



Tournament Fact Sheet

U.S. Amateur (USGA)

Merion Golf Club • Ardmore, Pa. • Aug. 10-16, 2026

Director of Golf Course Operations

Paul B. Latshaw, CGCS, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 40

Years at Merion: 9

Years as a Superintendent: 35

Previous Courses: Muirfield, Oak Hill

Hometown: Murrysville, Pa.

Alma mater: Penn State University

Professional Tournaments Experience: 2003 PGA Championship, 2013 President's Cup, 2003-2016 The Memorial

Other Key Agronomy Personnel

West course superintendent: Charlie Carr; East senior assistant superintendents: Billy Covert, Sean Skahan; West senior

assistant superintendents: Max Pierce, Jack Andrews;

Equipment manager: Robert Smith; Operations manager: Dave

McDonald; PGA professional: Jack Davis; Administrative

assistant: Fabi McLaughlin

Golf Course Dog: Blue, 2-years-old Aussiedoodle

Course Architect

Hugh Wilson (1912); Renovation, Gil Hanse (2018)

Notable

- The course will play with the Merion wicker baskets in place of flags.
- This is the 20th USGA Championship Merion has hosted.
- Wildlife on course: Deer, Fox, Groundhog, Raccoon, Possum, Squirrels, chipmunks, moles, mice, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Canada Goose, Morning Dove, Red-tailed Hawk, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Blue Jay, American Crow, Carolina Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Carolina Wren, Northern Mockingbird, Dark-eyed Junco, White-throated Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Northern Cardinal, Golden Eagle.

Tournament Setup

Par: 36-34-70

Yardage: 6,130

Turfgrass

Greens: Bentgrass-007 60%, L-93XD 20%, Piranha 20% .110"

Collars: Bentgrass-007 60%, L-93XD 20%, Piranha 20% .200"

Approaches: Bentgrass-007 50%, Luminary 25%, Barracuda 25% .200"

Tees: Bentgrass-007 50%, Luminary 25%, Barracuda 25% .335"

Fairways: Bentgrass-007 50%, Luminary 25%, Barracuda 25% .325"

Rough: Tall Type Turf Fescue, Blue Grass, Poa .335"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,227 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 110

Acres of Fairway: 21

Acres of Rough: 50

Number of Sand Bunkers: 131

Number of Water Hazards: 1

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 6

Soil Conditions: Sandy Loam

Water sources: Cobbs Creek

Drainage conditions: Excellent

High point elevation and location: 390 feet 15th green

Low point elevation and location: 275 feet hole 11th green

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