

## PNC Championship (PGA TOUR Champions)

The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club • Orlando, Fla. • December 19-22, 2024

### Director of Grounds

#### Joshua Kelley, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 20

Years at Ritz-Carlton: 3

Years as a Superintendent: 13

Previous Courses: Marriott's Grande Pines (asst/super),  
The Ritz Carlton (asst), Marriott Hotels (dir. of grounds)

Hometown: Chatham, Ill.

Education: Illinois State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Kelley's 4<sup>th</sup> PNC  
as director (he was asst. for 2012 and 2013)

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### Other Key Golf Personnel

Andrew Willis (super), Flaviano Chambo (supervisor),  
Manuel Perez (supervisor), Adrian Oprisor (resort super),  
Giovannie Ramos (asst. resort super), Sam DeJesus  
(equip. mgr.), Ben Huizinga ((dir. of golf), August Decker  
(general manager)

Number of Employees: 27 golf course / 20 resort grounds

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 6

Golf Course Dog: Ash, 7-year-old Pit Bull Terrier

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Greg Norman (2002)

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Superintendent - @Joshua\_E\_Kelley

Tournament - @PNCchampionship

GCSAA - @GCSAA

*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: 7,106

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,253 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 76

Acres of Rough: 10

Number of Sand Bunkers: 55

Number of Water Hazards: 19

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 16

Soil Conditions: Sandy loam

Water Sources: Reclaimed

Drainage Conditions: Fair

### Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle bermudagrass .125"

Collars: TifGrand bermudagrass .300"

Approaches: Perennial ryegrass overseed .550"

Tees: Perennial ryegrass overseed .550"

Fairways: Perennial ryegrass overseed .550"

Rough: Perennial ryegrass overseed 2.25"

### Additional Notes

- The course was overseeded on November 7 with perennial ryegrass which was a tight window to grow in the winter grass and prepare for this tournament.
- An irrigation control project was completed in 2024.
- There is a planned greens renovation in 2026.
- When not on the clock the maintenance team plays a lot of table tennis in the shop and conducts staff tournaments through out the year.

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