



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

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Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes

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MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

(All times are local (PT) and subject to change; Any changes to press conference times will be made on the [U.S. Women's Open Virtual Media Hub](#))

Wed., June 3

9:30 a.m. – Farah O'Keefe
 11 a.m. – USGA Press Conference
 11:15 a.m. – Rose Zhang

Thurs., June 4

10 a.m. – JoAnne Carner and Amy Alcott

NOTABLE PLAYERS

- **Rolex Rankings No. 1 Nelly Korda**
 - Korda is making her 12th start at U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
 - Her best finish was T2 in 2025; it is one of her three top-10 finishes at the event
 - Has the longest active streak of making the cut at a major championship with eight
 - Is a combined 24-under-par in the majors since the beginning of 2024, 17 strokes better than any other player with 30 or more rounds played in that time span
 - Is one of three of the last 17 women's major champions that were ranked among the top 10 in the Rolex Women's World Golf rankings at the time they won

- Won the first major championship of the year, The Chevron Championship
 - No player has won back-to-back major championships since Lydia Ko (2015 Amundi Evian Championship and 2016 Chevron Championship)
 - No player has won The Chevron Championship and the U.S. Women's Open in the same season since Inbee Park (2013)
- Holds the No. 1 spot in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings
 - Has been No. 1 for at least one week in each of the last six years
 - Ranked No. 1 at the same time as fellow American Scottie Scheffler; the last pair of Americans to do so were Stacy Lewis and Tiger Woods in 2013
- Looks to pass Cristie Kerr and become the highest earning American in LPGA Tour history this week
 - Sits \$1,183,500 behind Kerr
- 2026: Three wins including one major championship victory, seven top-10s and seven events played
 - Won the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions, The Chevron Championship and the Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba
 - Started the season with six consecutive finishes of T2 or better
- Career: 18 wins, three major championship victories, 82 top 10s, \$19 million in official career earnings
 - In 2024, earned seven wins, including five in consecutive starts
 - Became the first player since 2011 to win seven times in a single season
 - Became the third player in LPGA Tour history to have a season with six or more wins, capture a team victory in the Solheim Cup and earn Player of the Year honors, alongside Beth Daniel (1990) and Annika Sorenstam (2003)
 - 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
- **Rolex Rankings No. 2 Jeeno Thitikul**
 - Fifth appearance at the U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
 - Her best finish is T6 in 2024
 - Missed the cut in both 2023 and 2025
 - Has nine wins in her LPGA Tour career, and does not have a major championship victory
 - Has nine top-10 finishes in major championships
 - Has the most career victories without a major championship amongst current LPGA Tour players
 - 2026: Two wins, four top-10 finishes and eight cuts made in nine starts
 - Won the Honda LPGA Thailand and defended her title at the Mizuho Americas Open
 - Her last two starts are her win at the Mizuho Americas Open and a seventh-place finish at the Kroger Queen City Championship
 - Career: Nine wins, 59 top 10s, \$18.4 million in official career earnings
 - In 2024, earned two wins and recorded 12 top 10s in 17 starts
 - Won the Dow Championship and the CME Group Tour Championship

- Won the 2024 Aon Risk Reward Challenge
- Broke Lorena Ochoa's single-season earnings record with a season total of \$6,059,309
 - 2023 Vare Trophy recipient
 - 2022 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year
 - Member of the Thailand Team at the 2023 and 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown and represented Thailand at the 2024 Paris Olympics
- **Rolex Rankings No. 23 Maja Stark**
 - Seventh start at the U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
 - Has two top-10 finishes in her last six starts
 - Missed the cut in 2024
 - Is her second attempt on the LPGA in defending her title
 - Became the third Swedish golfer to win the U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally last year
 - 2026: Seven cuts made in eight starts
 - Best finish was in her last start at the Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G
 - Missed the cut at the Fortinet Founders Cup
 - Career: Two wins including one major championship, 15 top 10s, \$5.6 million in official career earnings
 - Two-time European Solheim Cup Team member
 - Two-time participant on Team Sweden at the Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
 - Represented Sweden at the 2024 Paris Olympics

NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO

- Rolex Rankings No. 10 **Lydia Ko** is on the verge of reaching two milestones with her performance this week:
 - Could surpass Annika Sorenstam to become the leading all-time career money leader; currently sits \$767,007 behind Sorenstam
 - Could complete the Career Grand Slam with a win this week; fellow peers Yani Tseng and Anna Nordqvist could do the same
- Rolex Rankings No. 73 **Madelene Sagstrom** is competing this week almost seven months pregnant
 - Her and her husband, Jack Clarke, are expecting their first child together in September
 - Is planning to have the Dow Championship be her last event before taking time away
- More information and statistics are available via the USGA's [U.S. Women's Open Virtual Media Hub](#)

STAT LEADERS

Official Money: Hannah Green, \$2,886,790

Scoring Average: Nelly Korda, 68.15

Greens in Regulation: Haeran Ryu, 79.88%

Scrambling Percentage: Nelly Korda, 73.45%

Average Driving Distance: Julia Lopez Ramirez, 291.39 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.

- There were no significant changes in the top 5 of the rankings following the ShopRite LPGA powered by Wakefern
- **Nelly Korda** remains at first with 2,643.750 points
- Following the ShopRite LPGA powered by Wakefern, several players moved up in the rankings:
 - **Celine Boutier** won and moved 37 spots to No. 9
 - **Aprichaya Yubol** finished runner-up and moved up 18 spots to No. 12
 - **Somi Lee** finished T4 and moved up 10 spots to No. 24
 - **Soo Bin Joo** finished T4 and moved up 32 spots to No. 46
 - **Lauren Walsh** finished third and moved up 105 spots to No. 53

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 -1.250
- There is no Aon Risk Reward Challenge hole during the week of the U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally

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.

- **Jodi Ewart Shadoff** made an ace at the Kroger Queen City Championship for the eighth of the season
- \$160,000 has been donated in 2026, bringing the all-time amount donated to \$3.52 million