



## LA CHAMPIONSHIP

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**2026 JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro**  
El Caballero Country Club | Los Angeles, CA | April 16-19, 2026

### Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes

April 14, 2026

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#### MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

(All times are local and subject to change; PST)

Wednesday, April 15

**Approx. 10 a.m.** – Asterisk Talley (Sponsor Invitation and top-ranked junior golfer in AJGA rankings)

**Approx. 10:30 a.m.** – Aphrodite Deng (Sponsor Invitation and second-ranked junior golfer in AJGA rankings)

**Approx. 11 a.m.** – Hannah Green (Two-time JM Eagle LA Championship winner)

**Approx. 11:30 a.m.** – Brooke Henderson (2021 JM Eagle LA Championship winner)

#### NOTABLE PLAYERS

- [Rolex Rankings No. 3 Hyo Joo Kim](#)
  - Kim is making her fourth start at the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
    - 2025 – CUT, 2024 – T47, 2023 – T17, 2018 – CUT
  - Making her sixth start of the 2026 season
    - Has three top 10 finishes and two wins

- Only player this season with two or more wins
  - Career: Nine wins, 66 top 10s, \$11.0 million in official career earnings
    - Represented the Republic of Korea at the 2020 Tokyo and 2024 Paris Olympics
    - Represented the Republic of Korea at the 2023 and 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
    - Finished as the KLPGA leading money winner in 2014 and 2020
- **Rolex Rankings No. 5 Miyu Yamashita**
  - Yamashita is making her second start at the JM Eagle LA Championship
    - 2025 – T3
  - Making her seventh start of the 2026 season
    - Has made five cuts with four top 10 finishes
    - Finished fourth in her last start on Tour at the Aramco Championship
  - Career: 2 wins, one major championship, 16 top 10s, \$4.0 million in official career earnings
    - In her rookie season in 2025, she earned two wins, including a major championship
      - Recorded 10 additional top 10 finishes
      - Was the 2025 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year winner
    - Member of the Japanese Team at the 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
    - Earned Medalist honors at Final Qualifying of 2024 LPGA Q-Series to earn LPGA Tour membership for the 2025 season
    - Made 12 starts on the LPGA Tour prior to earning membership in 2025, including a runner-up finish at the 2024 KPMG Women's PGA Championship
    - Has 13 wins on the JLPGA
      - Player of the Year in 2022 and 2023
- **Rolex Rankings No. 6 Minjee Lee**
  - Lee is making her eighth start at the JM Eagle LA Championship
    - 2025 – T7, 2024 – CUT, 2023 – T44, 2022 – T3, 2021 – T32, 2019 – WIN, 2018 – T7
  - She has made three starts in 2026
    - Made two cuts, finishing T5 or better in both
  - 2025: 21 cuts made in 22 starts with one major championship win
    - Claimed her third major championship at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship
  - Career: 11 wins, three major championships, 84 top 10s; \$18.9 million in official career earnings
    - Two-time winner of the Rolex ANNIKA Major Award (2025, 2022)
    - Three-time Olympian representing Australia (2024 – T22, 2020 – T29, 2016 – T7)
    - Five-time member of Team Australia at the Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
      - Won the event for the first time in 2025
      - Is the only amateur to have ever competed in the Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown (2014)
- **Rolex Rankings No. 7 Hannah Green**
  - Green is making her eighth start at the JM Eagle LA Championship
    - 2025 – T9, 2024 – WIN, 2023 – WIN, 2022 – 2, 2021 – T3, 2019 – T14, 2018 – CUT
  - Is the only two-time winner of the JM Eagle LA Championship

- Won in back-to-back weeks at the 2026 Women's Australian Open and Australian WPGA Championship
- Making her fourth start of the 2026 LPGA Tour season
  - Has two top 10 finishes, including one win
  - Won the HSBC Women's World Championship
- Career: Seven wins, 35 top 10s, \$8.1 million in official career earnings
  - Won the 2019 KPMG Women's PGA Championship to become a Rolex First-Time Winner and a major champion
  - Represented Australia at the 2020 Tokyo and 2024 Paris Olympics
  - Represented Australia at the 2023 and 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
    - Was a part of the winning team in 2025
  - Two-time winner of the Greg Norman Medal as Australia's Golfer of the Year (2024, 2019)

#### NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO

- Ninth edition of the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
  - 2023-Present – JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
  - 2022 – DIO Implant LA Open
  - 2019-2021 – Hugel-Air Premia LA Open
  - 2018 – Hugel-JTBC LA Open

*\*Beginning in 2024 with the elimination of the LA Open, the JM Eagle LA Championship took on all records and past champions associated with Wilshire Country Club since 2018*
- El Caballero Country Club also hosted the LPGA Office Depot Championship from 2002 to 2004
- Asterisk Talley (a), Aphrodite Deng (a), and Yu-Sang Hou received sponsor invitations this week
  - Talley is No. 1 in the Rolex AJGA Rankings
    - She has won both of the AJGA events she has entered in 2026
      - She has 13 total wins as an amateur
    - She has made six starts on the LPGA Tour since 2024, most recently at the 2026 Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass (T29)
    - She has verbally committed to competing at Stanford University
  - Deng is No. 2 in the Rolex AJGA Rankings
    - Won two events in 2025 on the AJGA
      - Won the 76th U.S. Girls' Junior in 2025
    - This is her second start on the LPGA Tour
      - Competed in the 2025 CPKC Women's Open, finishing T20
  - Hou is competing on the Epson Tour in 2026
    - Competed in 16 Epson Tour events in 2025
      - Made 13 cuts with one top 10
    - Career best finish of T5 at the 2024 Wildhorse Ladies Golf Classic on the Epson Tour
    - Has made 44 career starts on the LPGA Tour since her rookie season in 2022

#### STAT LEADERS

Official Money: Nelly Korda, \$1,118,718

Scoring Average: Nelly Korda, 68.27  
Greens in Regulation: In Gee Chun, 81.94%  
Scrambling Percentage: Sophia Schubert, 76.47%  
Average Driving Distance: Riley Smyth, 301.00 yards

## **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 an \$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.*

- **Nelly Korda** moved back into first after her runner-up finish at the Aramco Championship
  - Has 1,415.000 points
- **Hyo Joo Kim** moved to second and has 1,326.000 points
- **Jeeno Thitikul** stays in third at 724.000 points after starting her season with six-straight made cuts and a win
- In 2025, **Jeeno Thitikul** earned the most points with 4,066.950 in 20 starts

### Aon Risk Reward Challenge: No. 16 at El Caballero 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.*

- **Ryann O'Toole** and **Muni He** lead at -1.250
- **Jennifer Kupcho** won the 2025 Aon Risk Reward Challenge
- No. 16 at El Caballero Country Club
  - The 16th hole at El Caballero Country Club is a scoreable par-5 that players will try to capitalize on to keep up with the rest of the field
  - Playing as the shortest par-5 on the course, players must navigate the water hazard and three-pronged green to take advantage of a birdie opportunity. Those who successfully reach the green in two are projected to gain an average of 0.54 strokes over those who lay up
  - Since 2021, par-5s on the LPGA Tour that measure under 475 yards have a scoring average of 4.47, highlighting the importance of confident decision-making as players approach the final stretch at El Caballero Country Club

### 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.*

- **Jenny Bae** and **Nasa Hataoka** made aces at the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
- **Ruoning Yin** made the first hole-in-one of the LPGA Tour season at Blue Bay LPGA

- \$60,000 was donated, bringing the all-time amount donated to \$3.4 million
- There were 22 holes in one throughout the 2025 season
- 335 all-time eligible holes-in-one since the program started in 2019