

**Maybank Championship**

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Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes

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MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

(All times are local, 12 hours ahead of Eastern Time)

Wednesday, October 28

1 p.m. - ASEAN Qualifiers Liyana Durisic, Achiraya Sriwong, Sarisa Pojanalai (a), Pimnipa Panthog, Marisa Tojai (a)

NOTABLE PLAYERS

- **Rolex Rankings No. 3 Haeran Ryu**
 - Fourth start at the Maybank Championship
 - 2025 – T13, 2024 – 3, 2023 – T45
 - Finished T2 in her last start at the BMW Ladies Championship
 - 2026: 15 cuts made in 16 starts, two major championship victories and 11 top-10 finishes
 - Shot a 60 in the third round of The Amundi Evian Championship
 - Is the third player from the Republic of Korea to win at least two major championships in a single season since The Amundi Evian Championship was elevated to a major championship in 2013
 - Joins Jin Young Ko and Inbee Park who won two majors in 2015 and three in 2013
 - Park won the KPMG Women's PGA Championship and the AIG Women's Open

- Finished solo second or better in three consecutive starts including wins at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship and The Amundi Evian Championship
 - Her only cut came at the Aramco Championship
- Career: Five wins, two major championships, 35 top 10s and \$10.4 million in career official earnings
 - Has five wins on the KLPGA Tour
 - Was the 2023 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year
 - Represented the Republic of Korea at the Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown in 2025
- **Rolex Rankings No. 4 and Defending Champion Miyu Yamashita**
 - Won in her first start at the Maybank Championship in 2025
 - 2026: 18 cuts made in 20 starts with two wins and 12 additional top 10s
 - Won the CPKC Women's Open and the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
 - Finished third in her last start at the LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei
 - Became the fastest Japanese player to four wins, 42 starts
 - Previous fastest was **Ayaka Okamoto** in 61 starts
 - Became the second Japanese player to record multiple wins in consecutive seasons
 - Other was **Ayaka Okamoto** with three straight multi-win seasons, 1986-1988
 - The fifth Japanese player to have at least two multi-win seasons
 - Joined **Ayako Okamoto, Hiromi Kobayashi, Ai Miyazato** and **Nasa Hataoka**
 - Career: Four wins including one major championship, 24 top 10s with \$6.2M in official career earnings
 - Has four wins in four different countries (Canada, United States of America, Malaysia, Wales)
 - Only the second player to earn all four or more of her wins in four or more unique countries (Other was **Ha Na Jang** who earned her five career wins in United States, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, Australia and Republic of Korea)
 - 2025 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year
 - Represented Japan at the 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
 - Made 12 starts on the LPGA Tour before earning Membership
 - Finished T4 at the 2024 Paris Olympics as a non-member
 - Competed on the JLPGA and won 13 times including three major championships
 - Earned JLPGA Player of the Year honors in 2022 and 2023
 - Leading money winner on the JLPGA in 2022 and 2023

NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO

- This is the fourth playing of the Maybank Championship
- Defending champion is **Miyu Yamashita** who won in her first start at the event and went on to be named the 2025 Louise Suggs Rookie of the Year
- There are ten sponsor invites in the field
 - **Natasha Oon**
 - A native of Kuala Lumpur
 - Played collegiate golf at San Jose State University
 - 2026 LPGA Tour Rookie

- **Mirabel Ting**
 - Malaysian native
 - Played on the Epson Tour in 2026 and has secured her LPGA Tour card for 2027
- **Anna Huang**
 - Currently plays on the Ladies European Tour where she is second in the Order of Merit
- **Genevieve Ling**
 - Malaysian native who currently plays on the Ladies European Tour
- **Kelly Tan**
 - Malaysian native who first joined the LPGA Tour in 2014
- **ASEAN Qualifiers**
 - A 2 day tournament is held that invites the top athletes from the 11 ASEAN nations. The top-5 players earn exemptions into the Maybank Championship:
 - Liyana Durisic, Achiraya Sriwong, Sarisa Pojanalai (a), Pimnipa Panthog, Marisa Tojai (a)

STAT LEADERS

Official Money: Nelly Korda, \$6,220,214

Scoring Average: Nelly Korda, 69.38

Strokes Gained Total: Nelly Korda, 3.03

Greens in Regulation: Haeran Ryu, 79.87%

Scrambling Percentage: Miyu Yamashita, 67.73%

Average Driving Distance: Riley Smyth, 288.55 yards

SEASON-LONG INITIATIVES

Race to CME Globe

The Race to CME Globe is a season-long points competition in which LPGA Members accumulate points in every Official LPGA Tournament to gain entry into the season-ending CME Group Tour Championship. The player who wins the CME Group Tour Championship will be named the "Race to the CME Globe Champion."

- **Nelly Korda** remains in the lead with 3,713.875 points
- Following the BMW Ladies Championship the following players moved inside the top 60:
 - **Jodi Ewart Shadoff**: finished T6, moved up 10 spots to No. 56
 - **Dewi Weber**: finished T29, moved up 1 spot to No. 60

Aon Risk Reward Challenge No. 16, par 4 at Kuala Lumpur Golf and 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 -.917
 - O'Toole is not competing the rest of 2026 in preparation for the birth of her first child
 - The 16th hole is a short, par-4 that will require a strong decision and execution regardless of setup. Water lines the left side of the hole with bunkers on the right side so there is a premium on accuracy. With the tees moved back, less than 20% of the field is expected to go for the green with their drive. The percentage of players going for the green jumps to over 50% if the

tees are moved up. If laying up, players will try and aim at the first bunker, leaving just a wedge into the challenging green.

- The fact sheet for this week can be found [here](#)

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 2026, 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.

- There have been 23 aces during the 2026 LPGA Tour season, surpassing the number made in 2025 (22) with four events left to play
- There was one hole-in-one at the BMW Ladies Championship
 - **Andrea Lee** made an ace and won a BMW
- \$460,000 has been donated in 2026 bringing the all-time amount donated to \$3.82 million