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Tournament Factsheet

THE PLAYERS Championship (PGA Tour)

TPC Sawgrass (Stadium) • Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

March 12-15, 2026

Dir. of Golf Course Maintenance Operations

Lucas Andrews, GCSAA

- Years at TPC Sawgrass: 1st as Director
- Years as Superintendent: 12
- Previous Courses: None
- Hometown: Portsmouth, England
- Education: University of Guelph
- Professional Tournaments Hosted: Andrews has been a part of THE PLAYERS since 2009.

Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Patrick Reinhardt, Stadium Course superintendent; Paul Vermeulen, PGA TOUR Agronomy; Kevin Kouba, Dye's Valley superintendent; Stephen Tucker, equipment manager; Christian Ciccarello, landscape superintendent; Matt Borocz, general manager

Agronomy Employees: 100 / Tournament Volunteers: 90
Golf Course Dog: Dex, 9-year-old black lab/good boy mix

Course Architect

Pete Dye, ASGCA (1980)

Renovation: 2006 and 2016

Notable

- Area saw a very warm and dry December, followed by a historically cold stretch in January and February.
- In 2024 the following enhancements were made: - New tournament tee on No. 2 added 15 yards. -Re-established the iconic tree on No. 6, while adding 15 yards (original tree was lost in 2014). -New tee complex on No. 11 added 15 yards. -Stronger, deeper and dramatic moguls with additions of palms, oaks and native grasses in the right rough on No. 14.

Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36—72

Yardage: 7,352

Turfgrass

- Greens: Poa trivialis overseed
- Collars: Champion Fine (rye/fescue) overseed
- Approaches: Champion Fine (rye/fescue) overseed
- Tees: Champion Fine (rye/fescue) overseed
- Fairways: Champion Fine (rye/fescue) overseed
- Rough: Champion Fine (rye/fescue) overseed 4"

Course Statistics

- Average Green Size: 5,500 sq. ft.
- Acres of Fairway: 26
- Acres of Rough: 120
- Number of Sand Bunkers: 94 (12 acres)
- Number of Water Hazards: 18
- Number of Holes Water is in Play: 17
- Soil Conditions: Sandy loam
- Water Sources: Reclaimed
- Drainage: Good
- High Elevation: 22 ft.
- Low Elevation: 16 ft.
- Average Fairway Widths: 28 yards