



Tournament Fact Sheet

Rocket Classic (PGA TOUR)

Detroit Golf Club (North Course) • Detroit, Mich. • June 26-29, 2025

Director of Agronomy

Sam Moynihan, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 8

Years at Detroit Golf Club: 2

Years as Superintendent: 2

Previous Courses: Caves Valley (senior assistant), Muirfield Village (2nd assistant), Los Angeles CC (intern)

Hometown: Annapolis, Md.

Education: West Virginia University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Moynihan's 3rd Rocket Classic. He was a part of the 2021 BMW Champ. at Caves Valley

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Richard Juvancic, North Course superintendent; Darryl Jackson, South Course superintendent; Steve Addis, construction superintendent; Garrett Sterling, North assistant; Jack Weigand, North assistant; Nate Voss, North assistant; Tim Travis, equipment manager

Golf Course Dog: Blue, 7-year-old Pit mix

Course Architect

Donald Ross (1916)

Renovation Architects over the years: Robert Trent Jones, Arthur Hills, Bruce Hepner. Tyler Rae in 2025

Notable

- Tournament No. 1 and No. 2 are Members No. 8 and No. 9 respectively. Hole No. 3 will be played from the North No. 1 tee box to the South No. 1 green again.
- Recently new storm drainage systems were installed across both golf courses, pumping stations constructed, mainline irrigation installation and tree removal were done.
- Moynihan faced challenge of growing in new sod from the drainage project.
- Before the 2023 tournament the No. 11 and No. 12 greens were vandalized with Round Up and were completely resodded one month before the tournament.

Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,370

Turfgrass

Greens: Bentgrass / Poa annua .100"

Collars: Bentgrass / Poa annua .350"

Approaches: Bentgrass / Poa annua .350"

Tees: Bentgrass / Poa annua .375"

Fairways: Bentgrass / Poa annua .375"

Rough: Bluegrass mix 4"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,150 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 200 managed

Acres of Fairway: 30

Acres of Rough: 75

Number of Sand Bunkers: 87 (90,000 sq. ft.)

Number of Water Hazards: 1

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 1

Soil Conditions: Clay loam

Water Sources: City

High Elevation: No. 3 green

Low Elevation: Ditch on No. 18

Average Fairway Widths: 30 yards

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2025 GCSAA Course and Superintendent Notes For Courses Played to Date (PGA TOUR Only) (Primary Courses Only) (U.S./Canada Courses Only) (This Week's Course in Red)

Tournaments by State

4 – Florida / California / Texas
2 – Hawaii / South Carolina / Pennsylvania
1 – Ariz. / Ga. / La. / N.C. / Ohio / Canada / Conn. / **Michigan**

Yardage (par)

Longest (top 10)

7,765 (72) – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)
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7,626 (71) – Quail Hollow (PGA Championship)
7,596 (73) – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)
7,569 (72) – Muirfield Village (Memorial)
7,561 (71) – TPC Craig Ranch (CJ CUP Byron Nelson)
7,555 (72) – Augusta National (Masters)
7,475 (70) – Memorial Park (Texas Children's Hospital)
7,466 (72) – Bay Hill Club (Cognizant)
7,438 (72) – TPC San Antonio (Valero Texas Open)

Shortest (top 5)

6,844 (70) – TPC River Highlands (Travelers)
6,972 (72) – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)
7,044 (70) – Waialae (Sony Open)
7,119 (70) – Philadelphia Cricket Club (Truist)
7,167 (71) – PGA National (Cognizant)

Average Green Size (top five)

Largest

8,500 – Oakmont (US Open)
8,722 – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)
7,500 – Bay Hill Club (Cognizant)
7,100 – Waialae (Sony Open)
7,069 – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)

Smallest

3,500 – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)
3,700 – Harbour Town (RBC)
5,000 – TPC River Highlands (Travelers)
5,000 – Colonial Country Club (Charles Schwab)
5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)
5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Genesis)
5,000 – Muirfield Village (Memorial)

Number of Bunkers (top five)

Most

168 – Oakmont (US Open)
118 – Philadelphia Cricket Club (Truist)
116 – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)
106 – TPC Louisiana (Zurich)
93 – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)

Fewest

21 – Memorial Park (Texas Children's Hospital)
44 – Augusta National (Masters)
48 – TPC Toronto (RBC Canadian)
51 – Harbour Town (RBC)
61 – Quail Hollow (PGA Championship)

Green Turf Type

11 – Poa or Poa overseed
6 – Bermudagrass
5 – Bentgrass
3 – Bentgrass / Poa
1 – Poa / bentgrass / ryegrass

Rough Turf Type

13 – Ryegrass
4 – Bluegrass and/or bluegrass mixes
4 – Bermudagrass
4 – Ryegrass and fescue mixes
1 – Tall fescue

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Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025) (top 5)

- 30 – Jeff Plotts, TPC Sawgrass (10th THE PLAYERS)
- 28 – Jonathan Wright, Harbour Town (RBC)
- 24 – Dave Nakama, CGCS, Waialae (Sony Open)
- 17 – Ryan Stewart, Innisbrook (Valspar)
- 17 – Chris Flynn, CGCS, Bay Hill Club (Arnold Palmer)
- 17 – Keith Wood, Quail Hollow (PGA Championship)

Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years (30+ years)

- 39 – Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG, PGA West (AE)
- 37 – Roby Robertson, CGCS, TPC San Antonio (Valero Texas)
- 34 – Ken Einwig, PGA National (Cognizant)
- 31 – Stephen Gross, CGCS, TPC Craig Ranch (THE CJ CUP)
- 31 – Jeff Plotts, TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)

Superintendents Alma Maters

- 4 – Ohio State
- 2 – Penn State, Michigan State
- 1 – Arizona, Hawaii, Texas Tech, Lake City, SUNY-Cobleskill, Georgia, N.C. State, Kansas State, Purdue, Kentucky, Mississippi State, Virginia Tech, Rutgers, UMass, Connecticut, **West Virginia**

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