

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

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

May 22-27 (women) and May 29-June 3 (men), 2026

### Director of Agronomy

#### Michael Millsop, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 10

Years at Omni La Costa: 1<sup>st</sup> (started in December 2025)

Years as Superintendent: 3

Previous Courses: Huntington Club (superintendent)

Hometown: Ocala, FL

Education: The College of Central Florida (B.A.S. Agribusiness Management)

Professional Tournament experience: Millsop was an AIT for two Pebble Beach Pro-Ams.

### Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Steven Wallace, superintendent

Thomas Basic, equipment manager

Michael Mulford, director of golf

Agronomy Employees: 36 / Tournament Volunteers: 0

Golf Course Dog: Krieger, 11 years old, German/Husky

### Course Architect

Dick Wilson (1965)

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

### Notable

- A wet winter and warm spring have made the rough and native areas thicker.
- 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, 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

Trees on course: Eucalyptus, Pine, Cypress, Melaleuca, Pepper, Olive

### Links

GCSAA Tournament Fact Sheet Home:

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

GCSAA Website: <https://www.gcsaa.org/>

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