



Tournament Fact Sheet

THE PLAYERS Championship (PGA TOUR)

TPC Sawgrass (Stadium) • Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. • March 12-15, 2026

Dir. of Golf Course Maintenance Operations

Lucas Andrews, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 15

Years at TPC Sawgrass (1st as director)

Years as a Superintendent: 12

Previous Courses: None

Hometown: Portsmouth, England

Education: University of Guelph

Professional Tournaments Hosted: Andrews has been a part of THE PLAYERS since 2009.

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Patrick Reinhardt, Stadium Course superintendent; Paul Vermeulen, PGA TOUR Agronomy; Kevin Kouba, Dye's Valley superintendent; Stephen Tucker, equipment manager; Christian Ciccarello, landscape superintendent; Matt Borocz, general manager

Agronomy Employees: 100 / Tournament Volunteers: 90

Golf Course Dog: Dex, 9-year-old black lab/good boy mix

Course Architect

Pete Dye, ASGCA (1980)

Renovation: 2006 and 2016

Notable

- Area saw a very warm and dry December, followed by a historically cold stretch in January and February.
- In 2024 the following enhancements were made:
 - New tournament tee on No. 2 added 15 yards.
 - Re-established the iconic tree on No. 6, while adding 15 yards (original tree was lost in 2014).
 - New tee complex on No. 11 added 15 yards.
 - Stronger, deeper and dramatic moguls with additions of palms, oaks and native grasses in the right rough on No. 14.

Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,352

Turfgrass

Greens: Poa trivialis overseed

Collars: Champion Fine (rye/fescue) overseed

Approaches: Champion Fine (rye/fescue) overseed

Tees: Champion Fine (rye/fescue) overseed

Fairways: Champion Fine (rye/fescue) overseed

Rough: Champion Fine (rye/fescue) overseed 4"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,500 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 26

Acres of Rough: 120

Number of Sand Bunkers: 94 (12 acres)

Number of Water Hazards: 18

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 17

Soil Conditions: Sandy loam

Water Sources: Reclaimed

Drainage: Good

High Elevation: 22 ft.

Low Elevation: 16 ft.

Average Fairway Widths: 28 yards

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2026 GCSAA Course and Superintendent Notes For Courses Played (PGA TOUR Only)

(This Week's Course in Red)

2026 Season Averages

Courses Played to Date (10 tournaments, includes this week)

Average Yardage – 7,320

Average Green Size – 6,367 sq. ft.

Average Sand Bunkers – 79

Average Holes with Water in Play – 7.7

Tournaments by State

4 – California

3 - Florida

1 – Hawaii / Arizona / Puerto Rico

Yardage (par)

7,765 (72) – Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)

7,506 (72) – Grand Reserve (Puerto Rico Open)

7,466 (72) – Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)

7,383 (71) – Riviera (The Genesis)

7,352 (72) – TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)

7,261 (71) – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)

7,223 (71) – PGA National (Cognizant Classic)

7,210 (72) – PGA West (The American Express)

7,044 (70) – Waialae CC (Sony Open)

6,989 (72) – Pebble Beach (AT&T Pro Am)

Average Green Size

7,500 – Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)

7,500 – Riviera (The Genesis)

7,100 – Waialae CC (Sony Open)

7,069 – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)

7,000 – PGA National (Cognizant Classic)

7,000 – PGA West (The American Express)

6,500 – Grand Reserve (Puerto Rico)

5,500 – TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)

5,000 – Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)

3,500 – Pebble Beach (AT&T Pro Am)

Number of Bunkers

116 – Pebble Beach (AT&T Pro Am)

94 – TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)

90+ – PGA West (The American Express)

84 – Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)

83 – Waialae CC (Sony Open)

82 – Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)

67 – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)

60 – PGA National (Cognizant Classic)

58 – Riviera (The Genesis)

56 – Grand Reserve (Puerto Rico Open)

Green Turf Type

6 – Poa annua

3 - Bermudagrass

1 – Paspalum

Rough Turf Type

6 – Ryegrass overseed

1 – Bermudagrass

1 – Fine Fescue

1 – Kikuyu

1 – Paspalum

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Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025)

- 25 – Dave Nakama, CGCS, Waialae CC (Sony Open)
- 16 – Chris Flynn, CGCS, Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)
- 15 – Brandon Reese, TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)
- 15 – Marshall Dick, Riviera (The Genesis)
- 14 – Keith Einwag, CGCS, PGA National (Cognizant Classic)
- 12 – Jason Matos, Grand Reserve (Puerto Rico)
- 7 – Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG, PGA West (American Express)
- 5 – Devin Cullen, Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)
- 5 – Pete Bachman, CGCS, Pebble Beach (AT&T Pro Am)
- 1 – Andrew Lucas, TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS) (but has been part of hosting the tournament since 2009)

Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years

- 40 – Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG, PGA West (American Express)
- 35 – Keith Einwag, CGCS, PGA National (Cognizant Classic)
- 28 – Chris Flynn, CGCS, Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)
- 21 – Dave Nakama, CGCS, Waialae CC (Sony Open)
- 18 – Pete Bachman, CGCS, Pebble Beach (AT&T Pro Am)
- 15 – Lucas Andrews, TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)
- 14 – Devin Cullen, Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)
- 6 – Marshall Dick, Riviera (The Genesis)

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- 3 – Penn State
- 1 – Hawaii / Texas Tech / Lake City College / SUNY Cobleskill / Guelph

2025 Season Statistics for PGA TOUR

36 Courses (main courses only and does not include Puerto Rico Open, Scottish Open or Open Championship)

Average Yardage – 7,373

Average Green Size – 5,944 sq. ft.

Average Sand Bunkers – 76.8

Average Holes with Water in Play – 7.0

Greens Turf Type

Poa / Poa overseed – 12; Bentgrass – 9; Bermudagrass – 8

Bentgrass / Poa mix – 4; Paspalum – 2; Ryegrass overseed – 1

Rough Turf Type

Ryegrass mix / overseed – 14; Bluegrass mix – 10;

Bermudagrass – 8; Paspalum – 2; Fescue – 2

Par

Par 70 Courses – 12

Par 71 Courses – 11

Par 72 Courses – 12

Par 73 Courses – 1

TPC Sawgrass Rankings in 2025

- 23rd longest yardage (just 20 yards short of the average)
- T14th largest greens
- 8th most sand bunkers
- 2nd most holes with water in play (behind 18 holes at Harbour Town for the RBC Heritage)

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