



Tournament Fact Sheet

Corales Puntacana Championship (PGA TOUR)

Corales Golf Course • Punta Cana, Dominican Republic • April 17-20, 2025

Golf Course Superintendent

Julio Diaz, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 30

Years at Corales: 20

Years as Superintendent: 25

Previous Courses: Marriott at Wind Watch (N.Y.), North Shore Country Club (N.Y.)

Hometown: Dominican Republic

Education: Rutgers University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Diaz' 10th professional event (8th PGA TOUR and two Korn Ferry tournaments).

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Wilkin Castillo, assistant superintendent; Luiggi Abreu, assistant superintendent; Amauri Castillo, equipment manager

Agronomy Employees: 56 / Tournament Volunteers: 20

Course Architect

Tom Fazio, ASGCA (2010)

Notable

- At 7,670 yards the course ranks just behind Torrey Pines (7,765) as are as length of courses played on tour so far this year.
- The 94 bunkers are second only to Pebble Beach (116) so far this year on tour.
- Maintenance volunteers come from La Cana Golf Course, the area and internationally.
- There are plans for a bunker renovation.
- The property is very rocky and had low vegetation and no soil at all before construction. Eighteen inches of sand was laid for the golf course.
- More than half of the maintenance staff has been at the course since construction.
- The golf course is part of the Puntacana Ecological Foundation program for conservation of the Ridgway's Hawk, a native of Hispaniola Island.

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Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,670

Turfgrass

Greens: Supreme paspalum .100"

Collars: Supreme paspalum .300"

Approaches: Supreme paspalum .350"

Tees: Supreme paspalum .225"

Fairways: Supreme paspalum .425"

Rough: Supreme paspalum 1.75-2"

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 (raked by hand every day)

Number of Water Hazards: 5

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 6

Soil Conditions: Caliche / Calcareous sand

Water Sources: 100% reclaimed

Drainage: Excellent

Average Fairway Widths: 75-plus yards

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