
 - Became the second player from Korea to win this event
 - Kim made 20 cuts in 24 starts in 2025 with nine top 10s
 - She strung together four-straight top-10 finishes during the fall Asia swing
- **Austin Ernst** is making her first start since the 2023 KPMG Women's PGA Championship after returning from maternity leave
 - She is a three-time LPGA Tour winner with her last win coming in 2021
 - She won the 2021 LPGA Drive On Championship, the 2020 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G and the 2014 Standard Portland Classic
 - She is a two-time U.S. Solheim Cup Team member (2017, 2021)
 - Qualified for the Tour on her first attempt, finishing 14th at the 2012 LPGA Final Qualifying Tournament to earn full status for the 2013 season
- Twelve players are making their tournament debut (including 10 2024 Rolex First-Time Winners):
 - **Youmin Hwang**
 - **Jin Hee Im**
 - **Akie Iwai**
 - **Chizzy Iwai**
 - **Somi Lee**
 - **Ingrid Lindblad**
 - **Yealimi Noh**
 - **Mao Saigo**
 - **Jeeno Thitikul**
 - **Miranda Wang**

- **Lottie Woad**
- **Miyu Yamashita**
- Twenty-two winners from 2025 in the field:
 - A.L. Kim, Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
 - **Angel Yin**, Honda LPGA Thailand
 - **Lydia Ko**, HSBC Women's World Championship
 - **Rio Takeda**, Blue Bay LPGA
 - Noh, Fortinet Founders Cup
 - Lindblad, JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
 - Saigo, The Chevron Championship
 - C. Iwai, Mexico Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba
 - Thitikul, Mizuho Americas Open, Buick LPGA Shanghai, CME Group Tour Championship
 - **Charley Hull**, Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G
 - **Jennifer Kupcho**, ShopRite LPGA powered by Wakefern
 - **Maja Stark**, U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
 - Im, Dow Championship
 - S. Lee, Dow Championship
 - Woad, ISPS HANNA Women's Scottish Open
 - Yamashita, AIG Women's Open, Maybank Championship
 - A. Iwai, The Standard Portland Classic
 - Henderson, CPKC Women's Open
 - Wang, FM Championship
 - Hwang, LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei
 - **Nasa Hataoka**, TOTO Japan Classic
 - **Linn Grant**, The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican
- Lowest 18-hole tournament record: 60 (2021, R3, **Jessica Korda**) at Four Season Golf and Sports Club (Tranquillo Golf Course)
 - Lowest 18-hole record at Lake Nona: 65 (2024, R1, **Ayaka Furue**)
- Two playoffs in tournament history: 2021 (J. Korda def. **Danielle Kang**) and 2020 (**Gaby Lopez** def. **Nasa Hataoka, Inbee Park**)
- Three players have won after recording four rounds in the 60s: A.L. Kim (2025), Kang (2022) and J. Korda (2021)

2025 STAT LEADERS

Official Money: Jeeno Thitikul, \$7,578,330

Scoring Average: Jeeno Thitikul, 68.68

Strokes Gained Total: Jeeno Thitikul, 3.04

Greens in Regulation: Haeran Ryu, 77.49%

Scrambling Percentage: Hyo Joo Kim, 68.32%

Average Driving Distance: Julia Lopez Ramirez, 285.42 yards

2025 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 a \$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.

- First event of the 2026 season for players to begin earning points towards the Race to the CME Globe standings
- In 2025, **Jeeno Thitikul** earned the most points with 4,066.950 in 20 starts
 - Thitikul also the Race to the CME Globe champion (winner of the CME Group Tour Championship)
 - Successfully defended her title after winning in 2024 as well
 - Three wins in 20 starts and 19 total top 10s in 2025

Aon Risk Reward Challenge: No. 15 (Par 5) at Lake Nona Golf and Country 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.

- First Aon Risk Reward challenge hole of the 2026 season
- While this hole has yielded a birdie-or-better more than 40% of the time when playing just over 500 yards, things get interesting when the tees are pushed up. The forward tee shortens this hole by 77 yards and is expected to improve scoring on this par 5 by nearly half-a-stroke.
- With different wind conditions in 2023, the decision to go for the green dropped significantly (from 36% to 23%) compared to 2022.
- Being the last par-5 on the back-nine, the 15th hole is a scoring chance for this week’s field. Players must decide whether the location of their drive has given them a good enough opportunity to go for the green and take advantage of this reachable par 5.

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.

- There were 22 holes in one throughout the 2025 season
- The total for 2025 was \$440,000 donated toward St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
- 332 all-time eligible holes-in-one since the program started in 2019
- \$3,380,000 all-time amount donated