TOTO Japan Classic

Taiheiyo Club Minori Course | Omitama, Ibaraki, Japan| Nov. 5-8, 2026

First-Round Notes

November 5, 2026

Media Contacts: Annika Mayers, +1 (386) 212-2128
Course Setup: 36-36 – 72; 6,519 yards
Weather: Thursday Forecast
Race to CME Globe Points: 500 (winner)
Purse: $2.1 million ($315,000 – winner's purse)
TV/Streaming Times: How to Watch

QUICK LINKS

Interview Transcripts
LPGA Tour Online Media Center (OMC): Tournament Website

SOCIAL MEDIA

LPGA Tour: @LPGA, @LPGAMedia (X), @lpga_tour (Instagram, TikTok)
Tournament: @TOTO_JP_CLASSIC

LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
T1	Miyu Yamashita	-6	66
T1	Aki Iwai	-6	66
T1	Sayaka Takahashi	-6	66
T4	Three Players	-5	67

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Leaders: **Miyu Yamashita, Aki Iwai** and **Sayaka Takahashi** are tied at 6-under
  - **Yamashita** had a bogey-free round
    - Hit 13/14 fairways, 17/18 greens in regulation and had 29 putts
    - Won the Sony JLPGA Championship, a JLPGA major, in her only start on the JLPGA this year
    - Played on the JLPGA for four years before joining the LPGA Tour
    - Has won three times on the LPGA Tour this season, including her first title defense at the Maybank Championship last week
    - This is her fifth appearance at the TOTO Japan Classic

        - Has competed three times as a JLPGA member and twice as an LPGA Tour member
        - Finished solo third at this event last year
    - **A. Iwai** opened with a 66 and eight birdies
        - Holds the LPGA Tour scoring record at this course
            - Opened with a first round 63 at this event in 2023 as a JLPGA member
        - Hit 12/14 fairways, 12/18 greens in regulation and recorded only 25 putts
        - This is her fourth appearance at the TOTO Japan Classic
            - Competed twice as a JLPGA member and once as an LPGA Tour member
            - Finished T27 at this event in 2025
    - **Takahashi** opened with a bogey free 66
        - Has won twice on the JLPGA Tour this year
            - The YAMAHA Ladies Open Katsuragi and KKTcup VANTELIN Ladies Open
        - Competed in the U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally, Amundi Evian Championship and AIG Women's Open this year but missed the cut in each
        - Finished T6 at this event last year

A LOOK AT THE LEADERS

CATEGORY	Miyu Yamashita	Aki Iwai	Sayaka Takahashi
2026 Race to CME Globe Rank	2	13	NA
2026 LPGA Tour Wins	3	0	NA
2026 LPGA Tour Top 10s	13	6	NA
2026 Official Season Earnings	$3.2M	$1.7M	NA
Career LPGA Tour Wins	5	1	NA
Career LPGA Tour Top 10s	25	13	1
Career Official Money	$6.7M	$3.3	NA

ABOUT THE LEADERS

Rolex Rankings No. 4 Miyu Yamashita

- Fifth appearance at the TOTO Japan Classic
    - 2025 – 3, 2024 – T12, 2023 – T27, 2022 – T5
- 2026: Three wins, 13 top-10s and $3.2M in season official earnings
    - Won the Maybank Championship, CPKC Women's Open and Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
    - Has finished inside the top-10 in five consecutive events with two wins
- Career: Five wins, 25 top-10s and $6.7M in career official money
    - Won the 2025 AIG Women's Open to become a Rolex First Time Winner and major champion
    - Won the 2025 Maybank Championship
    - Won the 2025 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year
    - Represented Japan in the 2024 Paris Olympics where she finished T4
    - Represented Japan in the 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown

Rolex Rankings No. 18 Aki Iwai

- Fourth appearance at the TOTO Japan Classic
    - 2025 – T27, 2024 – T39, 2023 – T8

- 2026: Six top-10s with $1.7M in season official earnings
    - Finished T2 at the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G for her best finish of the season
    - Finished third at the Amundi Evian Championship for her best major finish of the season
- Career: One win, 13 top-10s and $3.3M in career official earnings
    - Won the 2025 Standard Portland Classic
    - Six time winner on the JLPGA Tour

Rolex Rankings No. 93 Sayaka Takahashi

- Sixth appearance at the TOTO Japan Classic
    - 2025 – T6, 2024 – T47, 2023 – T20, 2022 – T45, 2019 – T32
- 2026: Two wins on the JLPGA
    - Ranked No. 11 in the JLPGA Mercedes Ranking
- Career: Four wins on the JLPGA
    - Ranked 35th on the JLPGA Career Money List
        - Has earned 561,757,887 Japanese Yen
    - Finished T11 at the 2020 U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally for her best finish in an LPGA Tour event

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS:
18 holes – 63, 10 times, last by Hana Wakimoto (R1, 2024)
36 holes – 126, Annika Sorenstam (2003)
54 holes – 192, Annika Sorenstam (2003)
72 holes – 266, Mone Inami (2023)
*2022 was the first time the co-sanctioned tournament played as a 72-hole event

QUOTABLES
Quotes from the 2026 TOTO Japan Classic can be found here