

U.S. Senior Amateur (USGA)

The Honors Course • Ooltewah, Tenn. • August 24-29, 2024

Director of Agronomy

Will Misenhimer, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 23

Years at The Honors Course: 18

Years as a Superintendent: 7

Previous Courses: The Honors Course (assistant from 2009-16)

Hometown: Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

Education: Mississippi State University

Tournaments Hosted: 2010 NCAA Men's Championship, 2011 U.S. Senior Women's Am., 2016 U.S. Junior Am.

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Lucas Sykes, GCSAA Superintendent

Tom Stier, Assistant Superintendent

Tucker Smith, Assistant Superintendent

Eric Marshall, Equipment Manager

Henrik Simonsen, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 34

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 8

Golf Course Dog: Tays, 5-year-old Lagotto Romagnolo

Course Architect

Architect (year): Pete Dye (1983)

Renovation Architect (year): Gil Hanse (2021-22)

Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA TOUR, LPGA, PGA TOUR Champions, Korn Ferry and Epson Tours and USGA and PGA of America championships can be found at: <https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36—72

Yardage: 6,836

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,700 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 580

Acres of Fairway: 24

Acres of Rough: 25

Number of Sand Bunkers: 92

Number of Water Hazards: 6

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 5

Soil Conditions: Native clay (greens and rough), sand capped (fairways and tees)

Water Sources: Ponds from runoff

Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle ultradwarf bermuda .120"

Collars: Prizm zoysiagrass .200"

Approaches: Zeon zoysiagrass .350"

Tees: Zeon zoysiagrass (par 3s are Tahoma 31 bermudagrass) .350"

Fairways: Zeon zoysiagrass .400"

Rough: Tahoma 31 bermudagrass 2"

Additional Notes

- 2021 renovation included lengthening bunkers on No. 1,2,4,5,6,17, adding bunkers on No. 10 and 11, and restoring No. 10 and 11 greens to original design.
- In 2022 back tees were added on No. 2,5,8 and 15 and sand-capping fairways, resodding fairways, tees and green surrounds with zoysiagrass and par 3 tees and rough with bermudagrass.
- Cold winter, mild spring. January saw 7 days of ice cover which damaged several areas of the course, including greens and rough.

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