

Corales Puntacana Championship (PGA TOUR)

Corales Golf Course • Punta Cana, Dominican Republic • March 23-26, 2023

Golf Course Superintendent

Julio Diaz, GCSAA

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Years as GCSAA Member: 28

Years at Corales: 18

Years as a Superintendent: 23

Previous Courses: Marriott at Wind Watch, North Shore

Home Country: Dominican Republic

Education: Rutgers University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is the 6th Corales Championship for Diaz after Korn Ferry in 2016 and 17.

Did You Know? Julio Diaz is the director of the Caribbean Chapter of the GCSAA.

Other Key Golf Personnel

Wilkin Castillo, Assistant Superintendent

Amauri Castillo, Equipment Manager

Number of Employees: 56

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 20

Course Architect

Architect (year): Tom Fazio (2010)

Rounds Per Year: 30,000

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

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

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Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,670 (unofficial)

Stimpmeter: 11-11.5

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,000 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 270

Acres of Fairway: 50

Acres of Rough: 107

Number of Sand Bunkers: 94

Number of Water Hazards: 5

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 6

Soil Conditions: Caliche / Calcareous sand

Water Sources: 100% Reclaimed

Drainage Conditions: Excellent

Turfgrass

Greens: Supreme paspalum .100"

Collars: Supreme paspalum .300"

Approaches: Supreme paspalum .350"

Tees: Supreme paspalum .225"

Fairways: Supreme paspalum .450"

Rough: Supreme paspalum 1.75-2"

Additional Notes

- Hurricane Fiona caused damage to holes no. 7, 8 and 9 in September. The maintenance crew was able to get the course open for high school season and have it ready for this event.

- Corales Golf Course is a part of the Puntacana Ecological Foundation program for conservation of the Ridgway's Hawk, a native of Hispaniola Island.

- Weather has been very windy leading up to the event and should play a role in the tournament.

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