



MIZUHO

AMERICAS OPEN

2026 Mizuho Americas Open

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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, April 15

10 a.m. – Michelle Wie West (Tournament Host and Mizuho Ambassador)

11:30 a.m. – Vidhi Lakhawala and Rayee Feng (AJGA players, New Jersey natives)

3 p.m. – Jeeno Thitikul (Defending champion and Rolex Rankings No. 2) and Aphrodite Deng (Defending AJGA champion and second-ranked junior golfer in AJGA rankings)

3:30p.m. – Yana Wilson (Inaugural Mizuho Americas Open AJGA champion and LPGA Tour rookie)

NOTABLE PLAYERS

- [Rolex Rankings No. 2 and Defending Champion Jeeno Thitikul](#)
 - Fourth appearance at the Mizuho Americas Open
 - 2025 – WON, 2024 – T7, 2023 – T10
 - 2026: Six cuts made in seven starts with one win and two additional top 10s
 - Won in her second start of 2026 at her home event at the Honda LPGA Thailand

- Missed the cut at The Chevron Championship in her last start
- Career: Eight wins, 57 top 10s, \$17.7 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. 4 Charley Hull**
 - Third start at the Mizuho Americas Open
 - 2024 – T34, 2023 – T21
 - 2026: Four cuts made in five starts with two top 10 finishes
 - Finished T10 at her last start at The Chevron Championship
 - Hull won the PIF Saudi Ladies International on the Ladies European Tour in February, her fifth win on the LET
 - Career: Three wins, 43 top 10s; \$11 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)
 - Her No.3 position in the Rolex Rankings 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
- **Rolex Rankings No. 5 Hannah Green**
 - Green is making her third start at the Mizuho Americas Open
 - 2025 – T33, 2024 – 2
 - 2026: Four cuts made in five starts with two wins and two additional top-10s
 - Finished T7 at The Chevron Championship in her last start
 - Won the JM Eagle LA Championship and the HSBC Women's World Championship
 - Won in back-to-back weeks at the 2026 Women's Australian Open and Australian WPGA Championship on the LET
 - Career: Eight wins, 35 top 10s, \$8.1 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)
- AJGA Rolex Rankings No. 2 and Defending Champion Aphrodite Deng
 - Won with 140 points in the Stableford scoring format
 - Her win was her fourth AJGA victory at the time
 - Won the 2025 76th U.S. Girls' Junior last July
 - Most recently finished T4 at the 2026 Junior Invitational at Sage Valley

NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO

- Fourth edition of the Mizuho Americas Open
 - First time being held at Mountain Ridge Country Club
 - Mountain Ridge Country Club previously hosted the 2021 Fortinet Founders Cup
 - Returns to Liberty National Golf Club in 2028
- Michelle Wie West, Ami Gianchandani and Amari Avery are in the field as sponsor invitation
 - Wie West serves as tournament host and is playing in this event for the first time
 - First competitive start since the 2023 U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
 - Serves as an ambassador for Mizuho
 - [Announced as a member of WTGL in February](#)
 - Committed to play in the 2026 U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
 - Gianchandani competes on the WAPT
 - She finished 38th at the Taco Bell Natchez Classic
 - She was a graduate student at the Auburn University
 - She played in six events and her best individual finish was a T12 finish at the Mason Rudolph Championship
 - Prior to Auburn she played at Yale
 - She was named Ivy League Player of the Year twice (2019, 2022)
 - Recorded nine victories in collegiate tournaments
 - A native of Watchung, N.J.
 - Avery competes on the Epson Tour
 - She earned her first career victory at the IOA Championship presented by Morongo Casino Resort and Spa
 - She has not missed a cut in five starts this season and has two additional runner-up finishes
 - She finished runner-up her last time at the Carlisle Arizona Women's Golf Classic
 - She has made six starts on the LPGA Tour, most recently at the 2025 U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
- Competition format:
 - 144 players – 120 LPGA Tour professionals, 24 AJGA juniors
 - LPGA Tour professionals: 72 holes of strokeplay, cut to top-50 and ties after 36 holes
 - Juniors: 72 holes of Modified Stableford, no cut
 - Rounds 1 and 2 professionals and juniors will be paired separately
 - Rounds 3 and 4 two professionals will be paired with one junior based on score
 - CME Points

- Players who miss the 36-hole cut but are within the low 65 players and ties will also receive CME points based upon their 36-hole finish

STAT LEADERS

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

Scoring Average: Nelly Korda, 68.04

Greens in Regulation: Haeran Ryu, 79.12%

Scrambling Percentage: Nelly Korda, 75%

Average Driving Distance: Riley Smyth, 293.78 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
- **Hyo Joo Kim** remains in second with 1,482.500 points
- **Hannah Green** moved to third following her win at the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro and has 1,217.000 points
- In 2025, **Jeeno Thitikul** earned the most points with 4,066.950 in 20 starts

Aon Risk Reward Challenge: No. 17 at Mountain Ridge 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 -1.375
- **Jennifer Kupcho** won the 2025 Aon Risk Reward Challenge
- No. 17 at Mountain Ridge Country Club
 - The 17th hole at Mountain Ridge Country Club places on emphasis on a quality shot off the tee with two bunkers and trees to the right and boundary woods on the left
 - A bunker guarding the front half of an undualted green running from back to front will cause players to think twice about going for it if they hit a good drive
 - In 2021, when the Founders Cup was played at Mountain ridge, the field found the fairway 79% of the time but only hit 49% of Greens in Regulation

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.

- **Melanie Green** recorded a hole in one at the Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba
- **Ruoning Yin** made the first hole-in-one of the LPGA Tour season at Blue Bay LPGA
- \$100,000 has been donated this season, bringing the all-time amount donated to \$3.48 million
- There were 22 holes in one throughout the 2025 season
- 337 all-time eligible holes-in-one since the program started in 2019