



Tournament Fact Sheet

The 153rd Open Championship (R&A)

Royal Portrush Golf Club • Portrush, County Antrim, No. Ireland • July 17-20, 2025

Course Manager

Graeme Beatt

Years as GCSAA Member: 1

Years at Royal Portrush: 11

Years as Superintendent: 11

Previous Courses: County Silgo GC (manager), Castle Dargan (superintendent)

Hometown: Newport-on Tay, Fife, Scotland

Education: Myerscough College

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Beatt's second Open Championship (2019). He also hosted five Dunhill Cups.

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Paul Lappin, assistant; Stephen Walker, equipment manager; Chris Calvin, irrigation tech; Bradlie Hunter, senior greenkeeper; Gary McDowell, senior greenkeeper; Gary McNeil, head professional

Agronomy Employees: 30 / Tournament Volunteers: 16

Golf Course Dog: Bella, a beagle

Course Architect

Harry Colt (1888)

Renovation: Martin Ebert (2015-17, 2022-23)

Notable

- 2015 renovation included two new holes on Dunluce and changes made to all holes in some form.
- 2023-24 renovations included a new championship tee on Dunluce No. 4 and new front 9 on the Valley links, a new range and new roads.
- Front left portion of No. 1 green adjusted to allow for a pin position. No. 7 green was rebuilt to soften the contours.
- Area had drought in the spring, but regular rainfall thru June.
- Major construction last year to increase hospitality areas (30% more square footage of tents than 2019).
- Course has been GEO Certified since 2014.

- Environmental steps include more than 200 solar panels installed across the site with battery storage, bio diesel used to fuel equipment (approximately 90% less emissions), use of lithium mowers and carts, bio gas and smart heating system to heat clubhouse.

- There are more than 130 different grasses and plants throughout the site with some of them registered as rare to the area.

Tournament Setup

Par: 36-35—71

Yardage: 7,381

Turfgrass

Greens: Fescue .157" (4mm)

Collars: Fescue .275" (7mm)

Approaches: Fescue .275" (7mm)

Tees: Fescue .236" (6mm)

Fairways: .315" Fescue (8mm)

Rough: Fescue/bentgrass, indigenous grasses and wildflowers 2" (50mm) – 6' wide

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,400 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 500

Acres of Fairway: 22

Acres of Rough: 9

Number of Sand Bunkers: 57 (80,000 sq. ft.)

Number of Water Hazards: 2 streams

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 2

Soil Conditions: Sand

Water Sources: Wells

Drainage: Natural free-draining sand

High Elevation: 78' (No. 3 tee)

Low Elevation: 23' (No. 7 fairway)

Average Fairway Widths: 27 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. / Mich. / Ill. /
Kentucky / **Northern Ireland**

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)
7,056 (70) – Hurstbourne (ISCO)
7,119 (70) – Philadelphia Cricket Club (Truist)

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)
4,750 – Hurstbourne (ISCO)
5,000 – TPC River Highlands (Travelers)
5,000 – Colonial Country Club (Charles Schwab)
5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Farmers and 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)
57 – Royal Portrush (The Open)

Green Turf Type

11 – Poa or Poa overseed
7 – Bentgrass
6 – Bermudagrass
3 – Bentgrass / Poa
1 – Poa / bentgrass / ryegrass
1 - Fescue

Rough Turf Type

13 – Ryegrass
6 – Bluegrass and/or bluegrass mixes
4 – Bermudagrass
4 – Ryegrass and fescue mixes
1 – Tall fescue
1 – Fescue / bentgrass mix

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