

## TOUR Championship (PGA TOUR)

East Lake Golf Club • Atlanta, Ga. • August 25-28, 2022

### Director of Agronomy

**Ralph Kepple, CGCS, GCSAA**

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Years as GCSAA Member: 40

Years at East Lake: 30

Years as a Superintendent: 30

Previous Courses: Settdown Creek GC (assistant),  
Lancaster CC (assistant)

Hometown: Mount Vernon, Ohio

Education: Ohio State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This will be the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
TOUR Championship hosted by Kepple (1998, 2000,  
2002, 2004-present)

### Other Key Maintenance Personnel

**Charles Aubrey, Superintendent**

Assistant Superintendents: Dustin Bucher, Banks  
Woodrick, Thomas Walton

Chris Lewis, Equipment Manager

Number of Employees: 33

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 68

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Tom Bendelow (1904)

Renovation Architects (year): Donald Ross (1913), Rees  
Jones (1994, 2008, 2016)

### Twitter

Superintendent - @eatlakegcagro

Course - @eastlakegc / Tournament - @playofffinale

*Tournament Fact Sheets can be found at:*

<https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

### Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-35--70

Yardage: 7,346

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,090 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 24

Acres of Rough: 110

Number of Sand Bunkers: 74

Number of Water Hazards: 5

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 4

Soil Conditions: Red Georgia clay

Water Sources: 24-acre pond

Drainage Conditions: Good

### Turfgrass

Greens: MiniVerde ultradwarf  
bermudagrass

Tees: Tifway bermuda / Meyer and  
Zorro zoysiagrass .375"

Fairways: Meyer zoysiagrass .400"

Rough: Tifway bermudagrass 2.5"

### Additional Notes

- From last 5 days of June through July course received 13.29" of rain. During annual 11-day closure for maintenance in July it rained 8 of the days, causing the most challenging maintenance closure in Kepple's time at East Lake.

- Andrew Green will perform a "sympathetic renovation beginning immediately after the 2023 championship and re-opening for the 2024 championship.

- In 2020 trees were removed on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole to combine the back two tees into one larger area providing a wider range of yardage options.

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