

## Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship (Korn Ferry Tour)

Ohio State University (Scarlet) • Columbus, Ohio • Sept. 19-22, 2024

### Golf Course Superintendent

#### Dennis Bowsher, CGCS, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 42

Years at Ohio State: 18

Years as a Superintendent: 37

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

Hometown: Lima, Ohio

Education: Ohio State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Bowsher's 18<sup>th</sup>  
Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship.

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### Other Key Golf Personnel

John Demianenko, Assistant Superintendent

Charles Lorenz, Assistant Superintendent

Brad Swartz, Equipment Manager

Doug Knaup, Horticulturist

Number of Employees: 38

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 10

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Alister MacKenzie (1938)

Renovation Architect (year): Jack Nicklaus (2005)

### Twitter

Superintendent - @osusuper1

Course - @OSUGC

Tournament - @NCHC\_Golf

GCSAA - @GCSAA

*Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA TOUR, LPGA, PGA  
TOUR Champions, Korn Ferry and USGA and PGA of  
America championships can be found at:*

<https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

### Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-35—71

Yardage: 7,422

### 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

### 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"

### Additional Notes

- Club believes it may be 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 has seen drought with at least 25 days of 90 degrees or more and rough is not as dense as previous years.
- Course has had a record number of rounds played this season, which combined with weather has created stress on the turf.
- Course was not completed until 4 years after Alister MacKenzie's death. Perry Maxwell then oversaw construction.

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