



Tournament Fact Sheet

NCAA Women's and Men's Division I National Championships

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

May 16-21 (women) and May 23-28 (men), 2025

Golf Course Superintendent

David Smallwood, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 21

Years at Omni La Costa: 6

Years as Superintendent: 18

Previous Courses: Kapalua (director of agronomy), Shackamaxon (director of agronomy), Seaview Resort (director of agronomy), St. Lucia G&CC (superintendent), Corte Bella (assistant)

Hometown: Knoxville, Tenn.

Education: University of Tennessee

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Smallwood's 2nd NCAA Championships. He hosted nine Tournament of Champions events at Kapalua.

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Jeff Wilson, North Course Superintendent

Years as GCSAA Member: 8

Daniel Manning, South Course superintendent; Thomas Basic, equipment manager; Michael Mulford, director of golf; Dustin Irwin, club director

Agronomy Employees: 43 / Tournament Volunteers: 4

Course Architect

Dick Wilson (1965)

Renovation: Gil Hanse, ASGCA & Jim Wagner, ASGCA (2022-23)

Notable

- Smallwood says the native areas are much more dense and taller than last year and will pose a significant challenge.
- The 2022-23 renovation included all greens built to USGA specs, all bunkers and tees repositioned and rebuilt, two former ponds transformed into barrancas on No. 9 and 10 and 51 acres of native grasses planted.
- La Costa hosted last year's NCAA Championships and will host through 2028.

- La Costa hosted the 2025 GCSAA National Championships in February, won by Mike Gianopoulos, a certified golf course superintendent (CGCS) from Kent Country Club in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: Women: 6,330 / Men 7,538

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"

Native Areas: Pacific fescue / meadow barley

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,200 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 37

Acres of Rough: 18

Number of Sand Bunkers: 65 (3 acres)

Number of Water Hazards: 3

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 4

Soil Conditions: Sand cap tees and fairways; native rough

Water Sources: Effluent

Drainage: Updated in renovation

Average Fairway Widths: 30 yards

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