

Sony Open (Tour)

Waialae Country Club • Honolulu, Hawaii • January 9-12, 2025

Golf Course Superintendent

Dave Nakama, CGCS, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 20

Years at Waialae Country Club: 24

Years as Superintendent: 22

Previous Courses: Koolau (superintendent)

Hometown:

Education: University of Hawaii

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is the 24th pro event for Nakama.

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Course Architect

Seth Raynor (1927)

Renovation: Robert Trent Jones, Desmond Muirhead, Rick Smith, Tom Doak

Notable

- Superintendent Dave Nakama is a GCSAA Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS).
- The course features the iconic W formation of four coconut trees behind the 16th green.
- There is only about 10 feet of elevation change on the golf course. Last week's Sentry at Kapalua featured 441 feet of elevation change.

Tournament Setup

Par: 35-35--70

Yardage: 7,044

Turfgrass

Greens: Bermudagrass

Collars: Bermudagrass

Approaches: Bermudagrass

Tees: Bermudagrass

Fairways: Bermudagrass

Rough: Bermudagrass

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,100 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 50

Acres of Rough: 100

Number of Sand Bunkers: 83

Number of Water Hazards: 4

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 5

Soil Conditions: Various

Water Sources: Well

Drainage: Fair/Good

Links

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Tournament Fact Sheet

2025 GCSAA Course and Superintendent Notes For Courses Played (PGA TOUR Only)

Tournaments by State

2 - Hawaii

Yardage (par)

7,596 (73) - Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)

7,044 (70) – Waialae (Sony Open)

Average Green Size

8,722 – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)

7,100 – Waialae (Sony Open)

Number of Bunkers

93 – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)

83 – Waialae (Sony Open)

Green Turf Type

2 - Bermudagrass

Rough Turf Type

2 - Bermudagrass

Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025)

24 – Dave Nakama, CGCS (Sony Open)

7 – Andrew Rebman (The Sentry)

Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years

20 – Dave Nakama, CGCS (Sony Open)

6 – Andrew Rebman (Kapalua Resort – The Sentry)

Superintendents Alma Maters

1 - Arizona

1 – Hawaii (Dave Nakama)

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