



Tournament Fact Sheet

Sanford International (PGA TOUR Champions)

Minnehaha Country Club • Sioux Falls, S.D. • September 11-13, 2026

Golf Course Superintendent

David Swift, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 27

Years at Minnehaha: 17

Years as a Superintendent: 26

Previous Courses: Whistling Straits – Straits Course (superintendent), Irish Course (superintendent)

Hometown: Sherburn, Minn.

Education: Penn State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Swift's 9th Sanford and 11th tournament as a superintendent. He was an assistant superintendent for the Club Pro Championship (1999), and superintendent for the PGA Championship (2004) and U.S. Senior Open (2007)

Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Ryan Lehmann, senior assistant superintendent; Tony Hayes, second assistant superintendent; Connor Nelson, equipment manager; Jarrett Geihl, horticulturist; Isaac Johnson, crew foreman/spray technician

Agronomy Employees: 24 / Tournament Volunteers: 25

Golf Course Dog: Stevie, a yellow lab, and Winnie, a golden retriever

Course Architect

William Langford (1922)

Renovation: Graham March (2010), Ron Forse (2013-22)

Notable

- Turfgrass students from Southeast Technical College have volunteered with tournament preparation since the inception of this event.

Tournament Setup

Par: 34-36--70

Yardage: 6,747

Turfgrass

Greens: Bentgrass / Poa annua .110"

Collars: Bentgrass / Poa annua .250"

Approaches: Bentgrass / Poa annua .250"

Tees: Bentgrass / Poa annua .250"

Fairways: Bentgrass / Poa annua / ryegrass .375"

Rough: Kentucky bluegrass / ryegrass / Poa annua / tall fescue / fine fescue 2.5"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 26

Acres of Rough: 80

Number of Sand Bunkers: 41 (1.4 acres)

Number of Water Hazards: 10

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 10

Soil Conditions: Silty loam

Water Sources: Well

High Elevation: 1,480'

Low Elevation: 1,415'

Average Fairway Widths: 32 yards

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