



## **LPGA “Moms on Tour”**

Becoming a parent is a life-changing experience for anyone who has a child, but for professional female athletes, becoming a mom also brings some unique challenges. The LPGA has worked to provide programs and policies to help its players pursue their goals both as an elite athlete and a mom while helping them to thrive both on and off the golf course as they travel with their young children.

### **The LPGA Child Development Center**

The LPGA pioneered the concept of providing the children of its athletes with consistent, high-quality and familiar child development services. The LPGA Child Development Center was the first traveling childcare center in the world of professional sports and has been with the LPGA Tour for more than 25 years. The program has provided childcare services to LPGA athletes and staff since its inception, and it is vital to helping the athlete moms continue their careers after having children.

Three full-time credentialed child development staff members travel to each North American event to care for the children of LPGA Tour moms. Week after week, as the LPGA Tour travels, the children receive consistent care and education because these same staff members travel with the center. The facility is also supported by temporary credentialed staff and volunteers.

### **LPGA Maternity Policy**

The LPGA introduced and updated maternity policy in 2019. This policy is aimed at providing new moms with enhanced flexibility regarding maternity leave and is structured to offer moms options.

- Athletes can take a Maternity Year in the year of the child's birth, the year after, and in certain circumstances, the year prior to the child's birth.
- Moms have up to two years from the date of the baby's birth to return to playing.
- Upon return, moms retain the same status they held entering the season of maternity leave and have 12 months (equivalent to the same number of tournaments) to compete at that status.

In addition, all five majors on the LPGA Tour schedule in 2026 include an exemption for athletes who qualified for the previous year's championship but did not compete due to a Tour approved maternity leave.

### **LPGA Assisted Reproductive Technology Procedures (ART) Policy**

The LPGA introduced an ART policy in 2026. This policy is aimed at providing flexibility and status extension options to athletes undergoing fertility preservation and/or assisted reproductive procedures.

- An athlete is eligible if she misses five or more tournaments for ART procedures during a single season (counted cumulatively).
- The cumulative count is a key difference from the Medical Extension of Status policy which requires athletes to miss five consecutive tournaments.
- Similar to the Medical Extension of Status policy, the Priority List ranking of the athlete will be extended into the following season for the period of time it takes the athlete to complete the number of tournaments missed for ART procedures during the previous season.



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*Including LPGA Moms currently in Categories #1-16, 19 on the 2026 Priority List*

- Nicole Broch Estrup
  - Max Broch Estrup (2025)
- Chella Choi
  - Si-heon Cha (2024)
- Paula Creamer
  - Hilton Kennedy (2022)
- Gemma Dryburgh
  - Leo (2025)
- Austin Ernst (Dods)
  - Charles “Charlie” Dods (2023)
- Jaye Marie Green
  - Paisley Casello (2023)
- Georgia Hall
  - Conor Charlie Dunne (2026)
- Cheyenne Knight
  - Cooper Michael Stick (2025)
- Jessica Korda
  - Greyson DelPrete (2024)
  - Expecting her second child in 2026
- Alison Lee
  - Levi Todd Kidd (2025)
- Xiyu Janet Lin
  - Barney Wang Jr. (2025)
- Azahara Munoz
  - Lucas Vickers (2022)
- Sophia Popov
  - Maya Mehles (2023)
  - Julian Mehles (2026)
- Madelene Sagstrom
  - Expecting her first child (2026)
- Emma Talley
  - Mary Ruth Smith (2025)