

TOURNAMENT AGRONOMY PREPARATION REPORT

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Tournament: **LET Qualifying School**

Tournament Date: 6-9 and 13-17 December 2012

Visit Date: 1-9/12/2012

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this short report is to evaluate the condition of Amelkis Golf Club during the **LET Qualifying School 2012** and giving advice and recommendations to improve the golf course condition for the future.

SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS AND SUBSEQUENT SUGGESTIONS

Here are our findings and recommendations regarding the golf course condition during the tournament.

Greens

Construction methods of the front nine and the back nine greens are totally different. However, green's condition during the tournament was very consistent in terms of smoothness and green's speed. This scenario was possible by the daily combination of brushing and mowing (1x or 2x).

Back nine greens showed Bermudagrass encroachment and surface organic matter accumulation. We suggest a renovation following the construction method of the front nine greens.



Tees

Tees's surfaces were level and firm. Weed encroachment was the main issue in this area of the golf course.



We recommend:

- Selective herbicide treatments.
- Aggressive cultural practices programme (aeration, verticutting, topgressing, brushing, etc.) during late spring and summer to encourage Bermudagrass development.

Fairways and Playable Rough

Weeds encroachment was the main issue in this area of the golf course, principally in the oldest nine holes (back nine).

Fairways, in general, were firm and uniform and it was not necessary preferred lies during the tournament week.

Weeds are not the problem; the problem is a weak Bermudagrass which cannot compete with weeds. Thus, we strongly recommend a programme to encourage the development and condition of Bermudagrass.

This program will be based on:

- Fertilization program.
- Aggressive aeration and topdressing program.
- Herbicide treatment (selective and non-selective) for weeds.

It was not possible to create semi-rough band.



We would like to thank the implication of **Princess Lalla**, who made possible that the grounds crew could have an extra fairway mower during the tournament.

Bunkers

It was the best area during the tournament. Bunkers were clipped and edged, without stones and with no fried egg issues.



Greenkeeping Plan

	MORNING			
	Green	Bunker	Tee and Collar	Fairway
Sunday	Double cut	Yes	Mow	Dew
Monday	None	Yes	None	Dew
Tuesday	Pins Single cut	Yes	Mow	Dew
Wednesday	Single cut	Yes	Mow	Dew
Thursday	Pins Double cut	Yes	Mow	Dew
Friday	Double cut	Yes	None Only Collars	Dew
Saturday	Pins Single cut	Yes	Mow	Dew
Sunday	Double cut	Yes	Mow	Dew

	AFTERNOON			
	Green	Bunker	Tee and Collar	Fairway
Sunday	Luquid fertilization 9 holes	None	None	None
Monday	Luquid fertilization 9 holes	None	None	Luquid fertilization 9 holes
Tuesday	None	None	None	Luquid fertilization 9 holes
Wednesday	Brushed Single cut	None	None	Mow 18th holes Fill the divots
Thursday	None	None	None	Mow 18th holes Fill the divots
Friday	Single cut	None	None	Fill the divots
Saturday	None	None	None	Mow 18th holes Fill the divots
Sunday	None	None	None	None

Recommended Improvements

- Greens
 - Complete a renovation programme of the back nine greens.
 - Intensive cultural practices programme.
- Tees and fairways
 - Fertilization programme.
 - Aggressive cultural practices programme.
 - Herbicide programme.
- Rough
 - Aeration programme.
 - Herbicide programme.
- Upgrade and increase machinery fleet.

We really appreciate the work carried out by the Superintendent and the maintenance crew during the tournament. It is very difficult to achieve good results with such a few resources.

I hope the information in this report is of benefit and if there are any issues which you would like to discuss further or questions which you would like to ask please do not hesitate to contact me.