

TOUR Championship (PGA TOUR)

East Lake Golf Club • Atlanta, Ga. • August 24-27, 2023

Director of Agronomy

Charlie Aubry, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 16

Years at East Lake: 8.5 (1st as director of agronomy)

Years as a Superintendent: 5.5

Previous Courses: Atlanta CC (asst), Ventana Canyon (asst), Coeur D'Alene Resort (intern)

Hometown: Rochester, Michigan

Education: Michigan State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This will be the 9th TOUR Championship for Aubry (2015-present).

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Ralph Kepple, CGCS, GCSAA Senior Advisor,
Golf Course Renovations (41 year GCSAA/31 year ELGC)

Dustin Bucher, Assistant Superintendent

Banks Woodrick, Assistant Superintendent

Thomas Walton, Assistant Superintendent

Chris Lewis, Equipment Manager

Mandy Rowell, Tournament Coordinator

Number of Employees: 36

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 70

Course Architect

Architect (year): Tom Bendelow (1904)

Renovation Architect (year): Donald Ross (1913), Rees Jones (1994, 2008, 2016)

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Tournament - [@TOURChamp](https://twitter.com/TOURChamp)

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Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-35—70

Yardage: 7,346

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,619 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 24

Acres of Rough: 90

Number of Sand Bunkers: 74

Number of Water Hazards: 5

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 6

Soil Conditions: Red Georgia clay

Water Sources: 24-acre pond

Drainage Conditions: Good

Turfgrass

Greens: MiniVerde ultradwarf bermuda

Collars: Tifway 419 bermuda .325"

Approaches: Tifway 419 bermuda .325"

Tees: Tifway Bermuda / Meyer and Zorro zoysiagrass .375"

Fairways: Meyer zoysiagrass .400"

Rough: Tifway 419 bermudagrass 2.5"

Additional Notes

- Andrew Green will perform a "sympathetic renovation" immediately after this year's championship. Course will re-open for 2024 championship.

- In 2020 trees were removed on No. 15 to combine the back two tees into one larger area providing a wider range of yardage options.

- East Lake is the oldest golf course in Atlanta and has been the permanent home of the TOUR Championship since 2004 [has hosted 22 times since 1998 (1998, 2000, 02)].

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