GCSAA Tournament Fact Sheet

PNC Championship (PGA TOUR Champions)

The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club • Orlando, Fla. • December 18-21, 2025

Director of Grounds

Joshua Kelley, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 21
Years at Ritz-Carlton: 4
Years as a Superintendent: 14
Previous Courses: Marriott's Grande Pines (assistant / superintendent), The Ritz Carlton (assistant), Marriott Hotels (director of grounds)
Hometown: Chatham, Ill.
Education: Illinois State University
Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Kelley's 5th PNC as director (he as assistant for 2012 and 2013 tournaments).
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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Andrew Willis (superintendent), Flaviano Chombo (supervisor), Manuel Perez (supervisor), Andrew Hendrickson (assistant in training), Adrian Oprisor (resort superintendent), Giovannie Ramos (assistant resort superintendent), Sam DeJesus (equipment manager), August Decker (general manager)
Agronomy Employees: 27 golf course and 20 resort grounds
Tournament Volunteers: 8
Golf Course Dog: Ash, 8-year-old Pit Bull Terrier

Course Architect

Greg Norman (2022)

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Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36--72
Yardage: 7,106

Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle bermudagrass .125"
Collars: TifGrand bermudagrass .300"
Approaches: Perennial ryegrass overseed .475"
Tees: Perennial ryegrass overseed .525"
Fairways: Perennial ryegrass overseed .550"
Rough: Perennial ryegrass overseed 3"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,253 sq. ft.
Acres of Fairway: 76
Acres of Rough: 10
Number of Sand Bunkers: 55 (147,000 sq. ft.)
Number of Water Hazards: 19
Number of Holes Water is in Play: 16
Soil Conditions: Sandy loam
Water Sources: Reclaimed
Drainage: Fair
Average Fairway Widths: 42 yards

Notable

• The course was overseeded on Oct. 29 with perennial ryegrass, which is in a tight window to grow in the winter grass and prepare for this tournament.
• Only weather challenge this year was unseasonably low humidity at the beginning of the overseed establishment, which made keeping the seed moist a challenge.
• Past tournaments have been played with temperatures in the high 30s all the way up to high 80s.
• There is a planned greens renovation in 2026.
• An irrigation control project was completed in 2024.
• When not on the clock, maintenance team plays a lot of table tennis in the shop and conducts many staff tournaments.

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