GCSAA Tournament Fact Sheet

Mitsubishi Electric Championship (PGA TOUR Champions)

Hualalai Golf Course • Kailua-Kona, Hawaii • January 22-24, 2026

Director of Golf Course Maintenance

Dan Husek, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 32
Years at Hualalai: 21 (17 years as superintendent)
Previous Courses: Ke'olu (assistant), Mangilao (assistant), PGA National (assistant)
Hometown: Benson, Ill.
Education: Southern Illinois-Carbondale
Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Husek's 21st Mitsubishi Electric Championship.
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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Mike Clifford, assistant director of golf course maintenance; Chance Lincoln, superintendent; Darus Ignacio, assistant; Abel Serrao, director of equipment maintenance
Agronomy Employees: 54 for 2 courses / Tourn. Volunteers: 6

Course Architect

Jack Nicklaus (1996) / Renovation: Jon Garner (2020)

Notable

• Hualalai was the 9th-longest course on tour last year, while its green size ranked 4th-largest and bunker total was 6th most.
• Course was the only one on tour in 2025 with paspalum greens.
• Dan Husek, a 32-year GCSAA member, will be hosting his 21st professional event, which is the most of any current superintendent hosting Champions events.
• Husek reports that the weather has been "beautiful as usual" leading up to tournament week.
• Course has hosted the Mitsubishi Electric Championship since 1997 and has a contract to host through 2030.
• An entire course conversion from bermudagrass to paspalum that began in 2020 was completed in 2024.
• Course is on land from old lava flows from Hualalai and Mauna Loa. All the "topsoil" was hauled in from the Hilo side of the Big Island.

Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36—72
Yardage: 7,107

Turfgrass

Greens: Platinum paspalum .095"
Collars: Platinum paspalum .325"
Approaches: Platinum paspalum .325"
Tees: Sea Isle 2000 paspalum .325"
Fairways: Sea Isle 2000 paspalum .325"
Rough: Sea Isle paspalum 1.25"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,417 sq. ft.
Acres of Fairway: 45
Acres of Rough:67
Number of Sand Bunkers: 84
Number of Water Hazards: 3
Number of Holes Water is in Play: 1
Soil Conditions: Cinder / ash mix
Water Sources: Brackish well water blended with reverse osmosis brine
Drainage: Fair
Average Fairway Widths: 30 yards

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