



2026 ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open

Dundonald Links | Gailles, North Ayrshire, Scotland | July 23-26, 2026

Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes

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MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

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

Wed., July 22

10:30 a.m. – **Charley Hull**

11 a.m. – **Georgia Hall**

From 12:30 p.m. (following pro-am) – **Nelly Korda**

From 12:30 p.m. (following pro-am) – **Gemma Dryburgh**

NOTABLE PLAYERS

- [Rolex Rankings No. 1 Nelly Korda](#)
 - Korda is making her second start at the ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open
 - Last year, she finished solo fifth
 - Remains two points away from the point threshold to be eligible for the LPGA Hall of Fame
 - With a win this week, she would earn one point since it is a non-major event
 - Currently ranks No. 1 in multiple statistical categories including:
 - Scoring average per round: 68.68
 - Rounds in the 60s: 25
 - Round 2 scoring average: 68.10
 - Round 3 scoring average: 68.11
 - Birdie to bogey ratio: 2.63

- Bogey avoidance: 9.61%
 - Par 5 scoring average: 4.39
- 2026: Four wins including two major championship victories, nine top-10s and 11 events played
 - Won the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions, The Chevron Championship, Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba and U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
 - Missed her first cut of the season at last week's Amundi Evian Championship
- Career: 19 wins, four major championship victories, 84 top 10s, \$21.8 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; clinched her spot on the 2026 team
- **Rolex Rankings No. 4 Hyo Joo Kim**
 - Eighth appearance at the ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open
 - Has two runner-up finishes in 2023 and 2025
 - Has played 134 holes at this event without a three putt; most of any player
 - Has an active streak of five consecutive rounds of par or better at this event
 - Currently ranks No. 1 in multiple statistical categories including:
 - Putts per GIR average: 1.69
 - Putts per round average: 28.14
 - Putts per Round 1: 27.70
 - Putts per hole: 1.56
 - Round 1 scoring average: 68.30
 - Birdie percentage: 25.71%
 - Birdie or better percentage: 26.67%
 - Birdie or better average per round: 4.80
 - 2026: Two wins, five top-10 finishes and nine cuts made in 11 starts
 - Won in back-to-back weeks at the Fortinet Founders Cup and the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
 - Career: Nine wins, one major championship victory, 68 top 10s, \$13 million in official career earnings
 - Two-time Olympian representing the Republic of Korea (2020 Tokyo, T15; 2024 Paris, T25)
 - Two-time International Crown participant representing the Republic of Korea (2023, 2025)
 - Sixteen-time KLPGA Tour winner including a win at the LOTTE Open at the beginning of July 2026
- **Rolex Rankings No. 5 Lottie Woad**
 - Became a Rolex First-Time Winner at the ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open in her professional debut in 2025
 - Secured LPGA Membership through the LPGA Elite Amateur Pathway at The Amundi Evian Championship last year after tying for third

- The ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open was her first event following The Amundi Evian Championship
- Broke the 54-hole and tied the 72-hole tournament scoring records at Dundonald Links
- Is the youngest winner of the event when she won at 21 years, 6 months and 10 days
- This is her first time defending an LPGA Tour title and her second appearance at the ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open
- 2026: One win, five top 10s, 12 cuts made in 14 starts
 - Won the Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G
 - Missed the cut at the Mizuho Americas Open and the KPMG Women's PGA Championship
- Career: Two wins, eight top 10s, \$2 million in official career earnings
- Amateur Career:
 - Won the 2025 KPMG Women's Irish Open on the LET
 - Won the Mark H. McCormack Medal in 2024
 - Member of the winning Great Britain and Ireland Team at the 2024 Curtis Cup
 - Won the 2024 Augusta National Women's Amateur
 - Played collegiately at Florida State University

NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO

- **Kiara Romero** is competing as a sponsor invite this week
 - Is one point away from reaching the point threshold to be eligible for LPGA Membership through the [LPGA Elite Amateur Pathway \(LEAP\)](#)
 - With a finish in the top 40 and ties or better this week, she would earn her final point
 - Would be the second player to earn LPGA Membership through LEAP following Lottie Woad in 2025
 - Is one of four sponsor invites this week including **Ashleigh Buhai, Gemma Dryburgh** and **Hannah Darling**
- There are four ISPS ambassadors in the field this week including **Hannah Green, Charley Hull, Minjee Lee and Ashleigh Buhai**
- **Georgia Hall** is competing in her first LPGA Tour event since having her son, Conor earlier this year
 - Has played in three events on the Ladies European Tour since giving birth

STAT LEADERS

Official Money: Nelly Korda, \$5,680,924

Scoring Average: Nelly Korda, 68.68

Greens in Regulation: Haeran Ryu, 80.37%

Scrambling Percentage: Nelly Korda, 72.41%

Average Driving Distance: Julia Lopez Ramirez, 290.57 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 3,412.625 points
- Following The Amundi Evian Championship, several players moved up in the rankings:
 - **Haeran Ryu** won and moved up one spot to No. 2
 - **Miyu Yamashita** finished T4 and moved up one spot to No. 4
 - **Brooke Henderson** finished 2nd and moved up 11 spots to No. 11
 - **Aki Iwai** finished 3rd and moved up 12 spots to No. 15

Aon Risk Reward Challenge

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 –1.188
- No. 14 is the Aon Risk Reward Challenge hole this week
 - The par 5 provides players a strong scoring opportunity on the course and against the field
 - While only 32% of players went for the green in two in 2024, no hole on the LPGA schedule has offered more of a GFG advantage over the last four years
 - Those who have gone for the green gained just over six-tenths of a stroke over those who laid up
- View the fact sheet [here](#)

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.

- The last ace was made by **Brooke Henderson** at The Amundi Evian Championship
- \$280,000 has been donated in 2026, bringing the all-time amount donated to \$3.64 million