



# Tournament Fact Sheet

## Mitsubishi Electric Championship (PGA TOUR Champions) Hualalai Golf Course • Kailua-Kona, Hawaii • January 22-24, 2026

### Director of Golf Course Maintenance

#### Dan Husek, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 32

Years at Hualalai: 21 (17 years as superintendent)

Previous Courses: Ke'olu (assistant), Mangilao (assistant), PGA National (assistant)

Hometown: Benson, Ill.

Education: Southern Illinois-Carbondale

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Husek's 21<sup>st</sup> Mitsubishi Electric Championship.

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### Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Mike Clifford, assistant director of golf course maintenance;  
Chance Lincoln, superintendent; Darus Ignacio, assistant; Abel Serrao, director of equipment maintenance

Agronomy Employees: 54 for 2 courses / Tourn. Volunteers: 6

### Course Architect

Jack Nicklaus (1996) / Renovation: Jon Garner (2020)

### Notable

- Hualalai was the 9<sup>th</sup>-longest course on tour last year, while its green size ranked 4<sup>th</sup>-largest and bunker total was 6<sup>th</sup> most.
- Course was the only one on tour in 2025 with paspalum greens.
- Dan Husek, a 32-year GCSAA member, will be hosting his 21<sup>st</sup> professional event, which is the most of any current superintendent hosting Champions events.
- Husek reports that the weather has been "beautiful as usual" leading up to tournament week.
- Course has hosted the Mitsubishi Electric Championship since 1997 and has a contract to host through 2030.
- An entire course conversion from bermudagrass to paspalum that began in 2020 was completed in 2024.
- Course is on land from old lava flows from Hualalai and Mauna Loa. All the "topsoil" was hauled in from the Hilo side of the Big Island.

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### Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36—72

Yardage: 7,107

### Turfgrass

Greens: Platinum paspalum .095"

Collars: Platinum paspalum .325"

Approaches: Platinum paspalum .325"

Tees: Sea Isle 2000 paspalum .325"

Fairways: Sea Isle 2000 paspalum .325"

Rough: Sea Isle paspalum 1.25"

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,417 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 45

Acres of Rough: 67

Number of Sand Bunkers: 84

Number of Water Hazards: 3

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 1

Soil Conditions: Cinder / ash mix

Water Sources: Brackish well water blended with reverse osmosis brine

Drainage: Fair

Average Fairway Widths: 30 yards

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