

FedEx St. Jude Championship (PGA TOUR)

TPC Southwind • Memphis, Tenn. • August 13-16, 2026

Director of Golf Course Maintenance

Eddie Chittom, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 21

Years at TPC Southwind: 18

Years as Superintendent: 1

Previous Courses: Mississippi State University Golf Course,
Memphis Redbirds

Hometown: Booneville, Miss.

Professional Tournaments Experience: This is the 19th event Chittom has been a part of including: TPC Sawgrass, TPC San Antonio, TPC River Highlands, TPC Potomac, TPC Twin Cities and The Greenbrier.

Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Assistant superintendents: Shane Seymour, Al Killingsworth, Tommy Sikes; Equipment manager, David Lopez; PGA professional, Will Heitzler

Agronomy Employees: 27 / Tournament Volunteers: 41

Course Architect

Ron Prichard (1988)

Renovation: 2024-25

Notable

- Area had a challenging winter, especially in January and February with a major ice storm just south of the course. Sleet, totaling 4 inches, remained on the course for 18 days. The greens edges and collars were hit the worst and required the most attention once the weather was favorable for plugging/sodding.
- The 2024-2025 renovation included rebuilding and resurfacing all 18 greens complexes, resurfacing tee boxes and upgrading portions of irrigation system. Green work recaptured square footage to allow for additional hole locations, while also returning the green surrounds to Zeon zoysiagrass for a firmer, better draining playing surface.

Tournament Setup

Par: 35-35--70

Yardage: 7,300

Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle bermudagrass .090"

Collars: Zeon zoysia .275"

Approaches: Zeon zoysia .275"

Tees: Tahoma bermudagrass .275"

Fairways: Zeon zoysiagrass .375"

Rough: 419 bermudagrass 3"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 4,300 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 220

Acres of Fairway: 18

Acres of Rough: 140

Number of Sand Bunkers: 75 (105,000 sq. ft.)

Number of Water Hazards: 11

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 11

Soil Conditions: Clay, but fairways and approaches have 4" of sand blended with 2" of native clay. Tees are 6" of greens mix.

Water Sources: Storm runoff / well

Drainage: Good

Average Fairway Widths: 25 yards

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