



HSBC Women's World Championship

2026 HSBC Women's World Championship

Saratosa Golf Club, Tanjong Course | Singapore | Feb. 26- Mar. 1, 2026

First-Round Notes

Feb. 26, 2026

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Course Setup: 36-36—72, 6,793 yards

Scoring Average: R1: 72.304

Weather: Late morning through early afternoon, partly cloudy skies are expected with a chance of pop-up thunderstorms. Temperatures will reach a high in the mid 80s and northern winds of 10 mph are expected.

Race to CME Globe Points: 500 (winner)

Purse: \$3 million (winner's prize, \$450,000)

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LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
1	Auston Kim	-6	66
2	Yan Liu	-5	67
T3	Linn Grant	-4	68
T3	Miyu Yamashita	-4	68
T3	Lindy Duncan	-4	68
T3	Haeran Ryu	-4	68
T3	Mimi Rhodes	-4	68

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Leader: **Auston Kim** holds the clubhouse lead with 6-under-par 66
 - **Kim** recorded seven birdies and one bogey in her opening round
 - Tied with Yan Liu for most birdies made across the field
 - Second appearance at this event, finished T39 in 2025
 - Hit 10/14 fairways, 10/18 greens in regulation and recorded only 21 putts
 - Had the fewest putts across the field in the first round
 - This is the first time Kim has led after any round in her LPGA career
 - Co-lead with **Ayaka Furue** and **A Lim Kim** after the first round of the 2025 Blue Bay LPGA

- In 2025, made 19 cuts in 25 starts with 5 top 10s
 - Finished T2 at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship for her best finish of the season
- **2: Yan Liu** carded a 5-under-par 67
 - Recorded seven birdies and two bogeys
 - Tied with Auston Kim for most birdies made across the field
 - Hit 7/14 fairways, 15/18 greens in regulation and had 28 putts
 - This is her first appearance in the HSBC Women's World Championship
 - In 2025, made 15 cuts in 23 starts with three top 10s
 - Finished 4 at the Black Desert Championship presented by Greater Zion and T4 at the Maybank Championship for her best finishes of the season
- **T3: Linn Grant, Miyu Yamashita, Lindy Duncan, Haeran Ryu and Mimi Rhodes** are tied at 4-under-par
 - Grant made five birdies and a bogey
 - Hit 9/14 fairways, 13/18 greens in regulation and had 27 putts
 - Yamashita went bogey free during her first round
 - Carded birdies on Nos. 2, 3, 5, 8
 - Had only 24 putts
 - This is her first appearance at this event
 - Duncan had five birdies and a bogey
 - Hit 12/14 fairways, 15/18 greens in regulation and had 30 putts
 - Duncan currently serves as an LPGA Player Director
 - Rhodes went bogey free and had four birdies
 - Hit 10/14 fairways, 12/18 greens in regulation and had 26 putts
 - She is currently an LPGA Tour rookies
 - Appearing in the tournament this week as a sponsor invitation
- Defending champion **Lydia Ko** shot a 2-under-par 70
 - Currently sits at T14 after the first round
 - Carded five birdies, a bogey and a double bogey
 - Hit 12/14 fairways, 13/18 greens in regulation and had 28 putts

A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Auston Kim
2026 Race to CME Globe Rank	36
2026 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2026 LPGA Tour Top 10s	0
2026 Official Season Earnings	\$20.7 K
Career LPGA Tour Wins	0
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	5
Career Official Money	\$1.7 M

ABOUT THE LEADER

[Rolex Rankings No. 39 Auston Kim](#)

- Second appearance at the HSBC Women's World Championship
 - Finished T35 in 2025
- Finished T14 at the Honda LPGA Thailand in her first start of the 2026 season

- First joined the LPGA Tour in 2024
- Played collegiate golf at Vanderbilt University
- Won the 2023 Epson Tour Championship and finished third on the money list to earn LPGA Tour membership for the 2024 season

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

Overall:

18 holes: 62, Sei Young Kim (R4, 2018) at Sentosa Golf Club (Tanjong)

36 holes: 131, Lorena Ochoa (2008) at Tanah Merah CC

54 holes: 200, Lorena Ochoa (2008) at Tanah Merah CC

72 holes: 268, Lorena Ochoa (2008) at Tanah Merah CC

At Sentosa Golf Club (Tanjong):

18 holes: 62, Sei Young Kim (R4, 2018)

36 holes: 132, Danielle Kang (2018)

54 holes: 201, Nelly Korda (2018)

72 holes: 269, Inbee Park (2017)

QUOTABLES

Auston Kim (1, -6) on how she's grown mentally on Tour

"Yeah, when I think about my game and myself as a golfer since last year, I think I opened last year's tournament with a 78, and I mean it obviously feels great to score well. But I just I feel like I can handle things a lot better and I've been talking with my mental coach, as well. There are a lot of things that I've changed and a lot of things I feel like I'm doing better. Today was a testament to what we've been working on, and I'm working hard on what I can control. Obviously one of the things that we talked about this past week was trying to win each day, win each shot, and I feel like I did a really good job of it."

Yan Liu (2, -5) on her goals for the 2026 LPGA Tour season

"Definitely want it to be a win. But the result I cannot control. I think the only thing I can do, just do my best."

Linn Grant (T3, -4) on how her win at The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge gave her confidence

"It helped me relax a little bit more going into the season. I'm going in with a bit more confidence, and I just feel like I know what I'm doing and I'm good enough to play out here."

Miyu Yamashita (T3, -4) on her mindset going into the 2026 season

"So last year I played in almost every tournament but this year I'm managing my schedule with more rest and adjustments, and I feel like I'm coming in with good condition. And also in every tournament I play, I'm doing my best with the goal of winning. I want to keep improving my skills and abilities take it to the next level."

Lindy Duncan (T3, -4) on how Sentosa suits her

"The course, it definitely suits my eye. I hit a draw, so a lot of holes are set up for that and the greens are really nice. They are rolling really good."

Haeran Ryu (T3, -4) on what she worked on during the offseason

“Yeah. It's such a short off-season. But I'm trying to work hard with my coach on my shots. Because last year, my shot always trust my shot but last year is not good. Just working hard on my swing and control my shots. It's why today I hit well, and yeah, I'm so happy to be back on my swing.”

Mimi Rhodes (T3, -4) on how it feels to compete against the best in the world

“Yeah, it's showing me that my bad game is probably good enough and that when I have my A Game, I can compete with the best here, and that's what I've dreamed about doing since I turned pro. Just play against the best and see I compare. So, yeah, it's nice to see.”

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