



2026 KPMG Women's PGA Championship

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Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes

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MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

The most up to date schedule is on the 2026 KPMG Women's PGA Championship Media Hub. Register for the hub clicking [here](#).

NOTABLE PLAYERS

- [Rolex Rankings No. 1 Nelly Korda](#)
 - Korda is making her 10th start at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship
 - Won in 2021; one of two top-10 finishes at the event
 - Has the longest active streak of making the cut at a major championship with nine
 - Has 25 points toward the LPGA Hall of Fame
 - With a win this week, she earns the final two points necessary to be inducted into the LPGA Hall of Fame
 - Would be the last player to be inducted since Lydia Ko in 2024
 - Won the first two major championships of the year, The Chevron Championship and U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
 - No player has won back-to-back-back major championships since Inbee Park (2013)
 - Holds the No. 1 spot in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings
 - Has been No. 1 for at least one week in each of the last six years

- Ranked No. 1 at the same time as fellow American Scottie Scheffler; the last pair of Americans to do so were Stacy Lewis and Tiger Woods in 2013
 - 2026: Four wins including two major championships, eight top-10s and nine events played
 - Won the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions, The Chevron Championship, Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba and the U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
 - Started the season with six consecutive finishes of T2 or better
 - Career: 19 wins, four major championship victories, 83 top 10s, \$21.5 million in official career earnings
 - 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
 - Is the highest-earning American in LPGA Tour history
- Rolex Rankings No. 2 Jeeno Thitikul
 - Fifth appearance at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship
 - Her best finish is fourth in 2025 and 2022
 - Has the most career victories without a major championship among current LPGA Tour members
 - 2026: Two wins, four top-10 finishes and nine cuts made in 11 starts
 - Won the Honda LPGA Thailand and defended her title at the Mizuho Americas Open
 - Career: Nine wins, 59 top 10s, \$18.5 million in official career earnings
 - 2023 Vare Trophy recipient
 - 2022 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year
 - Member of the Thailand Team at the 2023 and 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown and represented Thailand at the 2024 Paris Olympics
- Rolex Rankings No. 9 Minjee Lee
 - Twelfth appearance at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship
 - Won last year at PGA Frisco
 - Was the first Australian to win the KPMG Women's PGA Championship since **Hannah Green** won at Hazeltine in 2019, and the fourth Australian to win the major championship since it began
 - Her 2025 win contributed to her winning the 2025 Rolex ANNIKA Major Award for best performances in major championships
 - Has made seven consecutive cuts at major championships, and 11 consecutive cuts at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship
 - 2026: Two top-10 finishes and five cuts made in seven starts
 - Best finish is T3 at the HSBC Women's World Championship
 - Missed the cut at the Aramco Championship and JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
 - Career: 11 wins, three major championship victories, 84 top 10s, \$19.0 million in official career earnings
 - 2025 and 2022 Rolex ANNIKA Major Award winner

- Three-time Olympian representing Australia
- Five-time member of Team Australia at the Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown

NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO

- Two sponsor invites this week: **Amari Avery** and **Kate Smith-Stroh**
 - Avery currently plays on the Epson Tour
 - No. 1 ranked player in the Epson Tour's Race for the Card
 - Won the IOA Championship presented by Morongo Casino Resort & Spa
 - Has not missed a cut on the Epson Tour this season (8/8)
 - Competed at the Mizuho Americas Open earlier this season
 - Made the cut and finished T34
 - Smith-Stroh is an LPGA Tour member and Minnesota native
 - Making her first start at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship
 - Second career major championship start
 - Competed at The Chevron Championship in 2025
- There are four LPGA Professionals in the field this week: **Sandra Changkija**, **Nicole Felce**, **Allie Knight** and **Allie White**
 - For more information about them, read here: [2026 KPMG Women's PGA Championship: Meet the LPGA and PGA Professionals Competing at Hazeltine National Golf Club](#)

STAT LEADERS

Official Money: Nelly Korda, \$5,405,689

Scoring Average: Nelly Korda, 68.26

Greens in Regulation: Haeran Ryu, 79.88%

Scrambling Percentage: Nelly Korda, 74.83%

Average Driving Distance: Julia Lopez Ramirez, 291.55 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** remains at first with 3,310.250 points
- Following the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give, several players moved up in the rankings:
 - **Miyu Yamashita** moved from No. 8 to No. 3 after her win
 - **Yan Liu** finished third and moved up 15 spots to No. 24
 - **Wei-Ling Hsu** finished third and moved up 55 spots to No. 53

[Aon Risk Reward Challenge](#): No. 16 at Hazeltine National Golf 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** leads at -1.214
- No. 16 at Hazeltine National Golf Club
 - Off the tee, players are dared to challenge Hazeltine Lake with an aggressive line, while avoiding a creek that borders the left side of the fairway
 - After crossing the iconic Payne Stewart Bridge, players are met with an approach to an elevated green that angles away from them and can be difficult to hold
 - Hole locations along the right side of the green once again bring the lake into play, demanding accuracy from tee to green

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.

- **Julia Lopez Ramirez** and **Minji Kang** both made an ace at the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give for the tenth and eleventh of the season
- \$220,000 has been donated in 2026, bringing the all-time amount donated to \$3.58 million