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It's A Setup: How To Set Up Your Golf Course For More Fun And Success

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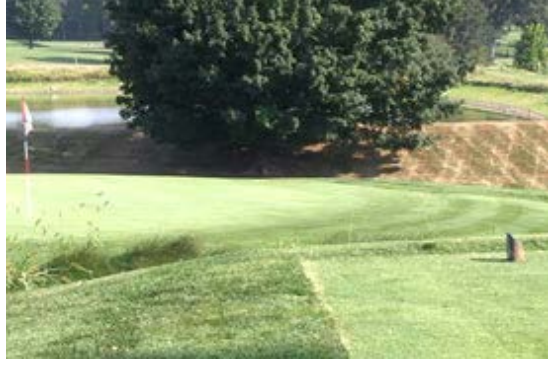
Regardless of the type of golf course, golf facilities are played by every type of golfer. Whether male or female, young or old, every golfer has a unique ability and skill level.

It is the job of the golf course superintendent and maintenance staff to prepare the golf course in a manner that accommodates the skills of all golfers. While there are golfers of many different ages and skill levels, the purpose of this article is to address the different daily, weekly, monthly and annual programs that go into the setup of your golf course and focus on how they affect the four most common types of players. Make no mistake about it; this is a very difficult task, as every golfer has an opinion about how the golf course should play based on their individual playing ability. In reality, there are fundamental programs and guidelines that should be followed to provide all players with a positive and fun experience when playing a golf course.



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Course Care Video: Choosing Which Tees To Play

Tee selection is critical to ensuring golfers experience an enjoyable round and maintain proper pace of play. While there are no rules covering tee selection, there are guidelines to help make the decision easier.

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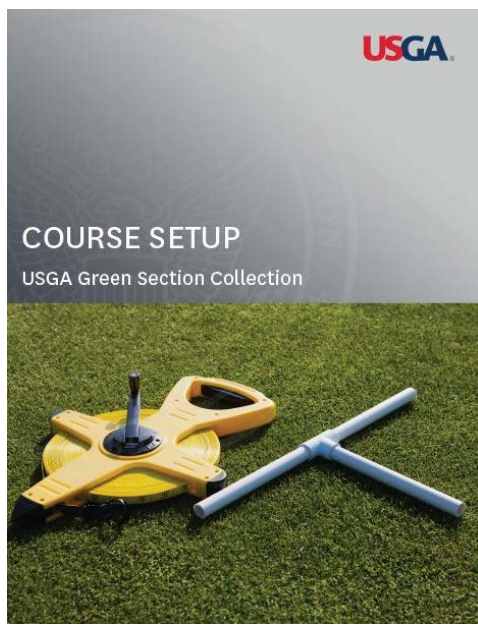


Understanding How Course Setup Impacts Pace of Play

Fairway width, rough height, and green speed don't only impact golfers' scores, they can also affect how quickly they get around the course.

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Green Section Collection: Course Setup

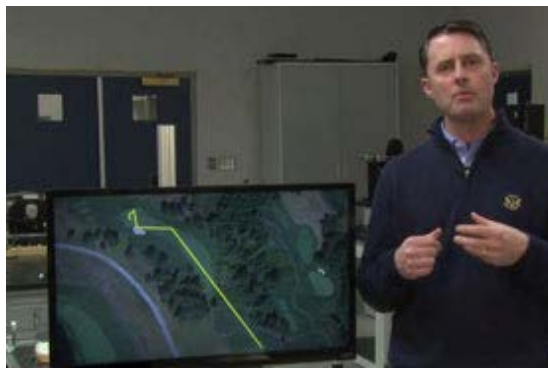


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How Research Is Helping Improve Pace Of Play

Improving pace of play throughout the game is a priority for the USGA. Learn more about the work the USGA is doing to achieve its goals in this area.

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Fore The Golfer



Forward Tees, Please

Forward tees are becoming increasingly popular, providing golfers with quick, fun rounds and potentially lower scores. What facts should every golfer know about playing from the forward tees?

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Regional Updates



West Region

Snow is melting across the inter-mountain west. Areas treated with preventative fungicides are in great condition and ready for play this spring.

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Northeast Region

Spring is on the way, and so are snow mold and *Poa annua*. What should you do if these problems develop at your golf course? The Northeast Region agronomists have some insight as winter yields to spring.

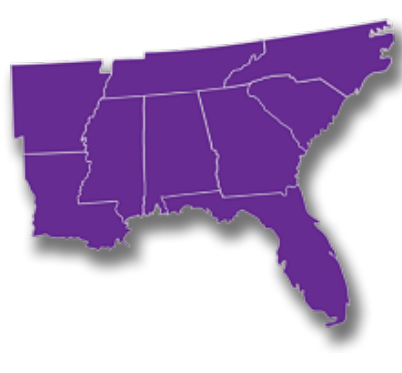
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Central region

The current bout of bipolar weather can produce conditions just as stressful to *Poa annua* as a frigid polar vortex.

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Southeast Region

Addressing problems that became apparent during winter while they are still fresh in the minds of golfers presents a window of opportunity. Shade issues, turfgrass loss, drainage issues and more are best rectified earlier rather than later.

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