

**2026 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship**

Pinnacle Country Club | Rogers, Arkansas | September 25-27, 2026

In the Winner's Circle with Yuna Nishimura

September 27, 2026

Yuna Nishimura becomes a Rolex First-Time Winner on the LPGA Tour

Hometown/Resides: Osaka, Japan

Birthdate: August 4, 2000; currently 26 years, 1 month, 23 days

Qualified for LPGA Tour: Finished T24 at the 2022 LPGA Q-Series and earned LPGA membership for the 2023 season

Turned Professional/Rookie Year: 2019/2023

Caddie: Kasper Estrup

VICTORIES

LPGA: First career victory

PREVIOUS JLPGA WINS: Six career victories

RACE TO THE CME GLOBE

500 CME Globe Points awarded – 167.692 total points earned in 2026

Projected to jump into the Top 40

MONEY

Winner's prize: \$450,000

2026 Official Season Earnings: \$151,852

Official Career Earnings: \$1,398,602

2026 LPGA TOUR PERFORMANCE

One win, one additional top 10 finish, seven cuts made in 16 starts

OF NOTE

- Becomes the Tour's third Rolex First-Time LPGA Tour Winner of 2026
 - Joins **Yana Wilson** and **Gina Kim** who both won the Dow Championship
- Becomes the 15th Japanese player to be a Rolex First-Time Winner since 2006
- Nishimura becomes the first Japanese Rolex First-Time LPGA Tour Winner since **Akie Iwai's** win at the 2025 The Standard Portland Classic
- Becomes the third Japanese player to win the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship
 - Joins **Ai Miyazato** in 2012 and **Nasa Hataoka** in 2018 & 2021

- Becomes the third Rolex First-Time Winner at the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship
 - First since **Haeran Ryu** in 2023 and **Nasa Hataoka** in 2018
- Nishimura becomes the 24th different winner from Japan in the history of the LPGA Tour
- Is the third winner from Japan to win on Tour this season
 - Also joins **Miyu Yamashita** and **Shiho Kuwaki**
- Becomes the 16th unique winner on the LPGA Tour this season
- Career: Five top 10s with \$1.4 million in official career earnings
 - Has a career-best finish of T3 last done at the 2024 HSBC Women's World Championship
 - Represented Team Japan at the 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
 - Finished T24 at the LPGA Q-Series and earned LPGA membership for the 2023 season
- View her LPGA Tour profile here: [Yuna Nishimura](#)