



**RIVIERA MAYA
OPEN^{at} MAYAKOBA**

2026 Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba

El Camaleon Golf Course at Mayakoba | Playa del Carmen, Quintana Roo, Mexico | April 30 – May 3, 2026

Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes

April 28, 2026

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MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday, April 29

Following pro-am; Approx. 10 a.m. – Nelly Korda (First appearance at the Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba and The Chevron Championship winner)

Following pro-am; Approx. 10:15 a.m. – Chizzy Iwai (Defending champion of the Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba)

2:30 p.m. – Carlota Ciganda (Three-time LPGA Tour winner from Spain)

3 p.m. – Gaby Lopez (Three-time LPGA Tour winner from Mexico)

TBD – Maria Jose Marin (2026 Augusta National Women’s Amateur champion; Sponsor Invite)

NOTABLE PLAYERS

- [Rolex Rankings No. 1 Nelly Korda](#)
 - Korda is making her first start at the Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba
 - This is the second time that Korda has played in Mexico
 - Competed in the 2017 Lorena Ochoa Match Play, finishing T33
 - 2026: Five cuts made in five starts with two wins, including one major championship and three additional top 10s

- Won the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions and The Chevron Championship
- 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
- Career: 17 wins, three major championship victories, 80 top 10s, \$18.6 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. 20 Chizzy Iwai**
 - Iwai is making her second start at the Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba
 - In 2025, she won the event and became a Rolex First-Time Winner
 - Was the 20th different player from Japan to win on the LPGA Tour
 - Earned her first top-10 finish on the LPGA Tour
 - Was the third player from Japan to win in 2025
 - Was the third rookie to win in 2025
 - 2026: Seven cuts made in eight starts with three top-10 finishes
 - Runner-up finish at the Honda LPGA Thailand
 - Missed her first cut of the year last week at The Chevron Championship
 - Two top-10 finishes in her last four starts
 - Career: One win, eight top-10 finishes, and \$2.2 million in official career earnings
 - Turned professional in 2021, first joining the JLPGA
 - Eight-time winner on the JLPGA
 - Earned LPGA Tour Membership for 2025 after finishing second at 2024 Final Qualifying of LPGA Q-Series
 - Competed in 11 LPGA Tour events before becoming an official member in 2025
 - Has a sister, Akie, who also won on the LPGA Tour in 2025
- **Rolex Rankings No. 27 Gaby Lopez**
 - Lopez is making her second start at the Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba
 - 2025 – CUT
 - 2026: Six cuts made in six starts with one top-10 finish
 - Finished T5 at the Fortinet Founders Cup
 - Had a T12 result at The Chevron Championship
 - Career: Three wins, 34 top-10 finishes and \$6.6 million in official career earnings
 - Her last win came at the 2022 Dana Open presented by Marathon
 - This is her sixth overall event in Mexico on the LPGA Tour
 - 2025 and 2026 Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba
 - 2017 Citibanamex Lorena Ochoa Match Play
 - 2014-2016 Lorena Ochoa Invitational
 - Three-time Olympian representing Mexico
 - Won the 2013 Mexico Amateur Championship

NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO

- Second edition of the Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba
- Past LPGA Tour Events in Mexico:
 - Lorena Ochoa Match Play – 2017
 - Lorena Ochoa Invitational – 2008-2016
 - Corona Morelia Championship/Corona Championship/Tres Marias Championship – 2005-2010
 - MasterCard Classic Honoring Alejo Peralta – 2005-2009
 - Bing Crosby International Classic – 1974-1975
- There are nine Mexican players in the field this week
 - Maria Balcazar, Maria Fassi, Isabella Fierro, Ana Jimenez, Alejandra Llana, Gaby Lopez, Andrea Ostos, Clarisa Temelo (a), Carolina Rotzinger

STAT LEADERS

Official Money: Nelly Korda, \$2,468,718

Scoring Average: Nelly Korda, 68.11

Greens in Regulation: Haeran Ryu, 79.12%

Scrambling Percentage: Patty Tavatanakit, 72.66%

Average Driving Distance: Riley Smyth, 297.00 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** extends her lead after her win at The Chevron Championship
 - Has 2,065.000 points
- **Hyo Joo Kim** stays in second and has 1,482.500 points
- **Hannah Green** stays in third at 1,217.000 points after two wins in five starts
- In 2025, **Jeeno Thitikul** earned the most points with 4,066.950 in 20 starts

[Aon Risk Reward Challenge](#): No. 17 at El Camaleon Golf Course

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
- No. 17 at El Camaleon Golf Course

- The scenic 17th hole at El Camaleon Golf Course is a challenging, narrow par 4. Water runs the entire length of the left side, while trees and out-of-bounds mark the right, making accuracy off the tee essential
- Placement is key with two tees in play and bunkers that protect both the lay-up and go for green decisions. For the players that decide to go for the green, the expected reward is 0.56 strokes on the rest of the field.
- The expected GFG vs Layup strokes gained from the back tees are +0.15, while it improves to +0.52 when the tees are moved up, indicating the better decision is to go for the green from the forward tees.

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.

- **Yu Liu** made an ace at the JM Eagle LA Championship for the fourth of the season
- \$80,000 has been donated in 2026, bringing the all-time amount donated to \$3.46 million
- There were 22 holes in one throughout the 2025 season
- 336 all-time eligible holes-in-one since the program started in 2019