



**2026 Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G**  
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**Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes**

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**MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE**

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

Wednesday, May 13

**Approx. 10:00 a.m.** – Nelly Korda (Rolex Rankings No. 1)

**Approx. 12:00 p.m.** – Lydia Ko (2024 Kroger Queen City Championship winner)

**Approx. 12:30 p.m.** – Emma McMyler (Former member of the Xavier University Women's Golf Team and LPGA Tour member)

**Approx. 1:00 p.m.** – Ellise Rymer (Kroger Queen City Championship Sponsor Invite and member of the University of Cincinnati Women's Golf Team)

**NOTABLE PLAYERS**

- **Rolex Rankings No. 1 Nelly Korda**
  - Third start at the Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G
    - 2025 – T5, 2024 – T5
  - 2026: Six cuts made in six starts with three wins, including one major championship and three additional top 10s
    - Won the Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba in her last start, her third win of the season

- Also won the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions and The Chevron Championship
- Also has finished runner-up in back-to-back-back starts at the Fortinet Founders Cup, the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass and the Aramco Championship
- Returned to Rolex Rankings No. 1 on April 27 following her win at the Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba
  - She last held the No. 1 ranking from March 2024 until August of 2025
  - It is the seventh time she has held the No. 1 ranking
- Currently leads the Tour in Rolex Player of the Year points and the Race to the CME Globe
- Also leads the Tour in multiple statistical categories including:
  - Official Money (\$2,643,718)
  - Scoring Average Per Round (68.04)
  - Eagles (9)
  - Rounds in the 60 (17)
  - Bogey-free rounds (6)
- Became the first player to reach 18 LPGA Tour wins since **Lydia Ko** at the 2022 BMW Ladies Championship
- Is the first American to reach 18 LPGA Tour wins since **Cristie Kerr** at the 2015 CME Group Tour Championship
- Is the youngest American player to reach 18 LPGA Tour wins since **Nancy Lopez** at the 1980 Women's Kemper Open
- Career: 18 wins, three major championship victories, 81 top 10s, \$18.9 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
- **Rolex Rankings No. 2 Jeeno Thitikul**
  - Fourth appearance at the Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G
    - 2025 – 2, 2024 – 2, 2022 – 9
  - 2026: Seven cuts made in eight starts with two wins and one additional top 10
    - Won the Mizuho Americas Open in her last start
      - Second successful title defense of her career
      - Also won in her second start of 2026 at her home event at the Honda LPGA Thailand
    - Passed **Inbee Park** on the all-time money list and moved into seventh place
    - Became the fastest player to reach \$18 million in career official earnings
      - Holds the record for fastest to reach \$8-\$18 million
    - Has won at least twice in three-straight seasons
      - Became the first player since **Brooke Henderson** (2016-2019) and **Sung Hyun Park** (2017-2019) to win multiple times in three consecutive seasons

- Her lone missed cut of the season came at The Chevron Championship
- Career: Nine wins, 58 top 10s, \$18.3 million in official career earnings
  - In 2024, earned two wins and recorded 12 top 10s in 17 starts
  - Won the Dow Championship and the CME Group Tour Championship
  - Won the 2024 Aon Risk Reward Challenge
  - Broke Lorena Ochoa's single-season earnings record with a season total of \$6,059,309
  - 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. 6 and Defending Champion Charley Hull**
  - Fourth start at the Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G
    - 2025 – WIN, 2024 – T34, 2023 – T21
  - 2026: Four cuts made in six starts with two top 10 finishes
    - Finished T10 at The Chevron Championship and the HSBC Women's World Championship
    - Hull won the PIF Saudi Ladies International on the Ladies European Tour in February, her fifth win on the LET
  - Career: Three wins, 44 top 10s; \$11.2 million in official career earnings
    - Won the 2022 Ascendant LPGA Benefiting the Volunteers of America and the 2016 CME Group Tour Championship
    - Seven-time member of the European Solheim Cup Team
    - Youngest member of the European Solheim Cup team at 17 years, 4 months and 25 days
    - Has represented England at two International Crowns (2016, 2018) and two Olympics (2016, T7 and 2024, T27)
    - This season she peaked at No.3 in the Rolex Rankings, which is the highest ranking ever for an Englishwoman
    - Also competes on the Ladies European Tour
      - Has five career victories
      - Was named 2013 LET Rookie of the Year
      - Won the 2014 Order of Merit and Player of the Year

#### **NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO**

- This is the fifth playing of the Kroger Queen City Championship presented by K&G and the first time it is being held at Maketewah Country Club
  - This is the first time this event is also being held in the spring
  - This event has previously been held at TPC River's Bend and Kenwood Country Club
- There are three sponsor invites to this event
  - **Madison Reemsnyder** (a) is a senior on the Xavier women's golf team and Ohio native
    - She is making her first appearance on the LPGA Tour
    - She has a multi-year All-BIG EAST selection (2022-23, 2024-25)
    - She was named the 2023 BIG EAST Freshman of the Year
  - **Ellise Rymer** (a) is a junior on the Cincinnati women's golf team
    - Making her first start on the LPGA Tour
    - She led the Bearcats with a 74.73 stroke average appearing in a team-high 11 events

- She is a native of Gainsborough, England
- **Alexandra Swayne** is making her third start on the LPGA Tour
  - Swayne is the only player to represent the U.S. Virgin Islands on the LPGA Tour
  - She has missed the cut in both her previous LPGA Tour appearances
  - Swayne competes primarily on the Ladies European Tour
    - She has four top 10 finishes in 75 starts

### STAT LEADERS

Official Money: Nelly Korda, \$2,843,718

Scoring Average: Nelly Korda, 68.04

Greens in Regulation: Haeran Ryu, 79.80%

Scrambling Percentage: Nelly Korda, 75%

Average Driving Distance: Julia Lopez Ramirez, 289.86 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 in first following back-to-back wins at The Chevron Championship and Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba
  - Has 2,600.000 points
  - She did not compete at the Mizuho Americas Open
- **Hyo Joo Kim** remains in second with 1,482.500 points
- **Hannah Green** remains in third with 1,217.000 points
- In 2025, **Jeeno Thitikul** earned the most points with 4,066.950 in 20 starts

#### Aon Risk Reward Challenge: No. 14 at Maketewah 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** leads at -1.300
- **Jennifer Kupcho** won the 2025 Aon Risk Reward Challenge
- No. 14 at Maketewah Country Club
  - The par-5 14th at Maketewah Country Club is a dogleg left that challenges players with decision-making on both the tee shot and approach
  - Off the tee, players must decide how aggressive of a line to take while avoiding/covering bunkers along the left side of the fairway. Positioning is critical, as players who successfully navigate the tee shot are typically left with between 200–250 yards into the green

- From there, the hole presents a second key choice: attempt to reach the green in two or lay up to a preferred yardage

#### 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.*

- **Minami Katsu** and **Saki Baba** both recorded their first career aces at the Mizuho Americas Open
- Through 2026, there have been seven recorded hole-in-ones with a total donation of \$140,000 bringing the all-time amount donated to \$3.5 million
- There were 22 holes in one throughout the 2025 season
- 339 all-time eligible holes-in-one since the program started in 2019