



Tournament Fact Sheet

U.S. Senior Open (USGA)

Scioto Country Club • Columbus, Ohio. • July 2-5, 2026

Director of Grounds

Bob Becker, CGCS, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 28

Years at Scioto: 26

Years as a Superintendent: 23

Previous Courses: Muirfield Village Golf Club, The Australian Golf Club, The Ohio State University Scarlet & Gray Golf Courses

Hometown: Strasburg, Ohio

Alma mater: Ohio State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is the 2nd U.S. Senior Open for Becker including the 2016 U.S. Senior Open.

Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Golf Course Superintendent: Tristan Myers;

Lead Assistant Superintendent: Jacob Selby;

Assistant Superintendents: Jake Miller and Ryan Smith;

Equipment manager: Chris Iles; PGA professional: Joe

Falardeau; Horticulturist: Jed Billet

Agronomy Employees: 32 / Tournament Volunteers: 25

Course Architect

Donald Ross (1916)

Renovation: Andrew Green (2021)

Notable

- Scioto is one of five courses in the U.S. to host the U.S. Open (1926), the Ryder Cup (1930), the PGA Championship (1950), the U.S. Amateur Championship (1968) and the U.S. Senior Open (1986, 2016, 2026).

- Jack Nicklaus started his career at Scioto Country Club. Nicklaus hit his first golf shot at the course in 1950.

Tournament Setup

Par: 35-35--70

Yardage: 7,100

Turfgrass

Greens: L-93XD .120"

Collars: L-93XD .200"

Approaches: L-93.250"

Tees: L-93.250"

Fairways: L-93 .400"

Rough: Bluegrass/Ryegrass 4"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,000 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 165

Acres of Fairway: 32

Acres of Rough: 50

Number of Sand Bunkers: 77 (3 acres)

Number of Water Hazards: 2

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 7

Soil Conditions: Clay

Water Sources: Lake

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