

**Maybank Championship**

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

Second-Round Notes

Oct. 31, 2025

Media Contact: [Matt Jesus](#) +1 (402) 957-4674**Course Setup:** 36-36 – 72; 6,311 yards**Scoring Average:** R1: 69.732; R2: 71.077**Weather:** Mostly sunny skies and dry conditions throughout the day with winds blowing between 8-13 mph westerly and highs reaching 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	64-66 – 130
T2	Ruoning Yin	-9	68-67 – 135
T2	Hannah Green	-9	66-69 – 135
T4	Eight players	-8	136

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Leader: [Hye-Jin Choi](#) continues to hold the lead heading into the weekend
 - This is the first time in her career she has led after 18 and 36 holes of play
 - This is the second time in her career and this season that she has led after 36 holes
 - First time since the Meijer LPGA Classic
 - Her 130 sets a new 36-hole tournament scoring record, beating the previous score by two strokes
 - Her 130 is also a new career-best 36-hole score
 - Her previous best was 131 at the 2022 CPKC Women's Open
 - Her 6-under is the lowest round of the day
 - She recorded five birdies on the front, seven in total
 - She has 13 birdies over two days of play, tied for the most
 - She recorded her first bogey of the week on No. 1

- Her one bogey over 36 holes is tied for the third fewest among the field
- T2: Ruoning Yin and Hannah Green are both five strokes behind Choi
 - R. Yin shot 5-under with seven birdies and two bogeys
 - Four of her seven birdies came consecutively on the front
 - She has 13 birdies through 36 holes
 - Green went bogey-free in the second round with three birdies
 - She has 10 birdies through 36 holes
 - Green has finished inside the top-20 in her last two starts at this event
 - T6 in 2024, T17 in 2023
 - Green was part of the winning Team Australia at last week's Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
- T4: Eight players tied at 8-under
 - Miranga Wang recorded five birdies and a bogey
 - She has just one bogey through 36 holes
 - Ayaka Furue went bogey-free with four birdies
 - She has hit 31 of 36 greens in regulation, tied for the most among the field
 - Yan Liu carded five birdies and two bogeys
 - She has 12 birdies through 36 holes, tied for the fifth-most
 - Linn Grant went bogey-free with three birdies
 - Arpichaya Yubol had three birdies and a bogey
 - She has hit 26 of 28 fairways (T1) and 30 of 36 greens in regulation (T3)
 - Miyu Yamashita carded five birdies and three bogeys
 - She has 13 birdies through 36 holes, tied for the most among the field
 - Lydia Ko recorded five birdies, one bogey and one double-bogey
 - She has 12 birdies (T5) and 53 putts (T6)
 - Benedetta Moresco had three birdies with two bogeys
 - She has 12 birdies (T5) and has hit 29 of 36 greens in regulation (T8)
- Sponsor invite Ashley Lau is the top Malaysian player in the field heading into the weekend
 - She is T41 and has eight birdies and five bogeys
 - Lau competes on the Epson Tour and has made 16 cuts in 20 starts with three top 10s
 - Her best finish is T3 at the Reliance Matrix Championship presented by Epson
 - Lau represented Malaysia at the 2024 Paris Olympics and finished T55

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 – 130, Hye-Jin Choi (2025)

54 holes – 198, Rose Zhang (2023)

72 holes – 265, Ruoning Yin (2024)

QUOTABLES

Hye-Jin Choi (1, -14) on what has been working well for her

“So from the start I made a bogey on the first hole, but I tried to keep the faith and play steady. So I made lots of birdies today and my shots and putting was all good.”

Ruoning Yin (T2, -9) on what it’s going to take to catch Hye-Jin Choi at -14

“I think you just got to be patient and just one shot at a time. Like I said in the press, I think 5-under every day would be a good score, so I’m just trying to play 5-under every day. If I can shoot lower, that will be great.”

Hannah Green (T2, -9) on what about KLGCC seems to bring out some of her best

“Yeah, I feel like off the tee you don’t always have to hit driver, so I think that gives me favors since I don’t statistically hit it that straight. Last couple weeks I feel like I’ve been hitting the ball the best I have all year, so that’s been nice, to have that confidence off the tee instead of having to be forced to layup, things like that. I have, yeah, four or five people from Australia that follow me in Singapore and then here in Malaysia, so it’s nice to have them. They let me know if it’s a good shot on kind of those blind greens. My husband also just flew in yesterday, so it’s nice to have him here. But I don’t know. Just I really enjoy coming to Malaysia. It’s, again, almost like my home event. It’s only a six-hour flight from Perth where I live and also the same time zone. I also call this another home event.”

Miranda Wang (T4, -8) on how this course suits her game

“I really like playing in Southeast Asia countries, like Malaysia, Singapore. I think I have a pretty good wedge game, so like this course I hit a lot of the shorter irons. That gives me more confidence.”

Linn Grant (T4, -8) on what makes this course so scoreable

"I think the greens are playing a little softer this year, which I enjoy. Makes it a lot more fun. And you feel like every hole is an opportunity to make a birdie. Yeah, I think that. And then there are some par-5s that you can just reach or you can reach. I think they set the course up quite fun this year. It is short, still challenging."

Lydia Ko (T4, -8) on if there is a change in strategy heading into the weekend

"Not really. I've kept it really simple this week. Last week was really long. It was my first time playing The Crown and I think you have the adrenaline and don't realize how tiring it is. After seven whole rounds last week, including the practice rounds, I was pretty fatigued coming into this week. Just been trying to stay cool and keep my energy levels up. I think I'm going to probably play better being fresh than being overtired and fatigued. Yeah, just kind of stay in that mindset. I think there has been a lot of good so hopefully just slowly sharpen things up."

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SOCIAL SNAPSHOT

Hye-Jin Choi closes with a birdie to lead by 5

Hannah Green is tied for 2nd after a solid round 🧐

Lindy Duncan with her 5th birdie of the day 🙌

Ayaka Furue has made her climb on the leaderboard 📈

Miyu Yamashita with back to back birdies 🐣

A long putt is no problem for Lydia Ko

Hye-Jin Choi is in the solo lead again at -10 🙌

Ruoning Yin really is defending her champ title 📈