

**Maybank Championship**

Kuala Lumpur Golf & Country Club | Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | Oct. 30 - Nov. 2, 2025

First-Round Notes

Oct. 30, 2025

Media Contact: [Matt Jesus](#) +1 (402) 957-4674**Course Setup:** 36-36 – 72; 6,265 yards**Scoring Average:** R1: 69.732**Weather:** Light winds become west-northwesterly at 5-12 mph and increase to 8-15 mph by the afternoon with temperatures reaching into the lower 90s F**Race to CME Globe Points:** 500 (winner)**Purse:** \$3 million USD; winner's portion is \$450,000**TV/Streaming Times:** [How to Watch](#)**QUICK LINKS**[Interview Transcripts](#)[LPGA Tour Online Media Center \(OMC\):](#)[Tournament Website](#)**SOCIAL MEDIA**

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LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
1	Hye-Jin Choi	-8	64
T2	Benedetta Moresco	-7	65
T2	Gemma Dryburgh	-7	65
T4	Seven players	-6	66

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Leader: [Hye-Jin Choi](#) is in solo first after recording her lowest first-round of the season, 64
 - Her 64 is her lowest 18-hole score since the final round of the BMW Ladies Championship, 63
 - She went bogey-free with one eagle and six birdies
 - She needed just 24 putts, tied for the second-fewest among the field
- T2: [Gemma Dryburgh](#) and [Benedetta Moresco](#) are tied for second at 7-under
 - Dryburgh went bogey-free with seven birdies
 - She was the only player to hit all 18 greens in regulation in the first round
 - Her opening round 65 is her lowest of the 2025 season and ties her overall 18-hole score
 - Her lowest score since the second round of the Black Desert Championship presented by Greater Zion
 - She is making her third start at the Maybank Championship
 - Finished T61 in 2024 and T6 in 2023

- Moresco had nine birdies and two bogeys in her first round
 - Her nine birdies are the most among the field
 - She also hit 17 of 18 greens in regulation, tied for the most among the field
 - Her opening round 65 is just the third time she's opened a tournament in the 60s
 - It is her first round in the 60s since the final round of the CPKC Women's Open
 - She is making her first start at the Maybank Championship
- T4: Seven players are tied for fourth at 6-under
 - [Lydia Ko](#) had seven birdies and one bogey
 - She needed just 25 putts, tied for the fifth-fewest among the field
 - [Pajaree Anannarukarn](#) went bogey-free with six birdies
 - [Miyu Yamashita](#) recorded eight birdies and two bogeys
 - Her eight birdies were tied for the second-most among the field
 - She hit 13 of 14 fairways, tied for the most among the field
 - [Hannah Green](#) carded seven birdies and a bogey
 - [Ingrid Lindblad](#) also recorded seven birdies and a bogey
 - [Arpichaya Yubol](#) turned in eight birdies and two bogeys
 - She hit 13 of 14 fairways
 - Somi Lee went bogey-free with six birdies
- Defending champion [Ruoning Yin](#) finished T21
 - She carded six birdies and two bogeys in her opening round
 - She needed just 25 putts, tied for the fifth-fewest among the field
- Sponsor invite Mirabel Ting is the top Malaysian player in the field
 - She sits at T11 and had six birdies and one bogey
 - She turned professional over the summer, making her debut at the Amundi Evian Championship
 - She tied medalist honors at the Qualifying portion of the 2025 LPGA Qualifying Series
 - Ting played collegiately at Florida State University
 - She was named the WGCA Division I Ping Player of the Year, the ANNIKA Award presented by Stifel winner and an All-American in 2025

A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Hye-Jin Choi
2025 Race to CME Globe Rank	11
2025 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2025 LPGA Tour Top 10s	8
2025 Official Season Earnings	\$1,823,281
Career LPGA Tour Wins	0
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	28
Career Official Money	\$5,844,969

ABOUT THE LEADER

Rolex Rankings No. 21 Hye-Jin Choi

- Third start at the Maybank Championship
 - Finished T6 in 2024 and T29 in 2023

- 2025: 19 cuts made in 21 starts with eight top-10 finishes
 - Season-best finish of runner-up at the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
 - Has finished T11 and T7 in the first two legs of the fall Asia swing
- Career: 28 career top 10s with \$5.8 million in official career earnings
 - Represented the Republic of Korea at the 2025 and 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
 - Runner-up in the Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year standings behind Jeeno Thitikul
- Has 12 wins on the KLPGA
 - Five of those wins came in 2019

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

18 holes – 62, Jeeno Thitikul (R3, 2023)

36 holes – 132, Jasmine Suwannapura (2023) and Maja Stark (2024)

54 holes – 198, Rose Zhang (2023)

72 holes – 265, Ruoning Yin (2024)

QUOTABLES

Hye-Jin Choi (1, -8) on going bogey-free

“So this course, to talk about this course, if you don't miss your tee shot you don't make bogeys and you can make a lot of birdies. I had a lot of situations which I could make bogeys because of rough and hazard, but I made a lot of good pars.”

Benedetta Moresco (T2, -7) on what the keys to success are at this course

“I think like what I kept telling myself out there was to keep trusting my feelings. I've been working hard and I have to put trust in that. So I reminded myself on every shot, like trust your feelings, go for it. It paid off.”

Gemma Dryburgh (T2, -7) on how this course suits her game

“Yeah, I mean, I've played really here in the past. Couple years ago finished top 10. So suits my eye. There is not really a hole-out there that kind of -- you know there is always a hole usually that's like, oh, nervous for that one. Seem to like every hole out here. I like how the greens are kind of similar to where I play in New Orleans, grainy. So, yeah, it kind of suits my eye.”

Lydia Ko (T4, -6) on her opening round 66

“Yeah, I felt like I stayed really patient and tried to stay cool out there. Obviously playing good golf is important, but I think just keeping your energy levels from hole 1 to 18 is just as important. I felt like did I that pretty well. So I am excited it just rest up and be energized for the next few days.”

Pajaree Anannarukarn (T4, -6) on what she will take away from this round

“Hopefully keep this momentum going. Off the tee been very nice to me, so it would be nice to keep hitting good fairway shot and myself a lot of good birdie opportunities.”

Somi Lee (T4, -6) on how the course suits her game

“First about the course fitting me, it's not the course fitting. It's about the course. The course is great and the greens are amazing. And then special thing about the greens is it just works as -- it depends on how much I focus and how much I practice. It just performs on the green, so I think that's the most important factor.”

Mirabel Ting (T11, -5) on playing as a professional versus as an amateur

“Definitely a lot of pressure and expectations, but I kind of put everything aside and try not to think too much and just at the end of the day amateur and professional you are still hitting the golf ball by yourself. You know, you're not -- you're doing the same thing. So that doesn't make a difference. So I just always keep that in mind and just played today.”

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A simple way for Miyu Yamashita to finish her round 🙏

Hye-Jin Choi finishes as the solo lead at -8

Chisato Iwai rolls it right in the hole 😊

Auston Kim makes that chip in look too easy 🧐

Jeeno Thitikul gets the crowd going with a birdie 🙌

Grace Kim makes that tricky birdie putt 😊↔️