



The Chevron Championship
The Club at Carlton Woods | The Woodlands, TX | April 18-21, 2024

Tuesday Pre-Championship Notes
April 16, 2024

MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

(Zoom link for pre-tournament availability is distributed upon request; All times are local and subject to change)

Wednesday, April 17

12:15 p.m. – Atthaya Thitikul

2:30 p.m. – So Yeon Ryu

3:00 p.m. – Lottie Woad (a)

LPGA AND CHEVRON TO ELEVATE, EXTEND MAJOR RELATIONSHIP

In further commitment to elevating playing opportunities for the world's best golfers and investing in the future of the game, the LPGA and Chevron are proud to announce an extension to their partnership. Included in the announcement:

- Chevron will maintain its place as title sponsor of The Chevron Championship through 2029
- The purse for The Chevron Championship will be elevated to \$7.9 million starting this year
- Athletes who miss the cut at The Chevron Championship will receive a \$10,000 stipend

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE 2024 THE CHEVRON CHAMPIONSHIP

- This is the 53rd official playing of The Chevron Championship
- The Chevron was elevated to major status in 1983, as the Nabisco Dinah Shore
 - The tournament was first contested in 1972
- The Chevron Championship is the first of five women's major championships this season
 - U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally; Lancaster Country Club, Lancaster, Pa.
 - KPMG Women's PGA Championship; Sahalee Country Club, Sammamish, Wash.
 - The Amundi Evian Championship; Evian Resort Golf Club, Evian-les-Bains, France
 - AIG Women's Open; St. Andrews (Old Course), Fife, Scotland
- This is the second year that The Chevron Championship will be held at The Club at Carlton Woods in The Woodlands, Texas
 - The major championship will be played on the Jack Nicklaus Signature Course at The Club at Carlton Woods
 - Following its opening in 2001, the Nicklaus course was ranked the #1 private course in the Greater Houston area by the Houston Chronicle, and "Best New Private Course in Texas" and #3 in the nation by Golf Digest
 - In 2014, Jack Nicklaus named this course as one of the top-18 course designs of his career
 - In its first 51 playings, The Chevron was contested at the Dinah Shore Tournament Course at Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, Calif.
- Following the 2023 playing of The Chevron Championship, the Nicklaus course underwent major renovation that affected all 18 holes
 - Renovations included a new irrigation system on the course, sand capped fairways, newly constructed bunkers moved closer to the greens and every green was rebuilt to USGA specifications and standards
- [The Chevron Challenge](#) will be taking place for a second year on the 17th hole during tournament play
 - The challenge was created by Chevron to highlight the importance of diversity and inclusion from early education to careers
 - Chevron will donate \$10,000 for every birdie made on 17 during the tournament, and \$1,000,000 for the first hole-in-one
 - In Gee Chun made a hole-in-one on 17 during the 2023 playing of the event
- There are 11 past champions of The Chevron Championship in the field this week
 - **Lilia Vu** is the defending champion, having won the event in the inaugural playing at The Club at Carlton Woods
 - Vu defeated **Angel Yin** in a one-hole playoff with a birdie on 18
 - In partnership with Rolex, relive her 2023 victory [here](#)
 - Of the past champions in the field, **Brittany Lincicome** is the only to have won the championship more than once, taking home the victory in both 2009 and 2015
 - 2016 champion **Lydia Ko**, who is one point away from induction in the LPGA Hall of Fame, is currently sitting at 26 points after her win at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions earlier this year
 - 27 points are required to be inducted into the hall of fame, meaning Lydia is just one win away from entry
 - **So Yeon Ryu**, the 2017 champion, [announced she will be retiring](#) from the LPGA Tour after this week
- There are 31 different winners in the event's history as a major
 - **Annika Sorenstam**, **Amy Alcott** and **Betsy King** have the most wins (3 each) at the championship
 - Eight players have won the championship multiple times: **Sandra Post** (1978, '79), **Amy Alcott** (1983, '88, '91), **Juli Inkster** (1984, '89), **Dottie Pepper** (1992, '99), **Annika Sorenstam** (2001, '02, '05), **Karrie Webb** (2000, '06) and **Brittany Lincicome** (2009, '15)
 - Only one player has successfully defended their title since the championship was made a major in 1983: **Annika Sorenstam**
 - Seven players became Rolex First-Time Winners at the championship, including three in the past six years (**Pernilla Lindberg**, 2018; **Patty Tavatanakit**, 2021; **Jennifer Kupcho**, 2022)
 - Only two players have won the Championship as Tour rookies – **Juli Inkster** (1984) and **Patty Tavatanakit** (2021)
 - There have been 21 players to win The Chevron Championship as their first major, including the last six champions of the major
- There are six amateur exemptions this week
 - Four of those players won prestigious amateur championships to earn a spot in the field
 - **Ela Anaconda**, 2023 Women's Amateur Latin America Championship presented by the R&A and ANNIKA Foundation
 - **Megan Schofill**, 2023 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship
 - **Lottie Woad**, 2024 Augusta National Women's Amateur
 - **Chun-wei Wu**, 2024 Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific
 - **Jasmine Koo** and **Yana Wilson** were also announced as amateur exemptions
 - Koo has signed to play collegiate golf at the University of Southern California
 - She won the 2023 Women's Western Amateur, and made her debut the Augusta National Women's Amateur a couple weeks ago
 - Wilson won the 2022 U.S. Girls Junior Championship, and 2019 and 2021 Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals
 - She also won the AJGA portion of the 2023 Mizuho Americas Open, where she played alongside LPGA Tour professionals at Liberty National
- There are two sponsor invites in the field this week: **Angela Stanford** and **Lizette Salas**
 - Stanford is competing in her 98th consecutive major championship, the longest active major streak in women's professional golf
 - Her streak began at the 2002 KPMG Women's PGA Championship, and includes 66 made cuts
 - She has made 21 previous starts at The Chevron Championship, including 10 top-10 finishes at the event
 - Her best finish being T3 in 2011
 - Stanford has been on the LPGA Tour since 2001

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Tournament: @TheChevronChampionship (Instagram), @Chevron_Golf (X)

TV/STREAMING TIMES (All times EST)

Thursday, April 18: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. (Golf Channel/Peacock)

Friday, April 19: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. (Golf Channel/Peacock)

Saturday, April 20: 2 – 3 p.m. (Peacock); 3 – 6 p.m. (NBC/Peacock)

Sunday, April 21: 2 – 3 p.m. (Peacock); 3 – 6 p.m. (NBC/Peacock)

ESPN+ FEATURED GROUP COVERAGE (All times EST)

Thursday, April 18: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday, April 19: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 20: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, April 21: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

- She has seven career LPGA Tour victories
- She has competed in six Solheim Cups (2003, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015) and served as an assistant captain for the 2023 U.S. Team and also will in 2024
- Salas is making her third start of the 2024 season
 - She previously competed in the FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship (T44) and the Ford Championship presented by KCC (T45)
 - She had not competed on the LPGA Tour since the 2023 U.S. Women’s Open at Pebble Beach Golf Links due to a back injury
 - Salas has two career LPGA Tour victories, last at the 2022 Dow Championship alongside partner **Jennifer Kupcho**
 - She has been a member of five U.S. Solheim Cup teams (2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021)

2024 LPGA TOUR STATISTICS

Official Money: Nelly Korda, \$1,224,216

Scoring Average: Hira Naveed, 69.000

Birdies: Ayaka Furue, 119

Eagles: Nelly Korda, 6

Hole-in-Ones: Jennifer Song and Danielle Kang, 1

Greens in Regulation: Mel Reid, 77.8%

Average Driving Distance: Natthakritta Vongtaveelap, 288.083 yards

2024 Award Standings

Rolex Player of the Year		
1	Nelly Korda	120 points
2	Lydia Ko	49 points
3	Patty Tavatanakit	33 points

Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year		
1	Gabriela Ruffels	181 points
2	Mone Inami	139 points
3	Mao Saigo	108 points

#AonRiskReward Challenge		
T1	Mina Harigae	-1.250
T1	Lizette Salas	-1.250
T1	Mel Reid	-1.250

Race to the CME Globe Points		
1	Nelly Korda	2,052.00 points
2	Lydia Ko	1,082.458 points
3	Ayaka Furue	770.058 points

[Aon Risk Reward Challenge:](#) No. 18, par 5

The closing hole at The Club at Carlton Woods is a par five that requires different decisions based on which tee box is in play. From the back tees, virtually no player is able to go for the green in two, placing a premium on an accurate layup with the second shot. From the forward tees, more than 55% of the field went for the green in two in 2023. Those who did – like defending champion, **Lilia Vu** – gained more than four-tenths of a stroke on average.

With no Aon Risk Reward Challenge at the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards, all standings are through the Ford Championship presented by KCC. Three players are currently tied for first place at -1.250 including LPGA Tour veteran **Mina Harigae**, two-time LPGA Tour winner **Lizette Salas** and new #LPGAMom **Mel Reid**. Both **Ashleigh Buhai** and LPGA Tour Rookie **Auston Kim** sit in fourth and fifth places respectively.

The Aon Risk Reward Challenge is a season-long competition across 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 Challenge hole, with the winners having the best average score to par at the end of the regular season. The winning woman will take home the Aon trophy and a \$1 million prize.

[Race to CME Globe Update:](#)

The Race to CME Globe Race continues at The Chevron Championship with players vying for 650 points and the first major championship title of the year.

Four-time 2024 LPGA Tour winner **Nelly Korda** sits in first place at 2,052 points, 969 points ahead of 20-time LPGA Tour winner and 2024 Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions winner **Lydia Ko**. Ko has an additional two top-10 finishes through eight events this season. With four top-10 finishes in 2024, **Ayaka Furue** is in third place with 770.058 points. Each of these players remains in the same position they were last week. Canadian **Brooke Henderson** moved from sixth to fourth place in the standings, and **Patty Tavatanakit** dropped from fourth to fifth place.

The Race to the CME Globe is a season-long points competition with LPGA Tour Members accumulating points in every official LPGA 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 a \$11 million purse, increased from \$7 million last season, and is highlighted by a \$4 million winner’s check, which is the largest single prize in the history of women’s golf.

[CME Group Cares Challenge – Score 1 for St. Jude Update:](#)

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 2024, 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. Through the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards, the 2024 donation total jumped to \$60,000 after **Jennifer Song** made an ace in her second round of the 2024 Ford Championship presented by KCC. Last season, there were 20 aces on Tour, including two from In Gee Chun, the most of any player on Tour in 2023.

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