

Round 1 - June 24, 2015 U.S. Open Course Set-up Notes from Jeff Hall

Hole	Par	Yardage	Set-Up Notes
1	5	538	The opening hole offers a great chance to get off to a good start. Some players will be able to reach this green in two shots. The fairway in the drive zone slopes right to left toward a creek (lateral water hazard). The second shot is played over this creek. The prevailing breeze will be from left to right and helping. Today's hole location (15-5R) is in the middle-right portion of the putting green.
2	3	173	Today's hole location (22-6L) is on the left side of the upper back shelf, approximately 4 paces behind the ridge that runs through the middle of this green. The prevailing wind will be against and from right to left.
3	4	486	This hole will play as the second-longest par 4 in Round 1. The tee is on the front portion of the back tee, but today's back-left hole location will net out the overall yardage at 486 yards. This green sits up just a bit and is surrounded by closely mown turf. This could result in a variety of recovery shots being played from around this putting green.
4	5	575	This par 5 will be slightly wind-aided from the left. The fairway bunkers right of the drive zone must be avoided. A lone bunker on the left side of the hole at the 130-yard mark requires the player to make a choice of whether to fit their ball between the bunker and the right rough, carry the ball past the bunker into a fairway that tapers down to 23 yards wide or lay back behind the bunker. Today's hole location (4-6R) is front right .
5	3	207	One of Del Paso's solid par-3 holes. The prevailing wind will be helping and from left to right. The green is well bunkered, and the shoulders of the two front bunkers have an impact on the movement of the front two-thirds of the putting green.
6	4	400	Although back into the wind, a reasonable birdie chance awaits the play for fairway metals to be the club of choice from this tee. Today's back-right (26-4R) is pretty accessible on this long, narrow putting green.
7	4	436	This par 4 will play back into a hurting, southwest wind. A player missing this green into the front-left bunker will have a very difficult up-and-down to today's front-left (12-8L) hole location.
8	4	447	Today's hole location is in the front-right portion of the green and is protected by the front-right greenside bunker. A shot that drifts right and misses the bunker will be influenced by the sloping closely mown

			area. The prevailing southwest wind will be from the right and slightly against the player today, which could bring the fairway bunker complex into play. Left side of the fairway will offer the best angle to this hole location.
9	4	310	The first of four relatively short holes in a row. Players will have to fit their tee shots into one of the narrowest fairways on the golf course. I'd look for a variety of clubs to be played off the tee here. Today's hole location (10-5L) is front left, approximately 4 paces beyond the false front on this green.
TOTAL	36	3,572	
10	4	313	A short par 4 that will feature a left-to-right cross breeze. The drive zone is blind. The green is well bunkered and today's hole location (11-11L) is immediately behind the middle bunker.
11	4	385	Another of the shorter holes on the course. The left-hand fairway bunker is well positioned, especially with the prevailing wind coming from right to left and slightly against the player. Today's front-right hole location (10-4R) is very visible, but is somewhat protected by a mild false front on the approach.
12	3	161	The shortest par 3 features a pond left of the green. The bank has been mowed to fairway height, but it is steep enough that a ball with any momentum that gets on this bank will funnel into the water hazard (optional Drop Zone available). Today's middle-right hole location (19-5R) should be fairly accessible, but players that come up short of this hole will be putting over a subtle rise, which may result in balls rolling out a bit past the hole location.
13	4	492	This par 4, plays as a par 5 for members, will play 492 yards today because of the back hole location. The prevailing wind will be from left to right and helping. The putting green complex is bunker-free, but features a pronounced mound to the left of the putting surface that is completely encircled by closely mown turf.
14	3	220	Another of Del Paso's stout par-3 holes. Today's back-left hole location (28-7L) is the most accessible location on the green and makes it the longest par 3 in Round 1. The putting surface gently slopes from front-right to back-left and will feed balls back to this hole location.
15	5	604	Tee markers are located on the 590 tee, 4 paces behind the tee sign. This tee location, combined with today's back-left hole location (28-6L), results in our longest hole of the day. The prevailing breeze will be slightly right to left and helping on tee shots, and more at the players' backs for the remainder of the hole. This green sits up in the air, so a miss left will result in the ball rolling down a significant, closely mown slope.

16	4	473	Tee markers are located on the 473 tee, 8 paces forward of the tee sign. Today's back-left hole location (22-9L) will be the most accessible hole location on this green. This hole will likely be the most difficult relative to par in Round 1.
17	3	184	We have placed tee markers on the right-hand tee today, 15 paces forward of the 208 tee sign. Today's front-left hole location is very accessible, but the pronounced bank short and left of this green will be in play today. A ball hitting in this bank will almost certainly roll into the water hazard.
18	4	449	Tee markers are placed 6 paces forward of the 460 tee sign. The hole location is a challenging front-left position (7-10L). Expect most putts to be from the back-center portion of the green, which results in a fairly quick putt. The slope left and behind the hole can be used as a backstop, especially for second shots from the right side of the fairway.
TOTAL	34	3,281	
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Course Set Up	<p>All the rough inside the ropes was mowed last night.</p> <p>Greens were hand-watered to achieve the desired moisture and firmness last night. This morning, greens were again hand-watered to achieve a target moisture level that has been established based on firmness and with close attention to turf health. Greens will be lightly hand-watered during the mid-day break to maintain turf health throughout the day.</p> <p>Fairways and roughs received appropriate water to maintain turf health, with an eye on continued firming of the fairways, and the drive zones specifically.</p>
Green Speeds	Today's green speeds averaged 12' 9" on the USGA Stimp meter this morning, which is right in our desired range. We achieved this speed through a double cut and roll. We anticipate losing 4"-8" of speed throughout the day.
Weather Forecast:	This morning's temperature is several degrees above anything we have seen all week, expect continued warming throughout the day as the upper level ridge axis continues to build along the West Coast. Clear skies will persist throughout the day under subsidence from the aforementioned ridge. Dewpoints are higher this morning as well (in the lower 50s); With light winds picking up out of the southwest later this afternoon/evening, dewpoints will be higher than they have been all week, topping out in the mid to upper 50s by the late morning. With the low pressure system off the West Coast coupled with strong high pressure to our east, a zone of enhanced upper level southeasterly wind will develop tomorrow, ushering in some much needed moisture aloft. Depending on where the edge of the two systems meet, we could see a moderate delta breeze

and possible cloud cover due to moisture advection from the south (which will control our high tomorrow afternoon). As of now, models suggest we are too far north for this to have any effects, so still going with high temps in the upper 90s/lower 100s for Friday afternoon. A slight easterly shift in the upper level ridge axis on Saturday will cool things off a bit, limiting our high temperature to the low 90s. The low pressure system off the coast will begin to meander northward into the Pacific Northwest Saturday night., This will allow our ridge to build back to the west, bringing temps on Sunday back to the mid-90s.