



Tournament Fact Sheet

Visit Knoxville Open (Korn Ferry Tour)

Holston Hills Country Club • Knoxville, Tenn • May 22-25, 2025

Golf Course Superintendent

Ryan Blair, CGCS, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 30

Years at Holston Hills: 24

Years as Superintendent: 24

Hometown: Knoxville, Tenn.

Education: University of Tennessee

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Lincoln Hurd, assistant superintendent; Donnie Lequire, equipment manager; Chris Dibble, PGA professional

Agronomy Employees: 17 / Tournament Volunteers: 10

Course Architect

Donald Ross (1927)

Renovation: Tom Doak (1998)

Notable

- Area had a cold winter and the challenge is to get the warm-season grasses actively growing by tournament week.
- Last summer all the course bunkers were rebuilt to closer reflect the original design. A few sand bunkers were converted to grass bunkers and a few new bunkers were added.
- There is a lot of new sod from summer 24 project that is a challenge to get growing at this time of the year.
- The 7th hole was lengthened to 562 yards with a new tee complex.
- Last year's project also addressed drainage and replacing of aging bunker sand.
- Blair grew up in Knoxville, graduated from the University of Tennessee, was assistant at Cherokee Country Club before taking superintendent job at Holston Hills, all here in Knoxville.
- Course was built on a part of McDonald Farm, one of the largest farms in Knoxville in the 1920s.

Tournament Setup

Par: 36-35--71

Yardage: 7,267

Turfgrass

Greens: Crenshaw bentgrass .135"

Collars: None

Approaches: 419 bermudagrass .300"

Tees: 419 bermudagrass .300"

Fairways: 419 bermudagrass .400"

Rough: 419 bermudagrass 2"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,600 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 150

Acres of Fairway: 33

Acres of Rough: 100

Number of Sand Bunkers: 100 (124,000 sq. ft.)

Number of Water Hazards: 2

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 2

Soil Conditions: Loamy

Water Sources: Holston River

Drainage: Good

Average Fairway Widths: 40-45 yards

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