

2025 Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass Who to Watch; What to Do; How to Come

Defending champion and World No. 1 Nelly Korda headlines elite LPGA Tour field

Fans who enter the Ford Championship Hole-In-One Sweepstakes can win a 2025 Ford Expedition

PHOENIX, Ariz. (March 4, 2025) – From March 27-30, Phoenix-area sports fans can get up close and personal with some of the world's best professional golfers at the 2025 Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass. With a star-studded field competing at Whirlwind Golf Club, the tournament promises to deliver unforgettable thrills, action and drama throughout the four days of competition.

Who to watch...

Defending champion **Nelly Korda** currently headlines the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass field. Korda, who has been No. 1 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings for 50 consecutive weeks, earned the third title of her season with her 2025 Ford victory. With the win, the Florida native became the first player since 2016 to win in three consecutive starts on the LPGA Tour and the first American to do so since Nancy Lopez won five straight events in 1978. Korda went on to capture four more titles, including a major win at The Chevron Championship, en route to winning Rolex Player of the Year honors.

As of today, the top 17 players in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings have committed to compete in the 2025 Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass. That group includes major champions Celine Boutier, Ayaka Furue, Hannah Green, Jin Young Ko, Lydia Ko, Korda, Lilia Vu, Amy Yang and Ruoning Yin. The field also currently boasts eight Arizona residents, including 2024 U.S. Solheim Cup Team member Sarah Schmelzel, who was born and raised in Phoenix.

The full field will be finalized on March 18. For a complete list of tournament entries, click here.

What to do...

The LPGA is celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2025, marking a significant milestone in the history of women's golf. Founded in 1950, the LPGA has grown from a small group of 13 pioneering women golfers into one of the most prominent and influential organizations in sports, fostering the growth and development of women's golf worldwide.

The 75th Anniversary Mobile Experience will debut at the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass. This immersive activation will feature digital storytelling, a 75th-inspired retail capsule, and a season-long sweepstakes. A highlight of the Mobile Experience will be a Custom Hat Bar, where fans can choose a hat and pick from a variety of fun patches, with a personalized design created right on

site. The Mobile Experience will also feature the latest LPGA gear including polos, mid-layers, and accessories. Browse the full selection of LPGA gear online by visiting <u>LPGAProShop.com.</u>

Fans are invited to stop by the Ford display, hosted by the Arizona Ford Dealers, for a variety of activities that will challenge skill and creativity with plenty of opportunities to win some great prizes!

While at the Ford display, fans are encouraged to register for the Ford Championship Hole-In-One Sweepstakes and enter for a chance to win a 2025 Ford Expedition! If a player makes an ace on the 15th hole on Saturday or Sunday, she will win a 2025 Ford Expedition not only for herself, but also for one lucky fan who has registered for the sweepstakes. For more information and to register for the sweepstakes, visit FordChampionship.com. Registration opens March 7, 2025, and runs through March 30, 2025.

The Iovera Lesson Zone will offer fans the unique opportunity to receive a free 10-minute lesson from an LPGA Teaching Professional. Visit their booth to sign up for a lesson.

For more information on all the events happening at the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass, visit <u>FordChampionship.com</u>.

How to come...

Tickets for the 2025 Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass are available for purchase at SeatGeek.com. General admission daily tickets start at \$49, with weekly passes starting at \$129. Hospitality tickets for the Trophy Bar at 16 are \$224 for daily admission and \$799 for weekly access. The Trophy Bar at 16 provides premium access to an open-air structure on the 16th green and includes shared food and beverage services, including bar options and complimentary on-site parking.

A special <u>Inside-the-Ropes experience</u> is available for \$2,000. This unique opportunity allows two guests to walk inside the ropes with a featured group during a competition round. The experience also includes access to the Trophy Bar at 16 and complimentary on-site parking.

Juniors aged 17 and under will receive complimentary admission with the purchase of an adult ticket. For more information on junior tickets, visit <u>FordChampionship.com</u>. The LPGA is also pleased to offer both current and former members of the U.S. Military and certain guests complimentary grounds tickets regardless of sell-out. Click here for information on military tickets.

Additionally, <u>volunteer opportunities</u> are available for fans who want to participate in the week's festivities.

Media who wish to attend and cover the competition should apply for credentials at www.lpgamediacredentials.com. The credential application will close Friday, March 21 at 5 p.m. local.

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About Ford

Ford Motor Company was incorporated in Delaware in 1919. We acquired the business of a Michigan company, also known as Ford Motor Company, which had been incorporated in 1903 to produce and sell automobiles designed and engineered by Henry Ford. We are a global company based in Dearborn, Michigan. With about 171,000 employees worldwide, the Company is committed to helping build a better world, where every person is free to move and pursue their dreams. The Company's Ford+ plan for growth and value creation combines existing strengths, new capabilities, and always-on

relationships with customers to enrich experiences for customers and deepen their loyalty. Ford develops and delivers innovative, must-have Ford trucks, sport utility vehicles, commercial vans and cars, and Lincoln luxury vehicles, along with connected services. The Company offers freedom of choice does that through three customer-centered business segments: Ford Blue, engineering iconic gas-powered and hybrid vehicles; Ford Model e, inventing breakthrough electric vehicles ("EVs") along with embedded software that defines always-on digital experiences for all customers; and Ford Pro, helping commercial customers transform and expand their businesses with vehicles and services tailored to their needs. Additionally, the Company provides financial services through Ford Motor Credit Company LLC ("Ford Credit").

About Wild Horse Pass

Wild Horse Pass is a tribally-owned entity of the Gila River Indian Community, overseeing the 3,300-acre Wild Horse Pass development area including Gila River Business Enterprises, Gila Gas & Goods and Gila River Outdoor. Wild Horse Pass, a 3,300-acre master-planned development, features a range of attractions such as Firebird Motorsports Park, Rawhide Western Town & Event Center, Buck-N Rodeo Grounds, Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass, Phoenix Premium Outlets, KOLI Equestrian Center, Radford Racing School, Gila River Resorts & Casinos – Wild Horse Pass and Huhugam Heritage Center. For more information, visit www.wildhorsepass.com.

About Whirlwind Golf Club

Located just 11 miles from Phoenix Sky Harbor airport in the beautiful foothills of the Sierra Estrella Mountains, flanking desert canyons carved by ancient rivers, Whirlwind Golf Club at Wild Horse Pass is a truly unique Southwest golf experience sensitively designed to preserve the rich cultural heritage of the Gila River Indian Community. Crafted by Gary Panks, both award winning courses at Whirlwind (Devil's Claw and Cattail) are consistently ranked amongst the Best You Can Play in Arizona. Their creative designs reflect the Gila River landscape including cottonwood, mesquite, saguaro and palo verde trees with native grasses, rolling terrain and uncluttered views. The beauty of the natural terrain, 36 holes of stunning golf, creative culinary experiences at Sivlik Grill and more, make Whirlwind Golf Club a shining golf, dining and event gem within the Wild Horse Pass destination.

For more information, visit www.whirlwindgolf.com.

About the LPGA

The Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) is the world's premier women's professional golf organization. Created in 1950 by 13 pioneering female Founders, the LPGA, whose Members now represent nearly 40 countries, is the longest-standing professional women's sports organization. Through the LPGA Tour, the Epson Tour, the LPGA Professionals, and a joint venture with the Ladies European Tour, the LPGA provides female professionals the opportunity to pursue their dreams in the game of golf at the highest level. In addition to its professional tours and teaching accreditation programs, the LPGA features a fully integrated Foundation, which provides best-in-class programming for female golfers through its junior golf programming, and its LPGA Amateurs division, which offers its members playing and learning opportunities around the world. The LPGA aims to use its unique platform to inspire, transform and advance opportunities for girls and women, on and off the golf course.

Follow the LPGA online at www.LPGA.com and download its mobile apps on Apple or Google Play. Join the social conversation on Facebook, X (formerly known as Twitter), Instagram and YouTube.

About the LPGA Tour

The LPGA Tour is the world's leading competitive destination for the best female professional golfers in

the world. The Tour hosts more than 32 annual events across 12 countries for over 200 athletes, awarding total prize funds exceeding \$129 million and reaching television audiences in more than 220 countries. Follow the LPGA Tour on its U.S. television home, Golf Channel.

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