

Addressing The FUNDamentals Of Tournament Golf

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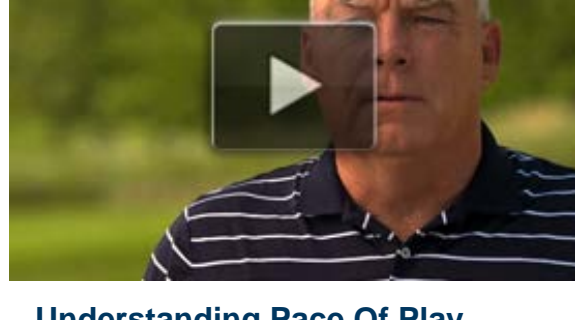
amount of time and having FUN.

Imagine standing on the first tee, ready to play in an important tournament. You realize every stroke will count. For the next few hours you will battle nerves, anxiety, and possibly the loss of feeling in your hands. Sound fun? For some it is great fun — it's what they live for. But for many others, playing in a traditional golf tournament just doesn't seem worth the stress. Fortunately, tournament golf is flexible. It can be organized to focus on meeting new people or experiencing a different playing format, all while playing in a reasonable

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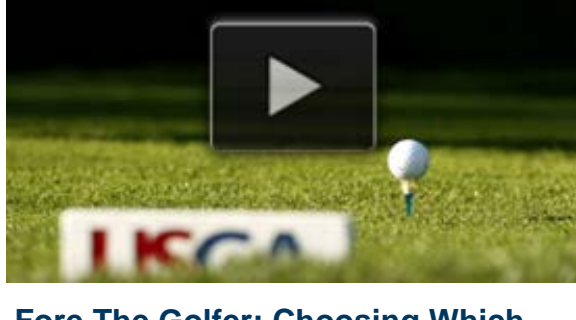


Understanding Pace Of Play, Episode 2: Course Setup

Course setup has a direct impact on the golf experience, and there's a lot more to consider than just tee placement. Here's how strategic maintenance practices and golf course features influence pace of play from tee to green.

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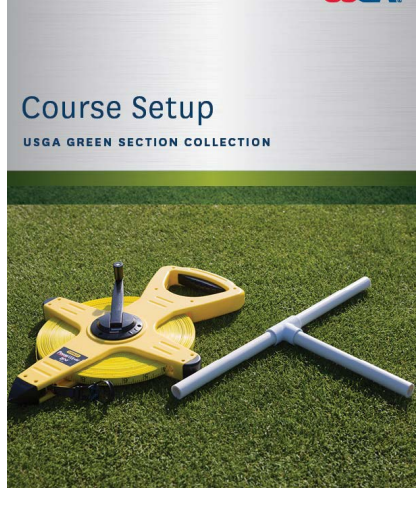


Fore The Golfer: Choosing Which Tees To Play

The tees you play from can make the difference between a quick, enjoyable round of golf and an unpleasant one. While there are no rules dictating which tees to choose, there are some guidelines that will make the decision easier.

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The Impact Of Green Speed On Pace Of Play

The connection between green speed and pace of play is poorly understood, so the USGA partnered with the University of Minnesota to investigate the relationship and how it affects golfer enjoyment.

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Getting Back To Normal

Even after the last putt has been struck and the awards have been handed out there's still a lot of work to be done to get a golf course back to normal after a tournament. This is some of what golfers can expect.

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Thousands of Volunteers Converge on Golf Courses for Species-Counting Competition



Audubon International's BioBlitz 2018, sponsored by the USGA, recorded over 2,000 unique species of animals, plants, fungi, and insects living on golf courses. Thousands of enthusiastic community volunteers, ranging from school groups to birding clubs to professional naturalists, gathered at local events between April 21 and May 13 to discover and document the species inhabiting these important green spaces. Participants competed for three awards: most species counted, most participants, and best photo – here are the results.

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Northeast Region

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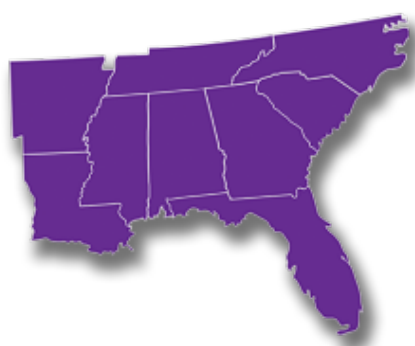
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Did the sudden loss of a tree cause turf loss? This phenomenon can occur when *Poa annua* that is well-acclimated to a densely shaded environment becomes exposed to intense direct sunlight after a tree removal.

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