



## 2026 Honda LPGA Thailand

Siam Country Club, Old Course | Pattaya, Chonburi, Thailand | Feb. 19-22, 2026

### First-Round Notes

Feb. 19, 2026

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**Course Setup:** 36-36—72, 6,488 yards

**Scoring Average:** R1: 70.028

**Weather:** Mostly sunny conditions with the heat index expected to reach 100F by 10am. Light winds of less than 10 mph throughout the day from the southeast.

**Race to CME Globe Points:** 500 (winner)

**Purse:** \$1.8 million (winner's prize, \$270,000)

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### LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
T1	Chanettee Wannasaen	-7	65
T1	Nasa Hataoka	-7	65
T3	Hye-Jin Choi	-6	66
T3	Gemma Dryburgh	-6	66
T3	Somi Lee	-6	66

### COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Leaders: **Chanettee Wannasaen** and **Nasa Hataoka** opened with first round 65s
  - **Wannasaen** recorded nine birdies and two bogeys in her opening round
    - Led the field in birdies
    - Sixth appearance at this event, previous best finish was T24 in 2025
    - Only other time she has led or co-led after the first round was at the 2025 Kroger Queen City Championship
    - This is her best opening round since the 2025 BMW Ladies Championship where she also shot 65
    - Hit 13/14 fairways, 17/18 greens in regulation and recorded 28 putts
  - **Hataoka** carded eight birdies and a bogey
    - Hit 13/14 fairways, 14/18 greens in regulation and had 26 putts

- This is her best opening round since the 2025 Toto Japan Classic where she also shot 65
    - Went on to win
  - This is her seventh appearance at this event
    - Previous best finish was a T12 in 2022
- T3: **Hye-Jin Choi, Gemma Dryburgh, Somi Lee** each shot a 6-under 66
  - Choi hit all 14/14 fairways and 18/18 greens in regulation but had 41 putts
    - Carded seven birdies and a bogey
    - This is her lowest first round score since an opening round 64 at the 2025 Maybank Championship
    - Fourth appearance at this event, previous best finish was a T4 in 2024
  - Dryburgh is making her first appearance since becoming an LGPA Tour Mom
    - Opened with an eagle on her first hole (No. 10)
    - Carded seven birdies and three bogeys
    - Hit 12/14 fairways, 14/18 greens in regulation and had 26 putts
  - Lee carded a bogey free round with six birdies
    - Hit 12/14 fairways, 16/18 greens in regulation and had 28 putts
    - This is her second appearance at this event
      - Finished T41 in 2025
- Defending champion **Angel Yin** shot a 3-under-par 69
  - Currently sits at T26 after the first round
  - Carded five birdies and two bogeys

#### A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Chanettee Wannasaen	Nasa Hataoka
2026 Race to CME Globe Rank	17	9
2026 LPGA Tour Wins	0	0
2026 LPGA Tour Top 10s	0	1
2026 Official Season Earnings	\$28.9 K	\$45.2 K
Career LPGA Tour Wins	2	7
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	8	56
Career Official Money	\$2.8 M	\$11.1 M

#### ABOUT THE LEADER

##### [Rolex Rankings No. 56 Chanettee Wannasaen](#)

- Sixth appearance at the Honda LPGA Thailand
  - Appeared as a Sponsor Invitation in 2021, 2022 and 2023
- Finished T17 at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions in her first start of the 2026 season
- First joined the LPGA Tour in 2023
  - Has two victories including the 2024 Dana Open and the 2023 Portland Classic
- Represented Thailand in the 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown

##### [Rolex Rankings No. 16 Nasa Hataoka](#)

- Seventh appearance at the Honda LPGA Thailand
- Finished T9 at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions in her first start of the 2026 season
- First joined LPGA Tour in 2017
  - Has seven career victories including one in 2025
- Is also a member of the JLPGA Tour

### TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

18 holes: 61, Akie Iwai (R4, 2025)

36 holes: 128, Nasa Hataoka (2022), Su Oh (2022), Patty Tavatanakit (2021) and Jessica Korda (2018)

54 holes: 195, Angel Yin (2025) and Nanna Koerstz Madsen (2022)

72 holes: 260, Angel Yin (2025)

### QUOTABLES

#### ***Nasa Hataoka (T1, -7) on what went well during round one***

“I think my tee shot and iron shot pretty well today, and, yeah, that's why I was able to make so many birdie chances today. So today was good start.”

#### ***Chanettee Wannasaen (T1, -7) on playing in her home country of Thailand***

“Hot. Yeah, it's always hot. Always same weather. But like you know Honda there is a lot of fans and spectator, and today is a lot of spectator. It's just kind of like play in my home, play in my country. It's pretty fun and like have a lot of memory in this course.”

#### ***Hye-Jin Choi (T3, -6) on her approach after the off season***

“It was first tournament in LPGA. After last year I trained hard and I rest hard. Last year I really hit the ball with feeling but this year on the training I tried to focus on the process, and I think this helped during the round.”

#### ***Gemma Dryburgh (T3, -6) on her first tournament as an LPGA Tour mom***

“Yeah, it's honestly been a big adjustment, but all for the better. It's been seven weeks now, so it was tough to leave them. I'm away for three weeks now, so going to miss him a lot. Seeing him on FaceTime and stuff, so, yeah, miss him a lot. Yeah, it's been different offseason obviously kind of juggling the parent life and kind of new life style, but it's been great.”

#### ***Somi Lee (T3, -6) on her approach to Siam Country Club***

“You have to land the fairway here to be able to kind of have a chance to make a birdie, and I think the most important thing is the driver and the putter.”

#### ***Jeeno Thitikul (T6, -5) reflecting on when she first played the Honda LPGA Thailand at 14***

“I know. I couldn't believe like time flies so fast. I mean, yesterday I just sitting on the coach in the hotel room and imagine I couldn't believe how far that I have been come from 14 to now. Tomorrow going to be 23 now. It's just grateful for everything that I really put the work in and it just pay off. And then also I think they should be happy on not just me doing, but all the Thai girls doing out there on the Tour.”

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