

Astara Golf Championship (Korn Ferry Tour)

Country Club de Bogota • Bogota, Columbia • February 9-12, 2023

Golf Course Superintendent

Eamonn McCarthy, GCSAA

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Years as GCSAA Member: 15

Years at Course: 5

Years as a Superintendent: 16

Previous Courses: Nirwana Bali Golf Club (super),
Barbados Golf Club (super)

Hometown: Cork, Ireland

Education: University of Central Lancashire, UK

Additional Notes

- The 2021 tournament was canceled due to COVID.
- Club is located 8,660 feet above sea level.
- Both courses will be used Thursday and Friday before weekend play takes place only on the Lagos course.
- The Pacos course had a full-bunker renovation in 2019.
- Average green size for both courses are 5,000 sq. feet.
- Soil conditions are heavy and drainage is poor.
- The courses use city water.
- This is McCarthy's fourth Korn Ferry event.
- McCarthy has volunteered for more than 18 professional tournaments in his career, including the 2016 Olympics in Rio and 2021 U.S. Open at Torrey Pines.
- Changes to the course include new tee and fairway bunker on Lagos No. 16 and 2 fairway bunkers on No. 18.
- Past year has seen heavy rainfall (60-plus inches).
- Assistant Superintendent: Baldomero Castiblanco
- Head Mechanic: Carlos Villanueva

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

Lagos Course

Course Architect

Architect (year): John Van Kleeck (1946)

Lagos Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-36--71

Yardage: 7,237

Stimpmeter: 11.5

Lagos Course Turfgrass

Greens: *Poa annua* 2.5mm

Tees: *Poa annua* 9mm

Fairways: *Poa annua* / bentgrass 12mm

Rough: *Poa annua* / rye / fescue 50mm+

Pacos Course

Course Architect

Architect (year): John Van Kleeck (1948)

Pacos Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-35--70

Yardage: 6,249

Stimpmeter: 11.5

Pacos Course Turfgrass

Greens: *Poa annua* 2.5mm

Tees: Kikuyu 9mm

Fairways: Kikuyu 11mm

Rough: Kikuyu 65mm

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