

PLAYER ADVANCE SHEET

Visit Knoxville Open

CONTACTS

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Caddie Master: Peter Jackson (865) 202-3050 or petepye@aol.com

HOURS OF OPERATION

DATE	DAY	PLAYER & CADDIE REGISTRATION	PLAYER BREAKFAST	PLAYER LUNCH	RANGE	EQUIPMENT TRAILER	PHYSICAL THERAPY
5/19	Monday	7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	7:00 AM – 10:45 AM	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	6:30 AM – 8:00 PM	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Setup Day
5/20	Tuesday	7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	5:30 AM – 10:45 AM	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	6:00 AM – 8:00 PM	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	7:00 AM – 3:00 PM
5/21	Wednesday	7:00 AM - 12:00 PM	5:30 AM – 10:45 AM	11:00 AM – 3:00 PM	5:30AM – 8:00 PM	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	1 hour before 1 st Pro-Am Time – 3:00 PM
5/22	Thursday	N/A	5:30 AM – 10:45 AM	11:00 AM – 3:00 PM	5:15 AM – 8:00 PM	N/A	1.5 hours before 1 st Tee Time – 3:00 PM
5/23	Friday	N/A	5:30 AM – 10:45 AM	11:00 AM – 3:00 PM	5:15 AM – 8:00 PM	N/A	1.5 hours before 1 st Tee Time – 3:00 PM
5/24	Saturday	N/A	1.5 hours before 1 st Tee Time – 10:45 AM	11:00 AM – 3:00 PM	1.5 hours before 1 st Tee Time – 6:30 PM	N/A	1.5 hours before 1 st Tee Time – 3:00 PM
5/25	Sunday	N/A	1.5 hours before 1 st Tee Time – 10:45 AM	11:00 AM – 3:00 PM	1.5 hours before 1 st Tee Time – 1 hr. after last tee time	N/A	1.5 hours before 1 st Tee Time – Last Tee Time

NEED TO KNOW

- **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES** The distance-measuring trial period on the Korn Ferry Tour concluded at the Tulum Championship at PGA Riviera Maya.

Model Local Rule G-5 is in effect. Rule 4.3a(1) is modified as follows: During a round, distance-measuring devices must not be used, except for an amateur playing only in a Pro-Am portion of the official competition.

- **PACE OF PLAY POLICY CHANGES** For the remainder of the 2025 season, the following pace of play policy will be in effect. When being timed, a player will no longer receive a warning for their first “bad time.” Bad times will be treated as follows: first bad time – one penalty stroke, second bad time – additional two stroke penalty, third bad time – disqualification. Bad times will carry over to subsequent rounds during the tournament. Please see a Rules Official onsite if you have any questions.

- **AVERAGE STROKE TIME (AST)** is being recorded each week. At the conclusion of a tournament, a player's Average Stroke Time (AST) is compared against the field average. For a given tournament, if a player has an average stroke time of 7.0 seconds or more above the field average, he has recorded an Average Stroke Time (AST) infraction. Additionally, for a given tournament if a player has an average stroke time of 12.0 seconds or more above the field average, he has recorded an Excessive Average Stroke Time (EAST) infraction. Players who receive an AST or EAST will be notified via email on Monday or Tuesday following the tournament by the Competitions Department with additional details regarding the infraction. AST infractions (including those deemed excessive) are accumulated during the season before monetary fines are applied. Players can track their progress via the Player Links App. Instructional information to find their AST on the Links app can be found in the Bluesheet.
- **REGISTRATION** must be completed before practice or play; Player & Caddie Registration will be located inside of the Men's Locker Room. Hours of operation are listed above.
- **DRIVING RANGE** distance is restricted to shots of 270 yards or less. For everyone's safety please avoid hitting into the 13th fairway. Failure to adhere will result in disciplinary action.
- **CLUB STORAGE** is not available.
- **LOCKER ROOM** will be provided to each player in the field. The Men's Locker Room is located to your left upon entering the main clubhouse doors.
- **PRACTICE ROUNDS** beginning on hole #10 must yield in all instances to players making the turn and must not delay practice rounds at any time. Abuse of the Practice Area Policy may result in disciplinary action.
- **EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION** will be in the Men's Locker Room.
- **PHYSICAL THERAPY** is located in the Fitness Center. Hours of operation are listed above.
- **FITNESS CENTER** is located in the clubhouse. Fitness Center hours will be the same as the range hours listed above.
- **PLAYER PARKING** is in the clubhouse parking lot of Holston Hills. Limited parking is available. Overflow playing parking will be available in Lot B (between Holes #1 and #4). Players are encouraged to carpool as much as possible.
- **PLAYER DINING** will be located in the Donald Ross Dining Room the entire week. Player dining will be open to players and one spouse or significant other with a TOUR issued credential. Hours of operation are listed above.
- **CADDIE PARKING** is located at 299 N Beaman St., Knoxville, TN 37914.
 - Shuttle Times:
 - Mon – Wed: 5:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.
 - Thurs – Fri: 5 a.m. – 8 p.m.
 - Sat – Sun: 2 hours prior to first time – 6 pm.

- **CADDIE DINING** is located in the volunteer area at the swimming pool on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Beginning on Thursday, caddie dining will be located in the Holston Room inside of the clubhouse.
- **YARDAGE BOOKS** will be issued to all players and caddies free of charge at registration. Players and caddies **MUST** use the 2022, 2023, 2024 or 2025 Committee approved book.
- **OFFICIAL PRO-AM** will take place on Wednesday, May 21st as a 9 & 9 format with starting times from approximately 7:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. There will be approximately 52 teams. 9-hole practice rounds will be available up until 7:00 a.m. See below for practice facilities restrictions during the Official Pro-Am.
- **TICKETS** are available at registration.
- **CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES** will be available in the Men's Locker Room. Hours will be posted in the Men's Locker Room.

TOURNAMENT WEEK SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 17th

- Golf Course and Practice Facilities are closed.

Sunday, May 18th

- After 8:00 am, players can chip and putt on the practice facilities, but the driving range will be closed. The course will be available to walk for players and caddies, but practice of any kind is **PROHIBITED** on the course.

Monday, May 19th

- Practice Facilities will be open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **Monday Pro-Am**
 - 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. tee-times off #1 and #10 start with 17 teams.
- Practice rounds will be permitted prior to the pro-am. **#1 and #10 tee will close at 9:45 a.m.** Practice rounds may resume after both nines turn at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 20th

- Practice Facilities will be open from 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 21st

- Practice Facilities will be open from 5:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 - Practice for Professionals and Amateurs NOT playing in the Pro-Am is prohibited on the practice range during these hours:
 - 6:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- **Official Pro-Am**
 - 9 & 9 Shamble format with 52 teams
 - Tee times from 7:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
 - Pros will play 9 holes
- 9-hole practice rounds will be available to those not in the pro-am up until 7:00 a.m.



Thursday, May 22nd

- Practice Facilities will be open from 5:15 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Round 1 tee times begin at approximately 6:45 a.m.

Friday, May 23rd

- Practice Facilities will be open from 5:15 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Round 2 tee times begin at approximately 6:45 a.m.

Saturday, May 24th

- Practice Facilities will be open from 90 minutes prior to the first starting time until 6:30 p.m.
- Round 3 tee times TBD. Approximate finish time will be 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 25th

- Practice Facilities will be open from 90 minutes prior to the first starting time until 1 hour after the last tee time.
- Round 4 tee times TBD. Approximate finish time will be 5:00 p.m.

AGRONOMY

Golf Course Superintendent: Ryan Blair
PGA TOUR Agronomy Official: Bland Cooper

The golf course at Holston Hills has emerged from a cold winter in relatively good condition, with only a few minor scars attributed to dormancy. These have been addressed, and with a warm weather pattern, should be in good order for the event. The Crenshaw creeping bentgrass putting greens have recovered from their late-winter core aeration and should once again be in outstanding condition. Because of the timing of the event, contestants should not anticipate a penal bermudagrass rough. Since last year's event, all the sand bunkers were completely renovated to include new drainage, sod, sand, and in many cases reshaping/repositioning. Several out-of-play bunkers were completely removed, while others were added. These new bunkers are located along the right side of #3 drive zone, right side of #6 drive zone, front of #7 green, right side of #9 drive zone, and left side of #18 drive zone. Additionally, a new tee was added at Hole #7 that will allow the hole to be played as a par 5, which is what Donald Ross intended the hole to be. There will be some evidence of this renovation on some of the latter holes completed in the form of sod seams. Hopefully, with some active bermudagrass growth, these are isolated and by and large unrecognizable by mid-May.

Quick Facts

- The target greenspeed will be 11.5 feet.
- The tees and approaches will be mowed at 0.300 inch.
- The fairways will be mowed between 0.425 inch.
- The primary rough will be maintained at 2 inches.

PEOPLE TO KNOW

Key People:



Kim Bumpas

President – Visit Knoxville

- Began her career with Visit Knoxville in 2001 as a Sales Manager, working all the way up to President.
- Earned a degree in marketing from the University of Tennessee in 1994.



Chad Culver

Senior Director of Sports Commission & Convention Sales – Visit Knoxville

- Over 22 years of experience in the sports industry in recruiting and managing events.
- Chattanooga native with a B.A. in Sports Management from the University of Tennessee, where he went on to work in the athletics department for four years.

About Visit Knoxville:

- Visit Knoxville is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, private company that works together with the community, business leaders and local and state government to further develop Knoxville as a premier destination for visitors, meetings/conventions, sporting events and film production.