



## 2026 U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally

The Riviera Country Club | Pacific Palisades, Calif. | June 1-7, 2026

### Third-Round Notes

June 6, 2026

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**Course Setup:** 35-36—71, 6,699 yards

**Weather:** [Saturday Forecast](#)

**Race to CME Globe Points:** 650 (winner)

**Purse:** \$12.5 million

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### LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
T1	Nelly Korda	-6	73-67-67 – 207
T1	Sei Young Kim	-6	67-72-68 – 207
T3	Jennifer Kupcho	-5	66-73-69 – 208
T3	In Gee Chun	-5	71-68-69 – 208

### COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- The champion of the U.S. Women's Open will also receive points in the [Rolex ANNIKA Major Award](#) standings
- This is the first U.S. Women's Open in 30 years in which each player among the top 3 and ties after 54 holes are all major champions
  - Last instance was in 1996 at Pine Needles
- In eight of the last 11 U.S. Women's Opens, the champion had to overcome a 54-hole deficit
- T1: **Nelly Korda** and **Sei Young Kim** sit in the lead at six-under par
  - Korda made three birdies in her last three holes to shoot 67 on Moving Day
    - Her 17th round of 67 or lower in major championships since 2018, tying Minjee Lee for the most such rounds over the last 10 years
    - First time she has recorded consecutive rounds in the 60s at a U.S. Women's Open
    - Is her 30th time that she is in the final tee time on Sunday since 2017
    - Is playing in the final group of a major championship for the fourth time in her career
      - Matches Minjee Lee for the highest such total over the last 10 years

- Is the fourth time she has held the lead or co-lead heading into the final round of a major championship
  - Also held the lead going into Sunday of The Chevron Championship this season
- Has been in the lead/co-lead or in second place going into the final round six times in the 2026 season
- Kim made five birdies in R3 including back-to-back birdies on Nos. 5 and 6
  - Has held the third-round lead in a major championship twice in her career (2020 KPMG Women's PGA Championship, 2015 Chevron Championship); she went on to win the 2020 KPMG Women's PGA Championship
  - Has never held a post-round lead at the U.S. Women's Open
- T3: Major champions **Jennifer Kupcho** and **In Gee Chun** sit one shot behind the leaders
  - Kupcho made two birdies in her last three holes to get to red numbers
    - Won The Chevron Championship in 2022
  - Chun is the only past champion in the top 10 going into Sunday
    - Has four wins on the LPGA Tour, with three of them being major championships
- T8: **Charley Hull** recorded the lowest round of the week on Saturday, carding a six-under 65
  - Her lowest round at a major championship; was her 210th career major championship round
  - Sits three shots back of the lead
  - Has not won a major championship
- T11: Defending champion **Maja Stark** shot three-under on Saturday
  - In the last 10 years, the best finish by a defending champion at the U.S. Women's Open was Jeongeun Lee6 in 2020 (T6)

## WITH A WIN

### Nelly Korda

- Would earn her 19th LPGA Tour career victory and fourth of the 2026 season
- Would win her fourth major championship title and need a win at The Amundi Evian Championship or AIG Women's Open to complete the Career Grand Slam
- Would earn two points toward the LPGA Hall of Fame, bringing her total to 25 points
  - To qualify for the LPGA Hall of Fame, a player must earn 27 points
- Would be the third player actively ranked No. 1 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings to win the U.S. Women's Open (Annika Sorenstam, 2006; Inbee Park, 2013)
- Would be the fourth player to win multiple major championships while actively ranked World No. 1 (Inbee Park, 3; Yani Tseng, 2; Lorena Ochoa, 2)
- Would be the first player to win first 2 majors of season since 2013 (Inbee Park)
- Would be the first American to win first 2 majors of season since 1986 (Pat Bradley)
- Would be the first player to win Chevron and U.S. Women's Open in same season since 2013 (Inbee Park)
- Would be the first American to win Chevron and U.S. Women's Open in same season since 1990 (Betsy King)
- Would be the youngest American player to win 4 major championships since Mickey Wright in 1960
- Would be the first American to win the U.S. Women's Open since Allisen Corpuz in 2023
- Would be the third time in her career she would have four or more wins in a season

- Would tie for the most strokes (7) behind the leader at the end of the first round by the eventual U.S. Women's Open winner

### Sei Young Kim

- Would earn her 14th LPGA Tour career victory and second major championship victory
- Would be the 12th player from the Republic of Korea to win the U.S. Women's Open and first since A Lim Kim in 2020
- Would be the 37th player from the Republic of Korea to win a major championship and first since Amy Yang won the 2024 KPMG Women's PGA Championship

### A LOOK AT THE LEADERS

CATEGORY	Nelly Korda	Sei Young Kim
2026 Race to CME Globe Rank	1	16
2026 LPGA Tour Wins	3	0
2026 LPGA Tour Top 10s	7	3
2026 Official Season Earnings	\$2.9M	\$662.1K
Career LPGA Tour Wins	18	13
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	82	83
Career Official Money	\$19M	\$16.2 M

### ABOUT THE LEADERS

#### Rolex Rankings No. 1 Nelly Korda

- Twelfth start at U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
  - Best finish is T2 from 2025
  - Has three top-10 finishes at this major championship
  - Missed the cut in 2020, 2021 and 2024
- 2026: Three wins, seven top-10 finishes in seven starts
  - Back-to-back wins at The Chevron Championship and Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba
  - Finished T2 or better in her first six starts of the season
- Career: 18 wins, three major championships, 82 top-10 finishes, \$19 million in official career earnings
  - Won the Rolex Player of the Year and Rolex ANNIKA Major Award in 2024
  - Represented the U.S. at the 2024 Paris Olympics and 2020 Tokyo Olympics
  - Four-time U.S. Solheim Cup team member (2019, 2021, 2023, 2024)
  - 2023 participant at the 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown

#### Rolex Rankings No. 11 Sei Young Kim

- Thirteenth start at U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
  - Best finish is T8 in 2017
  - Missed the cut last year, and withdrew the year prior
- 2026: Seven cuts made in 10 starts with three top-10 finishes
  - Missed the cut in two of her previous starts
  - Finished T2 at the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
- Career: 13 wins, one major championship, 83 top-10 finishes, \$16.2 million in official career earnings

- Won the KPMG Women's PGA Championship in 2020
- Earned the following honors: 2020 Rolex Player of the Year, 2015 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year and 2015 Kia Most Compelling Performance Award
- Represented the Republic of Korea at the 2016 Rio Olympics and 2020 Tokyo Olympics
- Participated in the 2016 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown

#### CHAMPIONSHIP SCORING RECORDS (OVERALL):

18 holes: 63, Helen Alfredsson (1994, R1)

36 holes: 132, Helen Alfredsson (1994)

54 holes: 200, Minjee Lee (2022)

72 holes: 271, Minjee Lee (2022)

#### QUOTABLES

*Nelly Korda (T1, -6) on having a free, fun attitude coming into this year*

"Definitely, I think I've just had -- I've tried to have a mindset shift. Sometimes it's easier than -- one week it's a lot easier than others, but I've tried to have the attitude of instead of saying, you know, I'm screwed in this position, oh, here we go again, I'm just going to embrace the challenges and I'm not going to walk off the golf course, I'm just going to figure it out. That's kind of been my attitude this year is like no matter what it throws at me, if I'm just going to get a silly bounce here or there I'll end up in a divot like I'll figure it out. And that's kind of been the attitude I've tried to change to, because I think the worst thing that you can be, but which I am still, is a perfectionist in this sport. It does drive you nuts when you constantly miss a divot or you're in a divot by a centimeter here and there, or you hit a great putt and it just lips out. Like those frustrations throughout the round can really build when it's all kind of not going your way. So I'm just going to take on the challenges head on and know that I'm doing my best out there, I've prepared the best that I possibly can and I'm just going to try and play free golf."

*Jennifer Kupcho (T3, -5) on what about this golf course is bringing so many major champions to the top*

"I don't know. For me, I just really like the golf course. It feels like -- I know I've said it in past interviews, that it feels like home, but I really feel comfortable. I love playing this golf course. Like I don't say that about many golf courses. I said that walking up 18 to my caddie and I said, wow, this is such a cool place. Like I love this place. And he's like, I've never heard you say that before. So, I don't know, I just feel comfortable and I love it."

*Gaby Lopez (T5, -4) on her yardage book*

"Yeah, my yardage book, it says Chingona on the back side, and it's a funny word for badass in Spanish. And when I was growing up I did gymnastics and my dream was to become an Olympic gymnast, and my mom on the crowds would just yell, Vamos, Chingona. My mom is from the north side of the country and that's what -- they curse a little bit more than in the South and in central Mexico, so it just stuck to me. And she's always been the one, the biggest cheerleader I have, and I give her all the credit and strength I have as a woman."

*Charley Hull (T8, -3) on today's round*

"Yeah, the grind yesterday, I was playing really -- I played really decent actually the first two days tee-to-green; just couldn't get a putt. So kind of just stuck in there and just went at everything today..."

#### [ON LPGA.COM](#)

[Nelly Korda Seizes Share of 3rd-Round Lead at U.S. Women's Open With Late Birdie Spree](#)

[Charley Hull Charges Into Conversation After Moving Day 65 in the U.S. Women's Open](#)

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