



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

Hole	Par	Yards	Course Setup Notes from Jeff Hall
1	4	413	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 plays back into the prevailing breeze which will be slightly against and from the player's right. Today's hole location (7-3R) is in the front-right portion of the green and will bring the false front prominently into play. A miss right of this green will present a difficult recovery.
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 middle-left hole location (14-6L) will be difficult to get to, especially from the left side of the fairway. This green slopes significantly from back to front and the back portion of the green can be used as a backstop to get the ball closer to this hole location.
3	4	386	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 (20-7R) is in the upper, back portion of the green and on the right side of a ridge that runs from back to front and divides the green. A well-played stroke will finish on the proper level. Any shot that finishes left of the ridge will result in a very slow putt back up the hill.
4	3	182	We are matching up a forward teeing ground with a middle-right hole location (18-6R) today. The tee markers are located to the golfer's left, which will bring the falloff on the right side of this green into play. A false front covers the first 5 yards of this putting green, but may not be as much in play today with the deeper hole location. This hole typically plays back into the prevailing breeze.
5	4	441	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 of this green. Today's hole location (8-5R) has the hole playing its shortest for the week and is fairly accessible. The slope that runs through the middle of the green can be used as a backstop, but the pronounced slope in the approach will feature prominently today.
6	5	567	The lone par 5 on the front nine provides a good birdie opportunity. 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 left hole, although with the

			downwind nature of the tee shot, most players are getting their tee shots to a point where they have a clear view of the putting green. Depending on conditions and the placement of the tee shot, a number of players may be able to reach the green in two shots. Another green with a pronounced slope separating the front and back portions of the putting surface. Today's back-center hole location (27-4CTR) is in the narrowest portion of the putting green. A miss long and right of this hole location will result in a difficult recovery as there is a slight shoulder that extends from the back-right bunker into the putting surface.
7	4	377	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. Today's middle-right hole location (16-4R) will be difficult to access, but the best angle to do so will be from the left side of the fairway. A gentle slope short and left of the hole will add some subtle difficulty to the putting.
8	4	491	Hole 8 has been the most difficult hole on the golf course through the first two rounds. We will be using the back tee today with the middle-left hole location (16-6L), which is in a bowl-like feature. This hole location was scheduled for Round 4, but given the potential for rain on Sunday and the fact that this area can present standing water we have opted to use it today. 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.
9	3	156	Today's front-left hole location (11-4L) will be challenging to get to. Balls finishing beyond or right of this hole location will be faced with a downhill putt with a good deal of right-to-left break. Making a par save from the left greenside bunker will be a challenging task! This hole plays back into the prevailing breeze.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3,469</b>	
10	4	422	This hole can offer a good birdie opportunity. 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 middle-left hole location (16-4L) is located in a bowl-like feature, which can be used to get the ball closer to this hole. A lateral water hazard is only 10 paces left of this hole. A second shot that finishes right of this hole location and remains on the upper part of the green will result in a challenging "touch" putt.
11	4	390	Good driving hole, although many players have opted not use a driver. 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 front right (10-7R). It is well protected by the front-right bunker. A very precise second shot will be required to secure a good birdie chance. The large closely mown area left of the green should not figure into play today, but a miss short or right will pose a difficult challenge.
12	5	561	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-right hole location (32-3R) which will result in this hole playing at its longest for the championship. A miss right of this green

			will present a difficult recovery. This hole has been the easiest through the first two rounds, despite playing back into a hurting breeze.
13	4	487	We are using the primary back tee today with a back-left hole location (30-9L). One of the stronger par 4s on the golf course, it will play its longest today and is the longest par 4 on the inward nine in Round 3. 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 right side drive-zone bunker is clearly in play. The bunker on the left side is probably out of reach for most players in the field. The green is the largest at Scioto and slopes from back to front, making it pretty receptive even with the lengthy second shots they will be playing. A miss over this green will result in a challenging recovery.
14	3	237	The longest par 3 on the golf course will play its full length today! We are using the 230 tee today to a back-right hole location (24-10R). Today's breeze will be from right to left and slightly against. One of the flatter greens on the course. We have been very mindful of the type of shot being played into this green and have been managing this green's firmness accordingly.
15	4	454	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. There is ample room on the left side of this fairway (40 yards wide at the 172-yard sprinkler) but it makes the second shot play a bit longer, although with it playing downwind, some players have been opting to play tee shots with clubs other than drivers. Today's hole location (25-6L) is in the back-left portion of this green. A shoulder that extends into the green from the back center of the putting green will have an influence on putts that come from hole-high.
16	4	421	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 (11-7R) is in the front right of the green but very visible from the fairway. This is an accessible hole location with the proper distance control. Putts from beyond this hole location will be quick.
17	3	184	We are using the 200 tee today with a front-center hole location (5-5CTR) that is in the narrowest portion of the putting green. With the water left, we will likely see a number of balls right of this hole location, resulting in a downhill putt or a very challenging recovery from the closely mown area, rough or bunker. This is the smallest green on the golf course. There is an optional dropping zone located on the 118 tee for a ball in the water hazard.
18	4	473	We are playing today from the 476 tee and tee markers have been located on the forward portion of this tee. 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 hole location is middle left (18-5L) in a bowl. Putts from left or short of this bowl will require good touch to get it close to this hole location. The prevailing breeze is against and slightly from the right. A really strong finishing hole!
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3,629</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>7,098</b>	

<b>Course Set-Up</b>	The primary rough (2.75") along the fairways was cut last night, as was the secondary rough (4") around all the putting greens.
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	<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 which has been established based on desired firmness and with close attention to turf health.</p> <p>Fairways and roughs received appropriate water to maintain turf health and firmness.</p>
<b>Green Speeds</b>	<p>Today's green speeds averaged 12' 7" 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 6" - 8" of speed throughout today's round.</p>
<b>Weather Forecast</b>	<p><b>From Jake Swick with Thor Guard Weather</b></p> <p>5 a.m.</p> <p>Fortunately the front last night created a strong line of showers and storms in Illinois that weakened as it entered Indiana. That left the door open for the random showers and storms that did develop earlier this morning, but once again we managed to dodge the activity. Look for some pop-up showers or maybe a storm to be possible between 7-9 a.m. today, otherwise we should see the windiest day this week as southwest winds get up to 10-20 mph mid-morning through mid-afternoon. Temps will hopefully stop around 88 at lunchtime with the heat index staying in the 90s thanks to the increasing cloud cover. Although we may see a break in the action around us mid-morning, look for showers and storms to be building at that time across Indiana heading for Ohio. The front will push across the Hoosier State this morning and try to start giving us our 40% chance of showers and storms from 11 a.m. on, with the 60% chance of showers and storms attempting to wait until after 2 p.m. The activity this afternoon is expected to be more widespread than the last few days, but still a bit on the scattered side since the front is not slamming into us - but rather sagging over us. Once we get into the scattered showers and storms later today, we'll see some breaks in the activity at times this evening or during the first half of tonight. It is the second half of tonight and into the first half of Sunday that features some redevelopment along the stalled-out front with periods of rain that could be heavy at times with embedded storms possible. This is the reason the National Weather Service issued a Flash Flood Watch from 2 p.m. Saturday through 8 p.m. Sunday. Now while the models still don't have the forecast as concrete as I would like for Sunday, the idea is that we may still see some scattered showers linger into Sunday afternoon, but overall the activity is expected to be decreasing in coverage and intensity ahead of yet another wave of potentially similar rainfall for sometime Sunday night or Monday.</p>