

NCAA Women's and Men's D1 National Championships

Omni La Costa Resort & Spa (North Course) • Carlsbad, Calif.

May 17-22 (Women) and May 24-29 (Men)

Director of Agronomy

David Smallwood

Years as GCSAA Member: 20

Years at Omni La Costa: 5

Years as a Superintendent: 17

Previous Courses: Kapalua (dir. of agron.), Shackamaxon (dir. of agron.), Seavie (dir. of agron.), St. Lucia

Hometown: Knoxville, Tenn.

Education: University of Tennessee

Professional Tournaments Hosted: Smallwood hosted 9 Tournament of Champions events

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Jeff Wilson, North Course Superintendent

Years as GCSAA Member: 8

Daniel Manning, South Course Superintendent

Thomas Basic, Equipment Manager

Gavin Parker, PGA Professional

Dustin Irwin, Club Director

Number of Employees: 43

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 4

Course Architect

Architect (year): Dick Wilson (1965)

Renovation Architects (year): Gil Hanse and Jim Wagner (2022-23)

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Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: Women – 6,330 / Men – 7,538

Stimpmeter: 12

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,200 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 37

Acres of Rough: 18

Number of Sand Bunkers:

Number of Water Hazards: 3

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 4

Soil Conditions: Sand cap (tees, fairways), Native soil (rough)

Water Sources: Effluent

Drainage Conditions: Updated in renovation

Turfgrass

Greens: Pure Distinction bentgrass .100"

Collars: 419 bermudagrass .250"

Approaches: 419 bermudagrass .325"

Tees: 419 bermudagrass .325"

Fairways: 419 bermudagrass .375"

Rough: 419 bermudagrass 2.5-3"

Natives: Pacific fescue / Meadow barley

Additional Notes

- Renovation included all greens being rebuilt to USGA specs, all bunkers and tees repositioned and rebuilt, two former ponds transformed into barrancas on holes #9 and #10, 51 acres of native grasses planted.

- Last sod was put down in January and fairways that were sprigged have not had a full season to grow in.

- Marine layer typically runs from late April through June.

- La Costa will host the 2025 GCSAA National Championship in February.

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