



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

2026 Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba

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Wednesday Pre-Tournament Notes

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PRE-TOURNAMENT AVAILABILITY HIGHLIGHTS

Rolex Rankings No. 1 Nelly Korda

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Korda on seeing the reactions since her win at The Chevron Championship

“Everything has been so fun. The billboard up in New York City that's more of a pinch-me moment. It's so crazy. Every one of my sponsors has come together and sent me amazing messages or really cool videos. There is one video the TaylorMade social team did where they put together of them all doing a cannonball into a pool. Really cool moments like that where it's kind of crazy to see how many people support me. You know, you get lost in kind of how I refer to it your little bubble. When you do look on the outside, how many people are happy for you that you accomplished such an amazing thing is really cool to see and I'm just so grateful for all the amazing messages that I got and all the support that I do get every week..”

Rolex Rankings No. 20 Chizzy Iwai

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Iwai on coming back to the Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba after winning the event last season

“So I'm so happy to back Mexico, and then so last year my first win in Mexico. Yeah, after win, so come back to Japan, everybody congratulation say to me, that's why, yeah, good memory place here.”

Rolex Rankings No. 27 Gaby Lopez

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Lopez on competing in Mexico in front of a home crowd and family

“Yeah, for sure, I have plenty of family and friends. Last year was a little bit overwhelming, not gonna lie. Week in, week out we're not used to that. Last week at Houston it was so many Mexicans and Latin Americans out there it kind of seemed like I was playing in Mexico. Yeah, very, very excited and happy to have the support and doesn't matter if I play good or bad. Playing in front of them it's going to be a huge honor always.”

Rolex Rankings No. 35 Carlota Ciganda

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Ciganda on her role models growing up

“To be honest, I didn't watch much women's golf when I was growing up. It wasn't on TV. It was more men's golf. I do remember Lorena a lot and obviously Annika. Lorena, she's amazing. I saw her yesterday and I think she's such a nice person, so humble, like how nice she is to everyone, the way she talks. I think what she did not only for golf but in Mexico for all the players, girls, we know you have Gaby, but I think to have someone from Mexico world No. 1, to see what she did, I think it's very inspiring. I think she still does things for Mexico with her foundation and for the girls and schools it's very nice to see her involved with golf. So I think she is a great role model and, yeah, very happy to have met her and always enjoy talking to her.”

Rolex Rankings No. 37 Linn Grant

[Transcript](#)

Grant on her experience last year and how it will help her this year

“I remember it being quite tricky off the tee; quite narrow; windy; quite a challenging overall course. I feel like this year the rough is a little bit shorter. They made it a little kinder for us, which I don't mind. But overall just a really good challenge out there.”

Rolex Rankings No. 110 Nataliya Guseva

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Guseva on being back in Mexico

“I would say it's always a pleasure coming here. How the way they treat us, I feel like in general being here is more like a vacation. I was saying I think last year as well. I mean, the weather, the nature as well. Good food, good guacamole, good margaritas. It's definitely great being out here, and we're so delighted to show some good golf and hopefully will play well this week.”

Mexico Native and Rolex Rankings No. 343 Isabella Fierro

[Transcript](#)

Fierro on competing in Mexico for the second straight year

“Yeah, thank you. I'm very grateful to be sitting here for the second time. I'm very, very happy about this tournament, about what Mexico has overcome with golf, how women's golf in Mexico has grown. So I'm super excited to be here this week. Seeing the best player in the world in the field is such a bonus and such a good

thing to have, and I'm really excited to be here. Having my family and seeing familiar faces is always a good thing."

Mexico Native and Rolex Rankings No. 514 Maria Fassi

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Fassi on how big this week is for Mexican golf

"Yeah, I think for Mexican golf this is huge. I grew up watching the best in the world play when we had the tournaments in Mexico City, and it's the reason why I'm here today. It's what inspired me to play professional golf. I wanted to be just like Lorena Ochoa and, you know, all the amazing players that came to play. We didn't have that for so long, and now that we're on or second year back after so many, we get to be that for so many of the girls and kids that come out and watch. So I think it's a huge leap into the growth of the game, and obviously for me as a Mexican player it's just such an honor and I take a lot of pride in playing for Mexico in Mexico, getting to show some of the girls our beautiful country."

Sponsor Invite and Augusta National Women's Amateur Champion Maria Jose Marin

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Marin on what life has been like since winning ANWA

"I think if I had to put it into a word it's been crazy. After ANWA just my life took a huge, huge turn, for the good. More people have recognized me. There has been a lot of congratulations coming from all over the world and especially from my country, Colombia, and also from Mexico and the university. I was used to just walking in the street and now there are people saying, hey, congrats, which is something I'm still not used to. But it's great just to see all of my hard work, it's paying off."

Mexico Native and Sponsor Invite Clarisa Temelo

[Transcript](#)

Temelo on playing an LPGA Tour event in Mexico

"Oh, it's amazing. I mean, I feel that this just like inspires more people. I have actually a couple people who are traveling here and they're like, oh, my God, you're going to play with Nelly Korda and all that. It's nice for them to have someone like they were close to me, like, I don't know, in junior golf, all that. It's like, oh, now she's playing on LPGA with all of our idols. So I feel that can be very helpful for other generations as well."

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Whoa, Nelly... indeed! 🇺🇸 in New York City.

Greetings from Mexico 🇲🇽