



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

Hole	Par	Yards	Round 2 – August 12, 2016 U.S. Senior Open Course Setup Notes from Jeff Hall
1	4	419	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. The hole played downwind Monday and Tuesday, but today's SSW breeze is more typical and will be slightly against and from the player's right. Today's hole location (15-4L) is in the middle-left portion of the green. Shots finishing right of this hole location will be left with downhill putts that can be sneaky fast.
2	4	456	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 (12-5R) is located 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 this putting green. Most putts will be from the beyond this hole location, resulting in a fast putt.
3	4	381	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 (13-4R) is in the extreme front right of this putting green, behind the front right bunker. The ridge that runs from back to front and divides the green should not be as prominently in play today.
4	3	189	We are on the forward portion of the back tee with a middle-left hole location (13-4L) today. The hole is well protected by the left greenside bunker. It will be a difficult hole to get the ball close to. A false front covers the first 5 yards of this putting green. This hole typically plays back into the prevailing breeze, which will assist the players in getting the ball closer to this hole location.
5	4	465	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 (30-5L) will have this hole playing at its longest for the week. The middle-back portion of the putting green slopes gently to the left and can be used to help get the ball to this hole location, but putts from the middle of the green will be a bit faster.
6	5	550	The lone par 5 on the front nine provides a good birdie opportunity – it played as the easiest hole in Round 1. Players will favor the right side of the fairway

			off the tee to insure they don't get stymied by the trees on the inside corner of this dogleg although in Round 1, many players seemed to drive it to a point where they had an unobstructed look at the putting green and they had a "go" at this green in two shots. Another green with a pronounced slope separating the front and back portions of the putting surface. Today's front-left hole location (8-5L) is accessible as players can use the pronounced slope behind the hole as a backstop. There is a false front that will factor prominently in the play of this hole today.
7	4	372	Another good 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 front-left hole location (11-4L) will be from the right side of the fairway. This hole location is well protected by the front-left bunker and a false front that runs 6 yards into the putting green.
8	4	451	This hole played as the most difficult for Round 1. We will be using the 450 yard tee today with a middle-right hole location (15-5R) which will be difficult to get to because of the proximity of the front-right greenside bunker. We might see players drive it farther down the left side, where there is ample room, to gain a better angle to this hole location. With the water lurking to the left, I'd expect the expansive closely mown area that wraps around the right side of the green to be 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.
9	3	168	We have located the tee markers on the back portion of the back tee today. This tee placement, coupled with a back-left hole location (22-6L), will have this hole playing at its longest for the week. Distance control will be critical in providing a good birdie opportunity from below the hole. There is a bit more room right of this hole location than it appears from the tee. A miss long and left will offer a very challenging recovery. This hole plays back into the prevailing breeze.
TOTAL	35	3,451	
10	4	415	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 down and to the right. Today's front-right hole location (8-4R) is very visible from the fairway but it will require excellent distance control to keep the ball under the hole. Shots that finish past this hole location will be faced with a quick putt. This hole will play downwind.
11	4	398	The downwind nature of this hole will result in some players choosing to play a club other than driver from the tee. The fairway begins to slope downhill and to the left at the 250-yard mark from the tee before it bottoms out at the 275 yard mark. Today's hole location is middle right (17-4R) and will be difficult to get to. The large closely mown area left of the green should not be in play with this hole location.
12	5	554	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 back-left hole location (26-4L). There is a small knob short and right of this hole location which will certainly have an impact on putting. This hole played to a stroke average slightly over par in Round 1.
13	4	439	We are using the 445 tee today with a front-right hole location (12-11R). One of

			the stronger par 4s on the golf course that will still offer a great challenge today. The right side drive zone bunker is much more in play from this forward tee. The bunker on the left side is also much more in play, too. The green is the largest at Scioto and slopes from back to front making it pretty receptive, but today's hole location is well protected by the front-right greenside bunker. Shots coming to rest beyond this hole location will result in a bit of downhill slope in the putt.
14	3	233	The longest par 3 on the golf course, but it will play even longer today. We are using the 230 tee today to a back-left hole location (21-5L). Today's breeze will be from right to left and slightly against. One of the flatter greens on the course.
15	4	447	This hole played quite a bit easier than expected – it was the fifth-easiest in Round 1. 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. The downwind nature of the tee shot made it a much easier driving hole resulting in players having very short clubs into the green. Today's hole location (20-4R) should be a bit more accessible today. The prevailing breeze will be straight downwind on the second shot.
16	4	426	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 (15-6R) is in the middle-right portion of this green. This will be a difficult hole to get near. Putts from beyond this hole location will be pretty quick.
17	3	162	We are using the 159 tee today with a back-right hole location (21-4R) that is on a small shelf. This rather narrow and angled putting green is the smallest on the golf course. Players who miss the green right or long will be faced with a very difficult recovery. Although playing 30 yards shorter than in Round 1, distance control will be critical in insuring a good birdie chance. This hole played as the second-most difficult in Round 1. There is an optional dropping zone located on the 118 tee for a ball in the water hazard.
18	4	435	With the hole located front right (7-5R) in the narrowest portion of the green, we are again using the 445 tee. There is a slight false front that will have an impact on play today. Using this tee really brings the drive zone bunker complex into play, making it one of the better driving holes on the golf course today. The prevailing breeze is against and slightly from the right.
TOTAL	35	3,509	
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Course Set-Up	Given that all the rough inside the ropes was mowed Wednesday night, none of the rough was cut last night.
	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 which has been established based on firmness and with close attention to turf health. Greens may be lightly hand-watered during the midday break to maintain turf health throughout the day, if necessary.
	Fairways and roughs received appropriate water to maintain turf health, with an eye on continued firming of the fairways, and the drive zones specifically.

Green Speeds	<p>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 and a double cut and roll in the morning. We anticipate losing approximately 8-9" of speed throughout the day.</p>
Weather Forecast	<p>From Jake Swick with Thor Guard Weather</p> <p>5 a.m.</p> <p>If you liked yesterday, then you should love today! We are starting off in the upper 70s right now and like yesterday morning, hazy sunshine will quickly warm us up toward 90 by lunchtime. Highs this afternoon will top out near 92 and with dewpoints in the mid-70s, look for the heat index to be around or just over 100. The good news is that today will feature more wind as southwest winds pick up into the 6-12 mph range for a good portion of this afternoon (maybe a high wind gust between 12-15 mph). As the atmosphere begins to boil later on this morning, expect clouds to bubble up from 10 a.m. on. Therefore I've got a 40% chance of a shower or storm from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. today. The short-term models keep most of the activity today to our north and hopefully we'll be able to enjoy a quiet evening as well.</p> <p>I left a 40% chance of a shower or storm in the forecast for tonight and Saturday morning in the event that the larger scale showers and storms to our northwest try to make a run in our direction. Fortunately the models keep that action at bay as the cold front moves in our direction kind of slowly Saturday. This should allow Saturday to feature the strongest winds of the week out of the southwest at 8-16 mph midday (maybe a high wind gust of 16-20 mph). The latest indications are that the 60% chance of showers and storms with the cold front will arrive closer to 5 to 8 p.m. with the 80% chance of showers and storms Saturday night. The model consensus is that at least 1 inch of rain appears likely from late Saturday through early Sunday.</p> <p>The rest of Sunday is still a bit of a question mark as the front now (unfortunately) seems to stall over our area allowing a secondary area of low pressure to form along it across southern IL/IN and western KY before moving northeastward. This means that another round of heavy rain with this second low will be possible for part of Sunday or maybe Monday. At this point in time though the details are still a bit fuzzy, so we'll see if the next model run or two can clear up the timing for us.</p>