

Zurich Classic (PGA TOUR)

TPC Louisiana • Avondale, La. • April 20-23, 2023

Golf Course Superintendent

Tyler McCool, GCSAA

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Years as GCSAA Member: 13

Years at TPC Louisiana: 6

Years as a Superintendent: 2

Previous Courses: The Preserve Club (assistant)

Hometown: Noxapater, Miss.

Education: Mississippi State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: McCool has been a part of five previous Zurich Classics, including as superintendent last year (was assistant before).

Other Key Golf Personnel

Ronnie Strickland, Assistant Superintendent

Matthew Lambert, Assistant Superintendent

David Pons, Equipment Manager

Melinda Legendre, Agronomy Administrative Assistant

Sam Veigele, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 20

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 25

Course Architect

Architect (year): Pete Dye (2004)

Rounds Per Year: 32,000

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Superintendent - @Tyler_McCool

Course - @TPCLouisiana

Tournament - @Zurich_Classic

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: 7,425

Stimpmeter: 12

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,225 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 23

Acres of Rough: 75

Number of Sand Bunkers: 106

Number of Water Hazards: 5

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 8

Soil Conditions: Pumped river sand

Water Sources: Well and city water

Drainage Conditions: Good

Turfgrass

Greens: *Poa trivialis* overseed .100"

Collars: *Poa trivialis* overseed .260"

Approaches: Celebration bermuda .400"

Tees: TifSport bermudagrass .400"

Fairways: Celebration bermudagrass .400"

Rough: TifSport bermudagrass 2"

Additional Notes

- Warm weather will help with color and density of the non-overseeded turf grass heading into the event.

- More than 600 trees were planted since Hurricane Ida which hit in the fall of 2021.

- Recent renovations have been geared to ensuring the course drains more efficiently since most of it lies below sea level.

- Other renovations in recent years have included reducing larger fairway and greenside bunkers.

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