

Blessings Collegiate Invitational (NCAA)

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Director of Agronomy

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Years as GCSAA Member: 25

Years at Blessings: 6

Years as a Superintendent: 21

Previous Courses: The Country Club of Virginia,
Kingsmill Resort

Hometown: Cary, N.C.

Education: North Carolina State

Big Tournaments Hosted: Fink has hosted the 2019 NCAA Men's and Women's Championships, 2020 Blessings Collegiate and the 2021 Trans Miss Four Ball.

Other Key Golf Personnel

Nic Brouwer, Superintendent, GCSAA

Collin Randall, Assistant Superintendent

Victor Najera, Assistant Superintendent

Ian Knoop, Assistant in Training

Drew O'Brien, Turf Equipment Manager

Justin Sellin, PGA Professional

Richard Cromwell, General Manager

Number of Employees: 29

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 10

Course Architect

Architect (year): Robert Trent Jones (2004)

Renovation Architect (year): Kyle Phillips (2017)

Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA, LPGA, Champions and Korn Ferry Tours and USGA and PGA of America championships can be found all year at:

<https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

Tournament Set-up

Par and Yardage: TBD

2019 NCAA: Men 72 / 7,501

Women: 73 / 6,400

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,675 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 60

Number of Sand Bunkers: 65

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 12
holes (mainly Clear Creek)

Soil Conditions: Imported sand cap
(fairways), USGA (greens)

Water Sources: Runoff, Clear Creek

Drainage Conditions: Very good

Turfgrass

Greens: A1/A4 creeping bentgrass .110"

Tees: Cavalier zoysiagrass .425"

Fairways: Cavalier zoysiagrass .425"

Rough: Mowed at 3"

Additional Notes

- Changes to the course since 2019 NCAA Championships include addition of a forward tee on #1, middle tees on #3 and #5, remodel of #7 green and approach to receive longer shots and allow a ball to run up, added two fairway bunkers on #12, recontour of back middle of #13 green to increase hole locations, and added 50,00 linear feet of drainage.

- Course has seen only .3" of rain in the month leading up to the event.

- Cold snap in February (-15 degrees), killed 12,000 square feet of zoysia fairways.

- Rounds have increased from 9,000 per year to 14,500 per year.

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