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AMERICAS OPEN

2026 Mizuho Americas Open

Mountain Ridge Country Club | West Caldwell, NJ | May 7-11, 2026

First-Round Notes

May 7, 2026

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Course Setup: 36-36—72, 6,601 yards

Scoring Average: R1: 73.174

Weather: Dry conditions with temperatures warming to 60 degrees by the afternoon. Sustained winds near 10 mph with wind gusts common in the upper teens.

Race to CME Globe Points: 500 (winner)

Purse: \$3.25 million, winner's prize \$487,500

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LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
1	Andrea Lee	-6	66
T2	Lydia Ko	-5	67
T2	Jeeno Thitikul	-5	67
T4	Three players	-4	68

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Leader: **Andrea Lee** carded a 6-under-par opening round
 - 66 is her lowest first-round score since the 2025 Amundi Evian Championship, 65
 - Also her lowest 18-hole score at the Mizuho Americas Open, previous best was a 68 three times
 - First time she has held the outright lead after the first round
 - Co-led after the first round of The 2025 Amundi Evian Championship
 - Led the field in number of birdies with eight
 - Finished T3 at this event last year (played at Liberty National Golf Club)
 - [Andrea Lee First Round Interview | 2026 Mizuho Americas Open](#)
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- T2: **Lydia Ko** and **Jeeno Thitikul** both carded first rounds of 67
 - Ko recorded her third opening round of 67 or better this season
 - Missed the cut in her last LPGA Tour start at The Chevron Championship for her only MC of the 2026 season
 - **Thitikul** carded four birdies and an eagle
 - Won this event in 2025 with a tournament score fo 17-under-par
 - 91st round of 67 or lower on the LPGA Tour since beginning of 2022
 - 15 more than any other player in that span
 - Missed the cut in her last LPGA Tour start at The Chevron Championship for her only MC of the 2026 season
 - [Jeeno Thitikul First Round Interview | 2026 Mizuho Americas Open](#)
 - [Jeeno Thitikul First Round Highlights | 2026 Mizuho Americas Open](#)
- **Minami Katsu** had an ace on hole No. 7
 - Currently sits at –2 and T10
- **Amelie Zalsman** leads the AJGA competition with a score of 39
 - The AJGA is competing in a modified stableford format
 - See point scale [here](#)
 - Zalsman recorded six birdies and three bogeys during her opening round
 - Currently ranked No. 5 in the Rolex AJGA Rankings
 - [Amelie Zalsman First Round Interview | 2026 Mizuho Americas Open](#)

A LOOK AT THE LEADERS

CATEGORY	Andrea Lee
2026 Race to CME Globe Rank	59
2026 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2026 LPGA Tour Top 10s	1
2026 Official Season Earnings	\$126.8K
Career LPGA Tour Wins	1
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	23
Career Official Money	\$5M

ABOUT THE LEADER

[Rolex Rankings No. 24 Andrea Lee](#)

- Third start at the Mizuho Americas Open
 - Finished T3 in 2025 for her best finish at this event
 - Has never finished outside the top-25
- Has made four cuts this season in six starts
 - Had a season best finish of T10 at the HSBC Women’s World Championship
 - Missed the cut at The Chevron Championship and the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro in her last two starts
- Career: One win, 23 career top-10 finishes, \$5 million in career official earnings
 - Won the 2022 Standard Portland Classic
 - Represented the United States on the 2023 and 2024 Solheim Cup Teams
 - Finished T30 at the LPGA Q-Series to earn status for the 2020 LPGA Tour season

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS:

18 holes: 63, Hannah Green (R3, 2024)

36 holes: 135, Jeeno Thitikul (2024)

54 holes: 202, Jeeno Thitikul (2025)

72 holes: 271, Jeeno Thitikul (2025)

All records from Liberty National Golf Club

QUOTABLE

Andrea Lee (1, -6) on carding her low round of the 2026 season

“Yeah, I think this is a great golf course for us, great test of golf. Honestly feels like a major championship just with how firm and fast the greens are and how tough the conditions are. So, the game plan is just to stay really patient. I feel like I've been playing really consistent golf lately. Had a couple not-great weeks in LA and Chevron, so really grinded last week and worked on the things that I needed to work on, and I feel like it's all coming together a little bit now.”

Lydia Ko (T2, -5) on the unique format of the Mizuho Americas Open

“Yeah, I think this event is more than just a golf tournament. The sponsors, Mizuho, have done a lot in growing the game and they've been adding different I think events outside of just the four days of golf that we play. A lot of the clients seem like they have a great time returning to here, and even to this new location for this event. What Michelle has done by having the AJGA players I think is a really good opportunity and really good exposure for them. I wish that when I was a junior I had these kind of opportunities as well. So to kind of play alongside them on the weekend, it has been great. They're so good. It's hard to believe that some of them are literally only like 14, 15 and they hit it just as far as me or further than me. You know, the finesse that they have, you wouldn't think they're in their mid to early teens. So, yeah, it's a learning opportunity for me and it's I think the sponsors and Excel, they do a really good job bringing a lot of generations together and kind of grow the whole game of golf.”

Jeeno Thitikul (T2, -5) on the difficulty of the greens at Mountain Ridge Country Club

“I think every green on the yardage books you can see it's square, not circle. Normally it's like circle or not, but it's just like square. It's not really running if you hit it high on the slope in the front of the green, but you don't want to miss long side because long side it's always going to be a downhill putts or downhill chip to the hole. Just not a little down, it's so down. I think it's just the things that everyone really concern about to keep it below the hole, not above. And then it just also hard calculating. The green is not that soft and the wind picked up and then also the front of the green, it's kind of like a slope that where if you hit it high it's not going to run out.”

Michelle Wie West (118, +10) on her takeaways during her first competitive round since 2023

“Yeah, it's all about putting it in perspective, right? My husband was talking me off the ledge the whole round, you know. Golf can take you places, and I went places today. But, you know, it's just -- you got to see the big picture at the end of the day. I'm so proud of what we built here. I feel extremely lucky to have the opportunity to have the space to play today. The back nine I made some good birdies. Putting felt a lot better. If you ever see me putt right-hand low ever again, just yell from outside the ropes, don't do it. So, it was fun

out there. No matter what, I had a lot of fun playing with Yana, a lot of fun playing with Lilia. It's just great to be out here. It's great to feel the vibes.”

Amelie Zalsman (AJGA) (1, 39 points) on what went well during her round today

“Yeah, I would say really just try to stay patient. Especially with the slope greens and some of the pins today you can't be really too aggressive, so I kind of went out there, try to keep it stable, you know, play to short. I mean, didn't really try to over-club anything because, I mean, once you get past a lot of these pins you're probably not going to make par or just going to be really difficult. And the greens being rock hard kind of helps, too, with playing it short and everything running up, so I was just able to give myself a lot of opportunities today.”

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