

## THE PLAYERS Championship (PGA TOUR)

TPC Sawgrass (Stadium) • Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. • March 9-12, 2023

### Director of Golf Course Operations

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Years as GCSAA Member: 29

Years at TPC Sawgrass: 8

Years as a Superintendent: 30

Previous Courses: TPC Scottsdale, TPC Southwind, Bear's Best, Eagle's Landing, Champions Club

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is the 28<sup>th</sup> pro Event and 8<sup>th</sup> PLAYERS for Jeff Plotts, who has hosted PGA TOUR, Korn Ferry and LPGA events in his career.

### Other Key Golf Personnel

Lucas Andrews, Assistant Director of Golf Operations

Patrick Reinhardt, Stadium Course Superintendent

Paul Vermeulen, PGA TOUR Agronomy

Robert Nichols, Equipment Manager

Number of Employees: 95

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 100

Volunteers are from 16 different countries (six continents) and 20 different U.S. states.

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Pete Dye (1980)

Renovation Architect (year): Dye and Steve Wenzloff ('16)

Rounds Per Year: 38,000

### Twitter

Superintendent - [@AZTurfDawg](https://twitter.com/AZTurfDawg) / [@TPCSawgrassAGR](https://twitter.com/TPCSawgrassAGR)

Course - [@TPCSawgrass](https://twitter.com/TPCSawgrass)

Tournament - [@THEPLAYERSChamp](https://twitter.com/THEPLAYERSChamp)

*Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA TOUR, LPGA, PGA TOUR Champions, Korn Ferry and Epson Tours and USGA and PGA of America championships can be found at: <https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>*

### Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,275

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,500 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 26

Acres of Rough: 120

Number of Sand Bunkers: 88

Number of Water Hazards: 17

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 17

Soil Conditions: Sandy loam

Water Sources: Reclaimed

Drainage Conditions: Good

### Turfgrass

(all grass areas are on bermuda base)

Greens: *Poa Trivialis* overseed .100"

Collars: Champion fine rye overseed .200"

Approaches: Champion fine ryegrass / *Poa Trivialis* overseed .250"

Tees: Champion fine rye overseed .275"

Fairways: Champion fine rye overseed .275"

Rough: Champion fine rye overseed 3.5"

### Additional Notes

- Average fairway width in landing areas: 28 yards.

- Changes to the course include: #1 – moguls long of the right fairway bunker were strengthened and three small pot bunkers were added. #9 – Extended to get option to play 20 yards longer. #15 – Replaced rough grass area right side fairway bunker with trees and natural landscape materials.

- Stadium Course closes to play three weeks prior to the tournament.

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