



2026 Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G
Maketewah Country Club | Cincinnati, OH | May 14-17, 2026

First-Round Notes

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Course Setup: 35-35—70, 6,280 yards

Scoring Average: R1: 71.896

Weather: Cool temperatures in the morning before gradually warming to the mid 60s by the late afternoon. Northwesterly flow is forecasted to slightly increase to 6-12 mph later in the day with occasional gusts approaching 20 mph

Race to CME Globe Points: 500 (winner)

Purse: \$2 million (winner's prize, \$300,000)

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Tournament: @QueenCityLPGA (X, Instagram)

LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
T1	Rio Takeda	-4	66
T1	Ina Yoon	-4	66
T1	Chella Choi	-4	66
T4	Three tied	-3	67

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Leader: **Ina Yoon, Chella Choi** and **Rio Takeda** open with 4-under 66s
 - Yoon holds the lead/co-lead after 18 holes for the first time in her career
 - This is her lowest first-round score of the season
 - Is also her lowest round at the Kroger Queen City Championship by six shots
 - Her 26 putts were tied for the fewest in the field in R1
 - One of six players to make an eagle in R1
 - [Ina Yoon First Round Interview](#)
 - Choi opened her round with a 3-under 32 on the back nine
 - Was bogey-free until her 17th hole of the day
 - Finished the round bogey-bogey
 - This is her seventh time with the lead/co-lead after 18 holes on the LPGA Tour
 - First time since the 2021 ISPS Handa World Invitational

- Tied for her best opening round of the season
 - Shot a 66 at the JM Eagle LA Championship earlier this year
 - [Chella Choi First Round Interview](#)
 - Takeda led the field in greens hit in regulation with 17
 - She missed her first green in regulation and then hit 17 straight
 - Recorded one bogey, tied for the lowest number in the field in R1 with six others
 - This is her third time with the 18-hole lead/co-lead
 - Has not finished outside the top 4 in the other instances
 - This is her second straight 66 at the Kroger Queen City Championship
 - Shot a 66 in the final round in 2025 at TPC River's Bend
- T4: **Jin Young Ko, Lilia Vu** and **Amanda Doherty** all sit one shot behind the lead
 - Ko is tied for the second most birdies in the field with six
 - This is her lowest round at the Kroger Queen City Championship and her first round in the 60s
 - Her 67 is tied for her best round of the season
 - Carded a 67 in R2 of the Honda LPGA Thailand
 - [Jin Young Ko First Round Interview](#)
 - Vu posted her best round of the season with a 67
 - It is her best opening round since the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass in 2025
 - Recorded one bogey, tied for the lowest number in the field in R1 with six others
 - [Lilia Vu First Round Interview](#)
 - Doherty also posted her best round of the season with a 67
 - First round in the 60s this year
 - Making her third start this season
 - Finished T20 at the Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba to reshuffle into this week
 - [Amanda Doherty First Round Interview](#)

A LOOK AT THE LEADERS

CATEGORY	Rio Takeda	Ina Yoon	Chella Choi
2026 Race to CME Globe Rank	28	11	103
2026 LPGA Tour Wins	0	0	0
2026 LPGA Tour Top 10s	2	3	0
2026 Official Season Earnings	\$348.6K	\$829.2K	\$74.1K
Career LPGA Tour Wins	2	0	1
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	10	4	51
Career Official Money	\$3.2M	\$1.4M	\$7.1M

ABOUT THE LEADERS

[Rolex Rankings No. 19 Rio Takeda](#)

- Second start at the Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G
 - 2025 – T38
- 2026: Seven cuts made in nine starts with two top 10s

- Had back-to-back top 10 finishes at the HSBC Women's World Championship (T8) and Blue Bay LPGA (T5)
- Missed the cut at the Mizuho Americas Open in her last start
- Career: Two wins, 10 top 10s with \$3.2 in official career earnings
 - Won the 2024 TOTO Japan Classic as a non-member and then the 2025 Blue Bay LPGA
 - Represented Japan at the 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown

Rolex Rankings No. 41 Ina Yoon

- Second start at the Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G
 - 2025 – MC
- 2026: Eight cuts made in eight starts with three top 10s
 - Recorded back-to-back top four finishes at the JM Eagle LA Championship and The Chevron Championship
 - Her fourth place finish is her career-best
 - Her previous was T10 in 2025
 - Her three top 10 finishes are a career-best in a single-season
 - Had just one her rookie season
- Career: Four top 10s with \$1.4 million in official career earnings
 - Finished eighth at the Final Qualifying portion of LPGA Q-Series to earn LPGA Tour Membership for the 2025 season
 - Two-time winner on the KLPGA with her last win coming in 2024

Rolex Rankings No. 482 Chella Choi

- Second start at the Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G
 - 2022 – T51
- 2026: Five cuts made in six starts
 - Best finish this season is T27 at the Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba
 - Her lone missed cut has come at the Fortinet Founders Cup
- Career: One win, 51 top 10s with \$7.4 million in official career earnings
 - Won the 2015 Dana Open
 - Making her return to competition since returning from maternity leave

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

18 holes: 63, Chanette Wannasaen (R1, 2025)*, Lydia Ko (R4, 2024)*, Nasa Hataoka (R2, 2023)***, Jeongeun Lee6 (R2, 2022)**

36 holes: 130, Peiyun Chien (2023)**

54 holes: 200, Charley Hull (2025)*

72 holes: 265, Lydia Ko (2024)*

**Record set at TPC River's Bend*

***Record set at Kenwood Country Club*

QUOTABLE

Ina Yoon (T1, -4) on her good play over her last few starts

"Just try to focus what I'm working on, the range session and putting green, like practice green. Just try not to think of result. Just try to focus what I'm -- what I need to do. So, yeah, I think that part I think I did pretty well today, and also last few weeks. I really work on process with my mental coach, so, yeah, I think it helps me a lot."

Chella Choi (T1, -4) on her first impression of Maketewah Country Club

"It's super hard golf course here. Like fairways very narrow and green is -- green is not like flat, like so many bumpy here. If I hit the fairway it's really tough to hit the pin. But it's not a flat pin, too, so it's really difficult golf course here. And rough is very thick, so I just trying to hit the fairway is the key."

Amanda Doherty (T4, -3) on playing this week after the reshuffle

"Yeah, I'm really excited to be -- I mean, honestly I'm excited to be playing this week. It wasn't a given in Mexico, and, yeah, the last couple years have been tough so, so to get back to kind of full-ish status for the rest of the season kind of and get some more starts, I'm really excited about it."

Jin Young Ko (T4, -3) on what she is taking away from her opening round

"I'm just trying to having fun on the course. I mean, overall this year I struggle to my game play well, so I hope today is like keep momentum to get better the rest of the season. So we'll see."

Lilia Vu (T4, -3) on how her mindset shifted after hole 17

"I think I just started to trust my game a little better. I know this course is tough. It's hard to hit the fairway. Sometimes you just need a little bit of luck to get there. But I birdied from even the rough, and I think I that gave me some sort of confidence. I hit a really good drive on 17. That's probably one of the hardest holes in my opinion just to hit the fairway. I was maybe just a foot in the rough, hit a good shot to like three feet and then figured, okay, I can birdie from the rough if I need to. I think that kind of propelled me and gave me some confidence moving into the other nine."

Charley Hull (T7, -2) on how she is feeling physically after round one

"I was actually pretty warm this morning, so wasn't too bad. I just had like three layers in and two pairs of trousers on and my rain pants on, so it wasn't too bad. The weather is nice now, so, yeah, hopefully it gets a bit warmer during the week. In the afternoons it's completely fine. It's first that first little bit in the morning."

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[Charley Hull In the Mix After First Round of the Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G](#)

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SOCIAL SNAPSHOT

[A rollercoaster of a round for Jeeno Thitikul !\[\]\(ccd39a0dc6d5afcc151e1371f9462f58_img.jpg\)](#)

[Jin Young Ko sneaks up the leaderboard !\[\]\(c724c83fe216b2427610afdbd31f92cc_img.jpg\) She's one shot back with one to play](#)

[Patty Tavatanakit with some short game magic 🎯](#)

[Sophia Schubert with a dart 🎯](#)

[Jeeno Thitikul with some bunker heroics 🏌️ She saves par after her 🙌 birdie streak](#)

[A PSYCHO front nine for Jeeno Thitikul 🧠](#)

[Another birdie drained by Jeeno Thitikul 🧠 This is her fourth straight birdie after a tough start](#)

[Nelly Korda with a sweet birdie to make the turn 🙌](#)

[ASMR: Nelly Korda range edition 🎵](#)

[Lily He making a first round charge ⚡ She's 3 back of the clubhouse lead](#)