



116th U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP – FOURTH ROUND COURSE SET-UP NOTES

Hole	Par	Yards	Set-Up Notes from Mike Davis and Jeff Hall
1	4	485	Today's hole location (23-9L) is back left. Generally, players will have to land their ball on the very front of this green or in the approach in order to be able to keep the ball on the putting green. This front-to-back sloping putting green will be a bit more challenging today, especially given the southwest wind. Approximately 4 yards left of this hole location is a pronounced falloff that will feed balls into the greenside rough. This hole location may be the easiest of the four to get close to with the second shot, but most putts to it will be very fast.
2	4	320	The tee markers have been moved forward some 15 yards from the tee sign introducing some potential risk/reward into this short par 4. Today's hole location (11-7R) is on a small shelf in the middle portion of this green and very visible from the tee. Players who choose to lay up will have to contend with one of Oakmont's narrowest fairways, which is well protected by bunkers right and one of the famous Oakmont ditches left. Those who try to drive the green but are unsuccessful will be faced with a very challenging second shot! Another possibility is that players will try to carry the cross bunker (a 288-yard uphill carry) and leave a short pitch to the green for their second shot. The hole will be playing with today's southwest wind.
3	4	433	A short but very precise par 4. The tee shot must be played into another narrow fairway that has a good deal of right-to-left slope and is flanked by a series of bunkers right and the famous "Church Pews" to the left. The second shot is semi-blind (left side of fairway) or completely blind (right side of fairway) to an uphill green featuring a false front and a large closely mown area over the putting green. Today's hole location (27-7L) is back left and will really bring the closely mown area over this green into play. Today's southwest wind will be slightly downwind and off the left.
4	5	611	The only par 5 on the front nine will play back into today's southwest wind. One of only two dogleg holes at Oakmont, so committing to an angle of play off the tee and executing is critical. Deep bunkers right of the drive zone must be avoided, but the Church Pews loom to the left of the drive zone to capture an errant tee shot. The second shot is a blind shot whether laying up or attempting to reach the putting green in two shots. Today's front-left hole location (19-3L) is directly behind the front-left bunker.
5	4	373	One of five par 4s at Oakmont that measure less than 400 yards. The lay-up tee shot is to a fairly narrow fairway that cannot be seen from the tee. Players likely will utilize the television tower behind the putting green as a reference point in aligning their tee shots. Today's hole location (8-4L) is in the

			narrowest portion of this green and is influenced by the shoulder that is associated with the left greenside bunker. Players will need to land the ball right of this hole location and let the contour of the green feed the ball to the hole. Putts from beyond this hole location could have a combination of breaks.
6	3	197	With today's hole location (24-10R) look for many tee shots to finish hole-high, left of this hole location which will leave a very manageable uphill birdie putt. The deep bunkers left and right of this green must be avoided. Today's breeze will be down and slightly from the left.
7	4	490	This hole will play back into today's southwest breeze. Tee shots are from an elevated tee, but the drive zone slopes back toward the tee. The hole location (33-8CTR) sits on the back shelf. A slight slope is located a few paces behind this hole location which will send balls off the back of the green. Look for many second shots to come to rest short of the hole, which will leave the players with an uphill putt for birdie.
8	3	299	We are using the back tee here today with an accessible back-right hole location (25-5R) stretching this hole to its longest this week, but Fownes designed this hole to be played with drivers and 3-woods. Today's southwest breeze will be hurting and slightly from the right, making this hole play even a bit longer.
9	4	488	A blind tee shot to an elevated fairway where the drive zone is flanked by a series of bunkers to the right and one of the Oakmont dry ditches (lateral water hazards) to the left. The fairway slopes slightly from left to right. The second shot is played to one of the unique putting green complexes at Oakmont. Today we are using a center hole location (25-18CTR) that is flanked by a trough to the left and a ridge to the right. These features will certainly have an impact on most putts to this hole location today.
TOTAL	35	3,696	
10	4	472	We are using the back tee today, which means we will use the forward tee on hole 12. Today's back-left hole location (30-7L) is perhaps the most accessible location of the four because the green contours feed the ball to this location, but shots that finish short of the hole will result in very fast putts. Some players will lay up off the tee into a fairway that slopes downhill, from right to left and feeds into a bit of a trough.
11	4	373	Today's front-right hole location (12-9R) is in behind the front bunker. It will be difficult for players to keep the ball below this hole location. As a result, players will be faced with very fast putts from above the hole. Players will be laying up off this tee to position the ball in the fairway, which slopes back toward the tee and from left to right.
12	5	618	The forward tee is being utilized today with a front-left hole location (6-3L). This combination of tee and hole location, coupled with today's favoring southwest breeze, will allow many players to reach this green in two if the tee shot comes to rest in the fairway. The left-to-right sloping nature of the fairway adds to the difficulty of this tee shot. The second shot is very strategic as the players must contend with a cross bunker that is located approximately 170 yards from the middle of the putting green. There is also a smaller cross bunker about 40 yards from the front of the green that could catch a stray shot. This is one of Oakmont's most challenging putting greens. It is fairly narrow and runs from front left to back right. This par 5 has played to a 5.20 stroke average through the first three rounds.

13	3	183	This par 3, which plays slightly uphill, will feature a middle-left hole location (21-3L). Players can use the contours of this green to get the ball close to the hole. Controlling trajectory and spin will be key factors in getting the ball close here today, especially as the hole will play back into the southwest breeze.
14	4	368	Another of Oakmont's shorter par 4s. The players may lay up off the tee, but the fairway has a fair amount of slope from right to left, requiring focus on this shot. Today's back-left hole location (33-5L) appears fairly accessible but putts from short, right and beyond this hole location will be exceptionally fast given the southwest wind. The hole will play back into the breeze today.
15	4	479	Today's hole location (6-4R) is on the very front right of this very large green. It is a small target, but the slope of the approach and the front left portion of the green can be used to feed the ball to this hole location. A large and deep bunker awaits a shot missed right of this green. The blind drive zone slopes from left to right and is flanked by a bunker left and bunkers and a dry ditch (lateral water hazard) right. The breeze will be hurting on this hole today. Angel Cabrera made a critical birdie here in 2007 on his way to victory.
16	3	239	A demanding par 3 featuring the historic back-right hole location (29-5R) where Larry Nelson holed a 60-foot putt for birdie in the final round of the 1983 U.S. Open on his way to victory. Players can use the left-to-right slope of this green to get the ball to this hole location. There is a significant falloff right of this green down to some deep rough. The southwest breeze will be against and slightly from the left.
17	4	312	One of Oakmont's signature holes. A very strategic, risk/reward par 4. Today the hole measures 304 yards from today's tee location (placed on the back tee) to the hole location using a laser (adjusted to 323 yards for the uphill slope). The hole location (16-3L) is in the middle-left portion of this putting green. Putts from beyond the hole or hole high will be quite fast. Missing this green into any of the five greenside bunkers will result in a very difficult recovery. Today's southwest breeze will be from right to left.
18	4	489	One of the most demanding finishing holes of the U.S. Open. The drive zone slopes from left to right and is flanked by bunkers on both sides and a ditch on the left. The putting green is one of the most interesting at Oakmont and today's traditional back-right hole location (25-7R) sits on a shelf and features a trough that runs through the green from left to right, only a few paces short of this hole location.
TOTAL	35	3,533	
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Course Set-Up	The golf course is firming up slightly but the putting greens remain very receptive. We were able to perform regular putting green maintenance this morning. A single roll was performed between Rounds 3 and 4.
Green Speeds	Putting green speeds are in the 14-foot range on the USGA Stimpmeter.
Weather Forecast from Jake Swick of Thor Guard	Happy Father's Day Everyone! The forecast for this afternoon remains on track with temps trying to heat up to 87 degrees this afternoon and dewpoints dropping back through the 50s some - but

not dropping as much as yesterday. Sunshine will continue to periodically mix with very high level clouds this afternoon with southwest winds. The computer models say the wind speeds this afternoon will be at or below 10 mph, however we have already seen gusts around 15 mph, so we bumped the winds up to 5-15 mph around the clubhouse and 10-15 mph away from the clubhouse with high wind gusts of 15-20 mph very possible.

Tonight should be another quiet night, albeit a little milder. Then look for sunshine to give way to increasing clouds on Monday with a little more wind and a 20% chance of a shower/storm by afternoon, then a 40% chance of a shower/storm by sunset. The approaching cold front is a quick mover, providing a 60% chance of showers and maybe a few storms Monday night with improving conditions Tuesday.