



37th U.S. SENIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP – FOURTH ROUND COURSE SET-UP NOTES

Hole	Par	Yards	Course Setup Notes from Jeff Hall
1	4	430	The opening hole at Scioto can be a good birdie opportunity. Look for some players to play 3-woods from the tee to take the fairway bunkers left of the drive zone out of play. Today the breeze will be coming primarily from the west which will result in a right-to-left cross wind. Today's hole location (27-4L) is in the very back portion of this fairly narrow green.
2	4	451	One of the better driving holes on the golf course. The tee shot must carry 220 yards to reach the flat portion of the fairway. A very deep bunker located right of the drive zone that begins at 255 yards and extends to 290 yards must be avoided. Today's front-right hole location (10-8R) is behind the front-right greenside bunker. This green slopes significantly from back to front and the back portion of the green can be used as a backstop to keep the ball on the green. Most putts will be from beyond this hole location, resulting in a fast putt.
3	4	379	One of the shorter par 4s at Scioto. I would expect to see many players lay up here with something other than driver. The fairway has a great deal of movement to it with the flat portion of the fairway coming at a point 235-255 yards off the tee. There is no primary (2.75") rough along the fairway on this hole. Today's hole location (11-9R) is in the front right of this putting green, behind the front-right bunker. The ridge that runs from back to front and divides the green is only two paces to the right of this hole location. The breeze will be from left to right today.
4	3	204	We are on the back tee with a back-left hole location (23-5L) today. This hole is playing its longest for the week in Round 4. The hole is well protected by the left greenside bunker. It will be a difficult hole to get the ball close to. This hole typically plays back into the prevailing breeze but today the breeze will be more right to left and slightly hurting. We have been very mindful of the type of shot being played into this green and have been managing this green's firmness accordingly.
5	4	462	A long par 4 on the scorecard that plays a bit shorter than its yardage. The combination of the downhill tee shot and the creek at the end of the fairway will likely result in many players playing something other than driver from the tee. This drive zone is unique in that there is a predominant slope both left and right that will funnel balls back into the fairway. The green sits up in the air and a pronounced ridge cuts across the middle of the green, separating the narrow front portion from the wider back portion. Today's hole location (28-5R) is on the upper portion of the green and will be very difficult to get to and will likely result in many uphill putts.
6	5	561	The lone par 5 on the front nine provides a good birdie opportunity – it has played as the easiest hole all week. Players have not had much trouble driving it far enough to get an unobstructed look at the putting green, resulting in

			many having a “go” at this green in two shots. Today’s wind will be with the players on the tee shot but more left to right from that point on. Another green with a pronounced slope separating the front and back portions of the putting surface. Today’s front-right hole location (18-4R) is on the upper portion but is protected by the front right greenside bunker.
7	4	376	Another opportunity for birdie, but the fairway has a good deal of movement which will add to the degree of difficulty. I would expect many players to play something other than a driver from this tee. The best angle to today’s middle-left hole location (17-4L) will be from the right side of the fairway. This hole location is well protected by the front left bunker.
8	4	442	Hole 8 has been the most difficult hole on the golf course for the week. We will be using the 450 tee today given the difficult front-center hole location (7-7CTR), which is flanked both left and right by bunkers. Players will have the opportunity to drive it farther down the left side, where there is ample room, to gain a shorter approach shot to this hole location. The expansive closely mown area that wraps around the right side of the green has been a popular spot for second shots. We have been very mindful of the type of second shot being played into this green and have been managing this green’s firmness accordingly. The breeze today will be right to left and slightly against.
9	3	163	Today’s hole location is back right (20-6R) behind the right greenside bunker. Expect most birdie putts to come from hole-high left or slightly beyond this hole location. This hole will play back into today’s westerly breeze.
TOTAL	35	3,468	
10	4	432	The tee shot is played into one of the narrower fairways at Scioto. The drive zone is protected on the right by a single fairway bunker that starts at 245 yards from the tee and extends to 270 yards. The fairway is flat to a point about 285 yards before it falls off to the right. Today’s back-right hole location (27-5R) will stretch this hole to its longest for the week and it will be difficult to access. Most putts to this hole location will be uphill. The left-to-right breeze here today could add some difficulty to this hole.
11	4	288	The tee has been moved up to the most forward tee. The hole will play 288 from the tee markers to the back-left hole location (23-3L), but 265 to the front. The breeze today will predominantly be from left to right. Even with the softer conditions, it is likely that many players will try to drive the green. The large closely mown area left of the green could figure prominently in the play of this hole today. A miss into the back bunker will leave a very difficult recovery.
12	5	537	This par 5 will be a three-shot hole for most in the field. The longest drivers can possibly get their tee shot nearly to the top of the hill, affording them a bit better view. The second shot is blind for most players. This putting green is long and narrow and today features a front-left hole location (10-3L). There is a small knob right of this hole location which will certainly have an impact on putting. The hole will play back into the westerly breeze today.
13	4	478	We are using the back tee today with a back-right hole location (23-5R). One of the stronger par 4s on the golf course. The green is the largest at Scioto and slopes from back to front, making it pretty receptive. Today’s breeze will be from right to left and slightly against. The middle portion of the green slopes gently from left to right. Shots finishing in the middle or back portion of the green will be faced with downhill putts.
14	3	196	This hole has been the third-most difficult through the first three rounds, but only the second-most difficult par-3! It will play a good bit shorter today than it

			did in Round 3, as we are using 205 tee with a front-left hole location (12-9L). The false front that extends into the first 7 yards of this green will be a factor today. The breeze will be at the player's back and slightly from the right. One of the flatter greens on the course.
15	4	435	This hole has played quite a bit easier than expected – it was the sixth-easiest for the first three rounds. The positioning of the tee shot can be critical to successfully playing this hole. The bunker on the inside corner of this left-to-right dogleg must be avoided. This hole has been playing with the wind, but today's westerly breeze will be a left-to-right crosswind from the tee and still a bit left to right and helping on the second shot. Today's hole location (7-6R) will not be as accessible as Saturday's hole location but the softer conditions should work to the player's advantage.
16	4	428	A hole where playing from the fairway is imperative. We might see a variety of clubs played from the tee. There are two plateaus in this fairway. The first finishes at a point 250 yards from the tee and the second runs from the 280-295-yard mark from the tee. The green sits up in the air and is well protected in front by two bunkers and a false front. Today's hole location (17-6L) is in the middle-left portion of this green. This will be a difficult hole to get near as it is right behind the left greenside bunker, especially as the westerly breeze will have this hole playing downwind. Shots beyond this hole run the risk of finding the large closely mown area behind the green, which will leave a difficult recovery. Putts from beyond this hole location will be pretty quick.
17	3	198	We are using the 187 tee today with a back-left hole location (28-4L). This rather narrow and angled putting green is the smallest on the golf course. The middle-to-back portion of the green will feed balls toward this hole location. Players who miss the green right or long will be faced with a very difficult recovery. This hole has played as the second-most difficult for the week, but only slightly more difficult than hole 14 as far as the par 3s are concerned! There is an optional dropping zone located on the 118 tee for a ball in the water hazard.
18	4	481	With the hole located in the back right (26-7R), the hole will be playing at its longest for the week in Round 4. The hole is protected by the front-right bunker. Likely most shots will be played to the middle of the green leaving a reasonable birdie chance, but putts from this area of the green will be uphill and slow. The breeze today will be from right to left.
TOTAL	35	3,473	
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Course Set-Up	<p>Based on the early week forecast, it is pretty amazing that we were in control of the water on the golf course for the first three rounds of the championship. Our luck ran out last night as we received a total of .82" of rain from 3 p.m. through 6 a.m., with more rain in the forecast for today.</p> <p>The primary rough (2.75") around the putting greens was cut last night.</p> <p>Despite the overnight rain, we were able to mow fairways, intermediate rough (1.25"), tees, approaches and greens this morning. Bunkers were also prepped.</p>
Green Speeds	Today's green speeds averaged 12' 8" on the USGA Stimpmeter this morning, which is right in our desired range. We achieved this speed through a double cut in the evening before the storms and a double cut and roll this morning. We anticipate losing 8" of speed throughout the day.
Weather Forecast	From Jake Swick with Thor Guard Weather

5 a.m.

Good morning everyone,

.82" of rain fell yesterday afternoon and evening ending a few mins after midnight. The next wave of moisture has more rain and embedded storms heading in our general direction. Dayton appears to be more the bulls' eye this morning than Columbus, but we will be close enough that we could get clipped by some of the heavier portions mid to late morning. Look for our threat of showers to go from 40% before 8 a.m. to 60% after 8 a.m. Then we'll reach the 80% mark by 9:30 through 11:30 a.m. with some downpours and rumbles very possible nearby. Around noon or so we may find a break in the intensity with a few more showers or maybe a storm possible by 2 to 3:30 p.m. After 3:30 p.m. the models want to say we have little to no precip as the atmosphere should be stabilized. Temps will be in the 70s most of the day with a high near 80 late. Dewpoints will stay in the low 70s and winds will be below 10 mph generally out of the west. Rainfall totals today could match what we got late yesterday, but we'll be on the southeastern edge of the heavier activity today which means the difference between over half an inch and a quarter of an inch may be 20-30 miles. The weather pattern is still relatively active on Monday, but even more action appears to arrive Monday night and especially Tuesday.