

BMW Championship (PGA TOUR)

Olympia Fields CC (North) • Olympia Fields, Ill. • August 17-20, 2023

Director of Grounds

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Years as GCSAA Member: 41

Years at Olympia Fields: 17.5

Years as a Superintendent: 35

Previous Courses: Broadmoor (Ind.) CC (super),
Delaware (Ind.) CC (super)

Education: Michigan State University

North Course Superintendent

Francisco Velasquez, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 8

Years at Olympia Fields: 7

Other Key Golf Personnel

Grant Thomas, South Course Superintendent

Assts: Michael Gergel (North), Ethan Flahaven (South)

Pedro Briseno, Shop Manager

Doug Farrell, Director of Golf

Number of Employees: 45

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 40

Course Architect

Architect (year): Willie Park, Jr. (1923)

Renovation Architect (year): Mark Mungeam (2013)

Twitter

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

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

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

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Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-35--70

Yardage: 7,366

Stimpmeter: 12.5

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,238 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 120

Acres of Fairway: 20.7

Acres of Rough: 65

Number of Sand Bunkers: 91

Number of Water Hazards: 2

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 8

Soil Conditions: Good

Water Sources: Well / pond

Drainage Conditions: Good

Turfgrass

Greens: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .095"

Collars: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .400"

Approaches: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .400"

Tees: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .400"

Fairways: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .400"

Rough: Kentucky bluegrass 4" plus

Additional Notes

• North Course superintendent Francisco Velasquez, who is just 27 years old, started at the course in 2016 as an intern and worked his way up to assistant in training, assistant on the South Course, assistant on the North Course, superintendent on the South Course and now superintendent on the North Course.

• Director of Grounds Sam MacKenzie is a CGCS (Certified Golf Course Superintendent).

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