



# Tournament Fact Sheet

## Zurich Classic of New Orleans

TPC Louisiana • Avondale, La. • April 25-28, 2019

### Director of Golf Course Operations

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Years as GCSAA Member: 11

Years at TPC Louisiana: 4

Years as a Superintendent: 7

Previous Courses: TPC Scottsdale (Superintendent),  
TPC San Antonio (Superintendent)

Hometown: Lubbock, Texas

Education: Texas Tech University

Number of full-time staff members: 30

Number of tournament volunteers: 25

### Other Key Golf Personnel

Tyler McCool, Assistant Superintendent

Ronnie Strickland, Assistant Superintendent

David Pons, Equipment Manager

Melinda Legendre, Agronomy Administrative Assistant

Kevin Trahan, Equipment Technician

Matt Williamson, PGA Professional

Luke Farabaugh, Manager

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Pete Dye (2004)

Course Owner: State of Louisiana

Course Scoring Record: 62, Ben Martin, 2014

### Tournament Set-up

Par: 72

Yardage: 7,400

Stimpmeter: 12

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,225 sq. ft.

Average Tee Size: 2,300 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 23

Acres of Rough: 75

Total Course Acres: 110

Number of sand bunkers: 101

Number of water hazards: 5

Soil conditions: Pumped river sand

Water sources: Well and city water

Drainage conditions: Good

### Turfgrass

Greens: MiniVerde bermudagrass overseeded with *Poa Trivialis* and velvet bentgrass .110"

Tees: TifSport bermudagrass .475"

Fairways: TifSport bermudagrass .500"

Rough: TifSport bermudagrass 1.75"

### Additional Notes

- Several acres of formal bunkers have been converted to "general areas" with sparse plantings of native, low-growing species typical to coastal Louisiana, and granite screenings instead of bunker sand.
- The course will close down in May for renovation. Greens will be regressed with TifEagle bermudagrass, while fairways and approaches will be sodded with Celebration bermudagrass. Pot bunkers will undergo drainage and sand reconditioning.
- TPC Louisiana is a member of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary program.

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