



2026 Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
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Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes

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MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

(Zoom link available upon request; all times are local and subject to change)

Wednesday, June 17

11:30 a.m. - **Gina Kim**, Dow Championship winner

Noon - **Yana Wilson**, Dow Championship winner

12:30 p.m. - **Taylor Kehoe & Katie Lu**, Michigan State alumna and sponsor invites

NOTABLE PLAYERS

- [Rolex Rankings No. 2 Jeeno Thitikul](#)
 - Third appearance at the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
 - Her best finish is T5 in 2022
 - Finished T8 in 2024
 - 2026: Two wins, four top-10 finishes and nine cuts made in ten 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
 - 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 Hannah Green**
 - Green is making her seventh start at the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
 - 2025 – T36, 2023 – T50, 2022 – T12, 2021 – T45, 2019 – CUT, 2018 – T44
 - 2026: Two wins, four top-10 finishes and six made cuts in seven starts
 - Won the HSBC Women's World Championship and the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro for the third time
 - Won in back-to-back weeks at the 2026 Women's Australian Open and Australian WPGA Championship
 - Career: Eight wins, 37 top 10s, \$9.2 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)
- **Rolex Rankings No. 38 Carlota Ciganda**
 - Ninth start at the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
 - Five top-10 finishes
 - Won last year for her third career victory
 - 2026: Five cuts made in nine starts
 - Best finish was T6 at the Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba
 - Career: Three wins, 62 top 10s, \$10.4 million in official career earnings
 - Won twice in 2016 at the LPGA KEB Hana Bank Championship and the CitiBanamex Lorena Ochoa Invitational presented by Aeromexico and Delta
 - Seven-time Solheim Cup member for Team Europe
 - Member of Team Spain at the 2014 Hanhwa LIFEPLUS International Crown
 - Represented Spain at the 2016, 2020, and 2024 Olympics
 - Eight-time winner on the Ladies European Tour

NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO

- This is the 12th edition of the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
 - Meijer has been the title sponsor of the event since the inaugural playing in 2014
 - Blythefield Country Club has hosted all 12 editions

- Three sponsor invites this week: **Kiara Romero (a), Katie Lu, Taylor Kehoe (a)**
 - Romero (a) currently plays for the University of Oregon, All-American
 - No. 1 ranked amateur, McCormack Medal winner
 - Finished T6 at the USWO presented by Ally for low amateur honors
 - Currently has 18 LEAP points. Scenarios to clinch her LPGA Tour card
 - Earns her 20th LEAP point with a top 10 finish at Meijer
 - Can get 19th LEAP point at Meijer with a top 40 finish and then her 20th at the Arnold Palmer Cup
 - Lu, 2025 graduate of Michigan State University
 - Finished her career with a 73.34 scoring average, fourth all-time in program history
 - Second start at Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give as a sponsor invite
 - Currently competes on the ANNIKA Women's All Pro Tour
 - Recorded her first professional win at the Coke Dr. Pepper Open in April
 - Kehoe, 2026 graduate of Michigan State University
 - Led the program with 72.24 scoring average and finished T23 at the NCAA Women's Golf Championships
 - All-time leader in scoring average at Michigan State with a 72.33 mark (minimum 60 rounds played)
 - Five-time AJGA winner and member of the Canadian National Team
 - Making her LPGA Tour debut this week

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, 290.63 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 Dow Championship, several players moved up in the rankings:
 - **Jin Hee Im** moved into the top 10 to No. 9
 - **Hye-Jin Choi** finished runner-up and moved up 10 spots to No. 11
 - **Yana Wilson** won and moved up 75 spots to No. 27
 - **Gina Kim** won and moved up 90 spots to No. 28

Aon Risk Reward Challenge: No. 14 at Blythefield 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 -1.250
- No. 14 at Blythefield Country Club
 - An accurate drive is crucial to set up an opportunity to go for the green. In 2025, players went for the green in two 67% of the time, the highest rate at this event in any of the past five seasons
 - Last year's winner, Carlota Ciganda, took advantage and went for the green in rounds 1-3, helping her go 1-under on the 14th for the week.

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.

- **Xiyu Lin** made an ace at the U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally for the ninth of the season
- \$180,000 has been donated in 2026, bringing the all-time amount donated to \$3.72 million