

Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship (Korn Ferry Tour)

Ohio State University Golf Club (Scarlet) • Columbus, Ohio • September 17-20, 2026

Golf Course Superintendent

Dennis Bowsher, CGCS, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 44

Years at Ohio State: 20

Years as a Superintendent: 39

Previous Courses: Thunder Hill (superintendent), Sunset (superintendent), Spring Valley (superintendent), Bermuda Run (superintendent), Virginia Oaks (superintendent)

Hometown: Lima, Ohio

Education: Ohio State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Bowsher's 20th Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship.

Other Key Agronomy Personnel

John Demianenko, Assistant Superintendent

Charles Lorenz, Assistant Superintendent

Brad Swartz, Equipment Manager

Doug Knaup, Horticulturist

Agronomy Employees: 45 / Tournament Volunteers: 10

Course Architect

Architect (year): Alister MacKenzie (1938)

Renovation Architect (year): Jack Nicklaus (2005)

Notable

- Club believes in 2024 it may have been the first course to host two college tournaments, U.S. Open men's and women's qualifiers, U.S. Amateur men's qualifier and a Korn Ferry Tour finals tournament in the same year.
- Area had a very wet spring and early summer, which was followed by extreme heat. The last seven weeks have seen drought conditions.
- Course was not completed until 4 years after Alister MacKenzie's death. Perry Maxwell then oversaw construction.
- A storm on August 14 hit the golf course with 90-100 mph winds, which uprooted or snapped off 45 trees plus ripped branches from trees all over the 300-acre property. Eight inches of rain then fell in the next 7 days during storm cleanup.

Tournament Setup

Par: 36-35 -- 71

Yardage: 7,466

Turfgrass

Greens: Bentgrass / Poa annua (.115")

Collars: Bentgrass / Poa annua (.300")

Approaches: Bentgrass / Poa annua (.300")

Tees: Bentgrass / Poa annua (.350")

Fairways: Bentgrass / Poa annua (.400")

Rough: Kentucky bluegrass / ryegrass (4")

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 8,000 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 300

Acres of Fairway: 30

Acres of Rough: 150

Number of Sand Bunkers: 64

Number of Water Hazards: 7

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 7

Soil Conditions: Clay

Water Sources: Pond

Drainage Conditions: Good except greens

Links

GCSAA Tournament Fact Sheet Home:

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