



Canadian sensation Brooke Henderson, World no. 1 Nelly Korda and three-time winner Lydia Ko headline early commitments in 2025 CPKC Women's Open field

Jeeno Thitikul, Minjee Lee, Lilia Vu, Rose Zhang and defending champion Lauren Coughlin join Henderson, Korda and Ko in the field for the 2025 CPKC Women's Open

CPKC Has Heart campaign to benefit official charity partner MacKids along with community charity beneficiary Trillium Health Partners

MISSISSAUGA, Ont. – Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC), Golf Canada and the LPGA Tour today announced the early commitments scheduled to compete in the 51st playing of the CPKC Women's Open, August 20-24 at Mississaugua Golf and Country Club in Mississauga, Ont.

The list of early commitments features six of the current top 10 and 15 of the top 25 in the Rolex World Golf Rankings. The field also includes six of the top 10, 15 of the top 25 and 66 of the top 100 players on the 2025 Race to the CME Globe Standings. The final field will be announced on Friday, August 15.

Thirteen-time LPGA Tour winner and the winningest golfer in Canadian history, Brooke Henderson of Smiths Falls, Ont., will lead a field of 156 golfers that includes current world no. 1 Nelly Korda, three-time CPKC Women's Open champion and 2024 Olympic Gold medalist Lydia Ko (world no. 3), and current leader in the Race to the CME Globe, Jeeno Thitikul (world no. 2). Other notables include Ruoning Yin (world no. 4), Haeran Ryu (world no. 5) and Hannah Green (world no. 8), along with rising stars Lilia Vu (world no. 11) and Rose Zhang (world no. 44). Minjee Lee (world no. 24) has also committed to compete in Mississauga. Lee recently won the KPMG Women's PGA Championship, earning her 11th career win and third major championship.

The CPKC Women's Open through CPKC Has Heart will once again leave a meaningful impact in the host community of Canada's National Women's Open Championship. For 2025, CPKC has selected MacKids, the arm of Hamilton Health Sciences Foundation dedicated to fundraising for MacMaster Children's Hospital, as the primary charity partner with a goal to raise more than \$2.8 million in support of pediatric cardiac care initiatives from newborn to adolescent. In addition, Trillium Health Partners will be the community charity partner with CPKC generously matching donations up to \$250,000 in support of Trillium Health Partners cardiac program equipment needs, with up to \$500,000 expected to be raised.

"The growth and impact of this incredible event, which continues to attract the world's top golfers, is undeniable," said Keith Creel, CPKC President & Chief Executive Officer. "Our ultimate goal with the CPKC Women's Open has been, and always will be, to help the youngest hearts across Canada. We are excited for the community to come together to raise millions of dollars for MacKids."

Last year, CPKC helped raise \$4.3 million for heart health with donations of \$3.8 million to the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation and \$507,000 to the Red Deer Regional Health



Foundation. Since 2014, this tournament, which is the marquee event of the CPKC Has Heart community investment program, has helped raise over \$23 million in support of children's heart health in North America.

Defending champion Lauren Coughlin is among six past CPKC Women's Open champions competing for Canada's Women's National Open Championship including Megan Khang (2023), Jin Young Ko (2019), Brooke Henderson (2018), Brittany Lincicome (2011) and Lydia Ko (2015, 2013, 2012) who will be chasing a record fourth CPKC Women's Open title.

Mississauga Golf and Country Club will welcome eight LPGA Tour in-year winners, including Yealimi Noh (Founders Cup), Lydia Ko (HSBC Women's World Championship), Madelene Sagstrom (T-Mobile Match Play), Haeran Ryu (Black Desert Championship), Jeeno Thitikul (Mizuho Americas Open), Jennifer Kupcho (ShopRite LPGA Classic), Carlota Ciganda (Meijer LPGA Classic) and Minjee Lee (KPMG Women's PGA Championship).

Henderson, a CPKC Ambassador, made history at the Wascana Country Club in Regina in 2018 becoming the first Canadian since the late Jocelyne Bourassa won Canada's National Women's Open 45 years earlier. Henderson will be joined by fellow Canadians with LPGA Tour status, Savannah Grewal of Mississauga, Ont., Alena Sharp of Hamilton, Ont., and Maude-Aimee Leblanc of Sherbrooke, Que.

In addition, an important pathway to the CPKC Women's Open is through the *She Plays Golf Championship Series*, a three-stop circuit that offers competitive opportunities for elite Canadian players with exemptions into the tournament available. Two Team Canada athletes have claimed the first two exemptions as 14-year-old Clara Ding of White Rock, B.C. won the Golf BC Group BC Women's Open and 16-year-old Shauna Liu of Maple, Ont., won The Peloton Glencoe Invitational. Both Ding and Liu will be making their first starts in an LPGA tour event. The final stop in the series will take place at the PGA Women's Championship of Canada at Burlington Golf and Country Club, July 7-10. One additional exemption will be awarded to the player ranked highest on the order of merit for the series, if not already qualified. For more information, [click here](#).

"We are excited to announce the early commitments led by Brooke Henderson, Nelly Korda and Lydia Ko for the 51st playing of our National Women's Open Championship. The CPKC Women's Open draws one of the strongest fields on the LPGA Tour and we look forward to watching these incredible athletes compete in Mississauga," said Claire Welsh, Tournament Director, CPKC Women's Open. "We have welcomed nearly 1,000 volunteer registrations, highlighting the excitement to be part of this special tournament. The CPKC Women's Open is one of the top yearly women's sporting events in Canada and fans are in store for a very memorable week this August."

The 2025 CPKC Women's Open will take place on the Treaty 22 territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN), on lands that were once home to the Credit River Mission Village. During tournament week, MCFN will share their culture, history, and enduring connection to the land through ceremony, storytelling, and educational elements on-site. This



engagement is part of a broader effort to ensure the tournament honours the history of the territory and creates space for learning, reflection, and meaningful community connection.

One of Canada's premier annual sporting events, the CPKC Women's Open is riding continued momentum from being named as the Gold Driver Award recipient for Best Volunteer Appreciation at the LPGA 2024 Gold Driver Awards. In addition, the 2024 CPKC Women's Open was named Sport Tourism Canada's International Sport Event of the Year at the 2025 Sport Tourism Canada PRESTIGE Awards.

The CPKC Women's Open also earned the LPGA Tour's Tournament of the Year award in back-to-back years in 2022 and 2023. The 2023 tournament also won additional awards for Best Sponsorship Activation and Best Volunteer Appreciation at Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club in Vancouver. Golf Canada and CPKC also received Gold Driver Awards for Best Sponsor Activation in 2019, 2022 and 2023 as well as Best Community and Charity Engagement in 2017, 2019 and 2022.

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT RETURNS

Golf Canada and CPKC will host the eighth annual CPKC Women's Leadership summit on Tuesday, August 19 as part of the weeklong excitement of the 2025 CPKC Women's Open. The summit will be held at the Boulevard Club in Toronto, Ont., and be hosted by TSN's Lindsay Hamilton. The day will bring together like-minded business leaders from across the country for a day of networking, empowerment and philanthropy. For more information, [click here](#).

HALL OF FAME DAY SET FOR TUESDAY OF TOURNAMENT WEEK

Golf Canada will host Hall of Fame Day on Tuesday, August 19. Accomplished amateur golfer, Richard Scott, former professional golfer Jerry Anderson (posthumous) and renowned course architect Charles Blair Macdonald (posthumous) will be inducted into the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame. For more information on the honoured members, [click here](#). In addition, Alena Sharp of Hamilton, Ont. will be inducted into Golf Ontario's Hall of Fame during the ceremony after previously being announced in March.

"THE RINK" HOLE AND THE FARE WAY FEATURING THE KEG FAN EXPERIENCE RETURNS

Fans of all ages will once again be able to experience the week-long celebration of golf highlighted by The Rink on the 10th hole at Mississauga, and a variety of food and patio experiences in The Fare Way featuring the Keg.

KIDS 12-AND-UNDER GET IN FREE

As part of the championship's commitment to junior golf, admission all week is free for youth aged 12-and-under. General admission tickets provide access to the golf course and enjoy fan activations throughout the property and experience the thrill of major professional golf.

MOBILE APP EXPERIENCE

Experience the CPKC Women's Open like never before by downloading the Golf Canada Mobile App on your iOS or Android device. Essential features include a live map, leaderboard & pairings, tickets, breaking news, and special events. Plus, use the Golf Canada Mobile App to



enhance your experience while playing! Find golf courses, track your game, set up matches against friends, access GPS yardages and more. [Click here](#) to download.

ABOUT CPKC

With its global headquarters in Calgary, Alta., Canada, CPKC is the first and only single-line transnational railway linking Canada, the United States and México, with unrivaled access to major ports from Vancouver to Atlantic Canada to the Gulf Coast to Lázaro Cárdenas, México. Stretching approximately 20,000 route miles and employing 20,000 railroaders, CPKC provides North American customers unparalleled rail service and network reach to key markets across the continent. CPKC is growing with its customers, offering a suite of freight transportation services, logistics solutions and supply chain expertise. Visit cpkcr.com to learn more about the rail advantages of CPKC.

ABOUT CPKC HAS HEART

At CPKC, we know that a railroad may serve as the arteries of a nation, but at its heart is community. That's why, through CPKC Has Heart, we've already helped raise more than \$55 million to help improve the heart health of adults and children across North America. And along the way, we're showing heart whenever we can. Find out more on www.CPKCHasHeart.ca.

ABOUT MACKIDS

MacKids, as part of Hamilton Health Sciences Foundation, provides vital funding to enable the best possible patient care at McMaster Children's Hospital, including Ron Joyce Children's Health Centre and McMaster University Medical Centre. MacKids inspires and motivates gifts that fund medical equipment and patient amenities, innovative research initiatives, essential redevelopment of clinical care spaces, and the education and training of health care providers. McMaster Children's Hospital is the second largest provider of inpatient pediatric services in Ontario. The Hospital is home to Canada's largest neonatal intensive care unit including supportive maternal care, the largest pediatric mental health program in Canada, and the only inpatient pediatric cancer program in south-central Ontario.

ABOUT THE CPKC WOMEN'S OPEN

The stars of the LPGA Tour will challenge for the CPKC Women's Open from August 20-24, 2025, at Mississauga Golf and Country Club in Mississauga, Ont. Through its CPKC Has Heart program, title sponsor CPKC will once again make a significant contribution to pediatric cardiac care in the host community of Canada's National Open Golf Championship. The 2025 CPKC Women's Open is proudly sponsored by CPKC, BDO, Audi, RBC, theScore Bet, Levelwear, Golf Town, Hilton, Johnsonville, Sleeman, Humi, The Keg, Connect Hearing, Cottage Springs, Stalk&Barrel, Matt & Steve's, Cub Cadet, Cayman Islands, WM, Copper Rose, YETI, Coke, Avis, Rolex and is supported by Visit Mississauga and the Province of Ontario. For information visit www.cpkcwomensopen.com/.

ABOUT GOLF CANADA

Golf Canada is the National Sports Federation and governing body for golf in Canada representing over 360,000 golfers and 1,505 member clubs across the country. A proud member of the Canadian Olympic Committee, Golf Canada's mission is to increase Canadian participation and excellence in golf. By investing in the growth of the sport and introducing more



participants of all ages to the game, our vision is to be a world leader in golf. For more information about what Golf Canada is doing to support golf in your community, visit www.golfcanada.ca/.

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