



Tournament Fact Sheet

JM Eagle LA Championship (LPGA)

El Caballero Country Club • Tarzana, Calif. • April 16-19, 2026

Golf Course Superintendent

Zach Stephens, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 20

Years at El Caballero CC: 2

Years as a Superintendent: 15

Previous Courses: Los Robles (super), Canyon Gate (super), Red Rock (super), Red Rock (asst), Cedar Knob (asst)

Hometown: Somers, Conn.

Education: University of Massachusetts

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Stephens' 2nd professional event.

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Alex Velazquez, assistant superintendent; Justin Vasquez; Jorge Contreras, equipment manager

Agronomy Employees: 29 / Tournament Volunteers: 3

Course Architect

Robert Trent Jones, ASGCA (1960)

Renovation: Rees Jones (2021)

Notable

- Routing for the tournament is No. 1-7, 18, 10-16, 8, 9.
- Area has seen extremely warm winter and spring weather and the bermudagrass never went dormant to the rough is more robust in 2026.
- Course has the largest greens and most bunkers of any U.S. course played so far on tour this year.

Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 6,679 (unofficial)

Turfgrass

Greens: Pure Distinction bentgrass .100"

Collars: Santa Ana bermudagrass .265"

Approaches: Santa Ana bermudagrass .390"

Tees: Tahoma 31 bermudagrass .370"

Fairways: Santa Ana bermudagrass .390"

Rough: Bandera bermudagrass 2"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,300 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 131

Acres of Fairway: 28

Acres of Rough: 43

Number of Sand Bunkers: 86

Number of Water Hazards: 4

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 4

Soil Conditions: Native

Water Sources: Municipal

Drainage: Good

Average Fairway Widths: 33 yards

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2026 GCSAA Course and Superintendent Notes For Courses Played (LPGA TOUR) (U.S. Courses Only)

(This Week's Course in Red)

2026 Season Averages

Courses Played to Date (5 tournaments, includes this week)

Average Yardage – 6,661

Average Green Size – 5,720 sq. ft.

Average Sand Bunkers – 67.7

Average Holes with Water in Play – 5.8

Tournaments by State

2 – California

1 – Florida

1 – Arizona

1 – Nevada

Yardage (par)

6,765 (72) – Shadow Creek (Aramco)

6,679 (72) – El Caballero (JM Eagle LA Champ)

6,675 (72) – Whirlwind (Ford Champ)

6,642 (72) – Lake Nona (Hilton Grand Vacations)

6,542 (72) – Sharon Heights (Fortinet Founders Cup)

Average Green Size

6,300 – El Caballero (JM Eagle LA Champ)

5,900 – Whirlwind (Ford Champ)

5,900 – Lake Nona (Hilton Grand Vacations)

5,500 – Shadow Creek (Aramco)

5,000 – Sharon Heights (Fortinet Founders Cup)

Number of Bunkers

86 – El Caballero (JM Eagle LA Champ)

74 – Shadow Creek (Aramco)

58 – Lake Nona (Hilton Grand Vacations)

53 – Whirlwind (Ford Champ)

Unavailable – Sharon Heights (Fortinet Founders Cup)

Green Turf Type

3 – Bentgrass

2 – Poa

Rough Turf Type

3 – Ryegrass

2 – Bermudagrass

Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025)

6 – Nick Dolimpio, Lake Nona (Hilton Grand Vacations)

2 – Zach Stephens, El Caballero (JM Eagle LA Champ)

2 – Scott Delpiere, Shadow Creek (Aramco)

2 – Matt Bachmann, Whirlwind (Ford Champ)

1 – Chad Twaddle, Sharon Heights (Fortinet Founders Cup)

Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years

21 – Chad Twaddle, Sharon Heights (Fortinet Founders Cup)

20 – Zach Stephens, El Caballero (JM Eagle LA Champ)

19 – Scott Delpiere, Shadow Creek (Aramco)

11 – Nick Dolimpio, Lake Nona (Hilton Grand Vacations)

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1 – Delaware Valley, Western Illinois, Penn State, Michigan State, Massachusetts

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2025 Season Statistics for LPGA TOUR

(U.S. Courses Only)

22 Courses

Average Yardage – 6,616

Average Green Size – 6,193 sq. ft.

Average Sand Bunkers – 70.0

Average Holes with Water in Play – 7.7

Greens Turf Type

Bentgrass – 12; Bermudagrass 6; Poa – 3; Paspalum - 1

Rough Turf Type

Bermudagrass – 7; Bluegrass – 6; Ryegrass – 4; None – 2;

Fescue – 1; Poa – 1; Paspalum - 1

Par

Par 70 Courses – 2

Par 71 Courses – 4

Par 72 Courses – 16

El Caballero Rankings in 2025 (22 U.S. courses)

- 8th longest yardage (63 yards longer than average)
- 9th largest greens (107 sq. ft. above average)
- 6th most sand bunkers (16 more than average)
- 6th fewest holes with water in play (nearly 4 fewer than avg.)

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