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TPC Louisiana

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“TPC Louisiana in Avondale, LA USA (New Orleans) is truly an attestation to environmental stewardship and sustainable practices throughout the golf course property, incorporating elements such as drought tolerant grasses, sustainable irrigation practices, strategic programs to promote golfing awareness, and implementing various initiatives to help combat plastic wastes and environmental protection. The golf course maintenance team exhibits professionalism and supports being responsible for creating and maintaining a better environment on and around the course. And the entire club team demonstrates professionalism, cooperation, effective communication skills, and an obvious passion for the environment, their profession, the club, the members, the community and their colleagues. Long-tenured staff is indicative of the level of dedication and respect of each employee for the golf course and the environment.

I look forward to seeing continued and expanded success throughout the facility with energy conservation; habitat renewal, encouragement, protection and signage; and expanded use of collegiate internships and university test plots on site.”

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Introduction

GEO Foundation is pleased to confirm that TPC Louisiana has successfully achieved GEO Certified® status for its outstanding work to foster nature, conserve resources and support the community.

GEO Certified® is the most respected certification for golf, based on a credibly and transparently developed modern sustainability Standard of best practice.

TPC Louisiana has:

1. Met the required certification criteria for sustainable golf operations
2. Successfully completed the official third-party verification process
3. Successfully passed the final evaluation by GEO Certification Ltd. (autonomous subsidiary of GEO Foundation)

GEO agreed with the conclusions of the official verification report, that, having achieved all mandatory criteria; and with specific Continual Improvement Points (CIP) set for the future and Critical CIP's (CCIPs) to be reviewed at recertification, TPC Louisiana should be awarded GEO Certified® status.

For the certification period stated above, TPC Louisiana can therefore claim a position as a leader in advancing sustainability in golf – making important contributions in protecting nature, conserving resources and strengthening communities.

The GEO Certified® Report that follows comments on the actions undertaken against the criteria, as observed by the independent verifier during the assurance process.

Certification is nearly always the result of a dedicated team effort resulting in many practical and valuable social and environmental results around the golf course, maintenance facility and clubhouse. These dedication and leadership qualities are an important part of ensuring the resilience of the golf facility and the golf industry into the future and also as part of society's wider effort to pull together for people and planet.

We congratulate all involved.

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Verification and Certification

Verification

The official third-party audit was carried out by an independent verifier, accredited by GEO to undertake verifications of golf facilities applying for certification.

Verification involves reviewing practices and data, using the International Voluntary Standard for Sustainable Golf Operations as the guide to ensure comprehensive and consistent evaluation of performance. A detailed verification report is submitted for evaluation by GEO Certification Ltd, a subsidiary of GEO Foundation.

Certification

GEO Certification Ltd, an autonomous subsidiary of GEO Foundation [both not-for-profit entities], undertook a full review of all content submitted through the OnCourse® online platform and the report submitted by the verifier, ensuring:

- Comprehensiveness – that activities undertaken touched on all elements of the Standard
- Consistency – that the verification approach was balanced, well weighted and with consistent depth of evaluation across each theme
- Accuracy - matching the verification report with evidence submitted by the golf facility to ensure statements and claims were accurate

GEO Foundation is an international not-for-profit founded to advocate, support and reward sustainability in and through golf. Over more than ten years, the group has worked collaboratively with dozens of golf industry associations and government and non-government organisations around the world, to help golf become a sustainability leader, striving for a net positive social and environmental impact. In addition to managing and assuring GEO Certified®, GEO Foundation also provides a suite of credible, practical programmes for golf facility management, new golf developments and golf tournaments called OnCourse®, often delivered in partnership with national golf bodies. Find out more at www.sustainable.golf

Credibility

GEO Certified® is part of the ISEAL Alliance, a group of the world's foremost credible certification systems including Fairtrade, Rainforest Alliance, Forest Stewardship Council, Marine Stewardship Council and many others. GEO Foundation earned and retains full membership of the ISEAL Alliance global association following a rigorous evaluation against the ISEAL Codes of Credibility in Sustainability Standards and Certification. The ISEAL Codes cover standard-setting, assurance, and monitoring and evaluation. Find out more at www.isealliance.org



Verifier's Report

The Sustainability Agenda for golf covers the following themes and action areas:

THEMES	ACTION AREAS
Nature	• Habitats & Biodiversity • Turfgrass management • Pollution prevention
Resources	• Water • Energy • Materials
Community	• Partnerships & Outreach • Golfing & Employment • Advocacy & Communications

Included below are the observations made by the Independent Verifier against each item in the Standard.

NATURE			
N1 Habitats and Biodiversity			
Objectives	Requirements	Mandatory Practices	Verifier Notes
N1.1 Understand the site and surroundings	N1.1.1 Sound understanding of the nature and landscape value of the site	Map all habitats and vegetation types on the site; Regularly update landscape / biodiversity surveys	TPC Louisiana engages with various organizations on the site's nature and landscape value, including the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA), Tournament Players Club (TPC) Management Team, Professional Golfers' Association of America (PGA

				of America) agronomist, Louisiana State University, Louisiana-Mississippi Golf Course Superintendents Association, Deep South Turf Expo Conference and Audubon International (Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program). CIP: Please try to expand interaction and activities with the Louisiana State University's Plant, Environmental and Soil Sciences department (turfgrass). Natives which are encouraged and maintained include gulf muhlygrass (<i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>), smooth cordgrass (<i>Spartina alterniflora</i>), and switchgrass. Also, saltgrass, muhlygrass and bermudagrass growing in natural clump arrangement throughout waste bunker (previous bunkers converted to waste or natural bunkers) areas surfaced with crushed granite from Alabama.
	N1.1.2 Knowledge of legal designations for protected areas, habitats and species		Understand legal responsibilities for protected landscapes and species; Record and monitor protected, endangered, or rare species found on the site	TPC Louisiana is very aware of their responsibilities for environmental stewardship and implements necessary plans and needed procedures to maintain appropriate environment for such. Course management continues to excel in the protection, conservation, and naturalization of the landscape. Specific areas on site are natural habitat for wildlife supporting biodiversity. CIP: Please expand the identification of native areas by placing labels and signs throughout each site to highlight areas of environmental interest and biodiversity for educational purposes for annual pass members, golfers, students and groups using the course for educational and informative purposes. Wildlife biodiversity: Alligators (several), wild hogs, migratory ducks, killdeer birds, eastern bluebird, robins, northern cardinals, red-headed woodpeckers, hawks, bald eagles (occasional), egrets, owls, crow, water turkey, grey squirrels, whitetail deer, soft-shell turtles, snakes and termites in the trees (esp. cypress) can be seen around the courses. Six bird houses are located on the course, and one owl box near #11 tee. CIP: Please install bluebird houses on the courses, restore and expand existing bird houses, and expand number of owl boxes. Please also introduce wood duck boxes to the course community, and initiate efforts to promote Monarch butterfly communities. CIP: With the vast area reserved for tournament preparation activities, consider introducing honeybee colonies to support pollinators and develop honey. This honey could be used at the club restaurant and made available to annual pass members, etc.

			Outsourcing the honey to make honey whiskey could be another option. TPC Louisiana is promoting naturalized areas that help support a variety of wildlife.
	N1.1.3 Understanding and respect for cultural heritage	Protect any archaeological, historical or cultural designations on the site	There are no cultural, historical, or archaeological designations at the site.
N1.2 Opportunities to naturalise the course	N1.2.1 Measures taken to identify and minimise the required area of managed turfgrass	Observe, track and / or monitor golfer play	The total land area is 280 Acres including 120 Acres for turf (3 Acres greens, 4 Acres tees, 20 Acres fairways, and 10 Acres in practice area including professional tees on one end and regular tees on the other end), 60 Acres of rough, and 63 Acres of native areas, waste area and lakes.
N1.3 Actively manage habitats for wildlife	N1.3.1 Projects to manage habitats in the best way for wildlife and golf	Regularly review and follow a habitat management plan; Prioritise native species when planting and landscaping	TPC Louisiana plans to continue to develop, enhance, maintain, protect and conserve essential habitats on and around the golf course for biodiversity. Creeks connect each of the five lakes (ponds, 2 south and 3 north) and two canals are present – one bordering the east of the course and one bordering the west side of the course to move water toward the Mississippi River. The course is below sea level with the lowest hole at four feet below sea level and was built in 2003 with pumped river sand. Louisiana State University (LSU) has conducted and will continue conducting experimentation trial plots at TPC Louisiana, especially on control of torpedograss (about 2A of this species exist randomly throughout playing area surrounds). CIP: Expand test trials by LSU research professors as an agronomic benefit, as well as maintaining current networking modules. Chinese tallow (<i>Triadica sebifera</i>) is an invasive fast-growing tree found throughout the property. For those populations found in wooded areas, the general plan is to leave them alone. However, for those populations found in cleaned areas, waste areas, etc, the plan of action is to physically remove them.
N1.4 Conserve key species	N1.4.1 Practical conservation measures for priority species		There are several noteworthy conservation projects which are: Beautiful gulf coast setting on the last piece of undeveloped land in Jefferson Parish, LA stretching over 280 acres of wetlands along the Mississippi River delta and part of the Audubon Golf

			Trail. Development of TPC Louisiana prevented subject property from going industrial. Golf course is bordered on the east and west by canals that move water from site to Mississippi River to the Gulf of America. Also, NOLA Motorsports Park (racetrack) is located across canal adjacent to Hole #4, as well as wooded land areas beyond either canal. * De-watering is practiced to remove excess water from course (course is below sea level) by pumping water (two pump stations with total of six pumps) from the 5 lakes (thus lowering the lake levels to a manageable level) to the canals. Then the parish pumps the water through the canals to the Mississippi River to the gulf. If heavy rain is forecast, then this procedure is implemented for a preventive flooding measure. Their greatest challenge is the weather. • Great care has been taken to incorporate the rough, native and waste areas into the course design creating a compelling, strategically diverse, and strikingly beautiful playing field for golfers of all skills, as well as visitors and classes seeking to observe the habitats. • Creating and restoring habitats for deer, hawks, eagles, and bluebirds. • Natural area preservation and improvement throughout site. • Native areas provide numerous benefits, including wildlife habitat, reduced maintenance costs, and water conservation. Minimal chemicals, irrigation water, and cart traffic are used in these areas. • Course maintains a buffer (5 feet) zone around ponds and mowed at 2.25 in. * The Tournament Service Area (TSA) is a dedicated parcel of property on site that is utilized for all things tournament. This area is surfaced with PGA-approved stone (cinder block type) placements that are open and not solid. Grass is allowed to grow in the open areas. The concreting allows for surface support and minimizes compaction to the area and allows vehicles of weight to pass over without damaging the surface area or soil structure. These are environmentally-friendly, as well as offering curb appeal. Area used for parking, tournament office trailer and rules officials, etc. Heavy equipment at pre-tournament, tournament, and post-tournament include 100 tractor-trailers (18-wheelers) driving to and from site. They use
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			entry drive which is wider and trafficking towards tournament staging area. Payloads are tents, products, etc. as needed for tournament setup and use. Six forklifts used during these operations. CIP: Please continue to expand the stone placements (cinder block type) into areas where traffic warrants their usage. Copper lightning rods are installed for storm protection on specimen trees (4) around the course. CIP: Please expand the use of copper lightning rods to include additional specimen trees needing storm protection as a means of continued environmental preservation and curb appeal.
N2 Turfgrass			
N2.1 Maintain optimum turf and soil health	N2.1.1 Appropriate turfgrass varieties adapted to climatic and other geomorphological factors	Select appropriate grass species for climate	Built in 2003 and opened in 2004, the TPC Louisiana was renovated in 2018 (new irrigation computers and controllers), 2019 (re-grassed greens, fairways and approaches), 2020 (bunker numbers reduced thus reducing needed sands, previously had over 100 bunkers), and 2021 (expanded and re-grassed practice tee). The course now features TifEagle bermudagrass greens mowed at 0.100 in. and overseeded with Poa trivialis at 0.135 in, TifSport bermudagrass on the tees mowed at 0.400 in, Celebration bermudagrass on the fairways mowed at 0.400 in, TifSport bermudagrass plus native grasses in the rough mowed at 2.25 in, Celebration bermudagrass approaches mowed at 0.400 in and Celebration bermudagrass surrounds mowed at 0.400 in. Tees are approximately 80% TifSport, and 20% are Celebration. Goal is to achieve 100% Celebration in the near future. Coastal grasses are found in the non-playing areas of the course confines. Turf nursery located near Hole #11 tee for greens, tees and fairways, as needed for repairs. The microclimate on the golf course favours these selections of grasses for better sustainability and effective stewardship. Maintained to PGA standards, the course is complemented by an impressive 10 Acre practice facility featuring a regular tee for daily golfers on one end and a professional tee for the pro golfers on the opposite end. These tees are 2 Acres in size. There are periodic inspections from the TPC's regional agronomist concerning management, condition and maintenance of the playing

			quality of the golf course. This agronomist comes in at tour time for two weeks, and additional visits (3-4) throughout the year.
	N2.1.2 Practices to maintain good soil structure and condition		Soil salinity is checked periodically depending on rainfall amounts. Moisture checks are conducted daily on days without rainfall. Soil temperature is checked with a basic soil thermometer. Practices to maintain good soil structure include topdressing and aerification. Core aerification is practiced in June, July and August with deep drill on greens in August. Greens are solid tined monthly October-May.
	N2.1.3 Careful and responsible fertiliser application throughout the year to avoid over-fertilisation	Undertake soil tests and nutrient analysis	Fertilization program based upon soil testing. Core samples are taken twice per year on the same greens for consistency, and once/twice per year on fairways and tees depending on the weather. Practice all foliar fertilization program during growing season. Winter spraying includes iron applications. TPC Louisiana follows and implements the TPC agronomic consultancy recommendations and university findings.
N2.2 Prioritise mechanical maintenance	N2.2.1 Non-chemical pest, disease and weed management	Sharpen mowing blades; Remove surface moisture; Hand weeding	Cultural practices to maintain plant health and playing quality with minimal chemical use including regular blade sharpening, aeration, occasional rolling and sand topdressing, Reel grinding and bedknife checks on regular basis. Mowers inspected regularly as a preventive maintenance measure.
N2.3 Use chemicals responsibly	N2.3.1 Application of chemicals only when necessary to prevent or cure defined / identified turf health issues	Establish patterns and levels of risk for pests and diseases; Scout the course daily for early signs of pests and disease; Accurate pest and disease identification; Map and track pest and disease hotspots; Establish pest and disease thresholds	Daily scouting of the course is practiced to identify and monitor pest pressure to effectively manage pests and diseases, as well as addressing any environmental concerns. There is daily machinery washing to a set management plan to prevent and/or minimize pests and diseases. There are daily and weekly practices employed to keep the bay area clean and environmentally-friendly.
	N2.3.2 Application of chemicals with full safety precautions	Use only legally registered and approved products; Ensure staff are fully qualified and licenced to use pesticides; Regularly calibrate and test applicators; Use appropriate protective equipment; Dilute and dispose of leftover product on untreated areas of turf .	Pesticides are selected and applied based on products specific to weed, insect and disease identification and toxicity rating. Staff are qualified and trained to use pesticides (Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry – LDAF) Pesticide Licensing, Training and Registration), IPM techniques and spot treatment. All chemical applications require two signatures as a system of checks and balances by the golf course superintendent and assistant golf course superintendent/spray technician.

			PlayBooks for Golf program used for chemical management (pesticides and fertilizers) for compliance of chemical and fertilizer planning and tracking. Save on labor and simplicity in technology. Proper signage is posted throughout chemical area. Also, PULA (Pesticide Use Limitation Areas) Bulletins are utilized. PULA Bulletins and Playbooks refer to the U.S. EPA's system for enforcing pesticide use restrictions to protect endangered species. The developmental life cycle/state of the disease, insect or weed, legal requirements, bird breeding and insect pollinators are further considerations in pesticide application and management. Chemical labels and Material Data Safety Sheets (MSDS) are readily available, as well as QR code available for referencing. Applicator equipment is regularly calibrated and tested. Residual product(s) are diluted and properly disposed.
N3 Pollution Prevention			
N3.1 Prevent pollution across the entire site	N3.1.1 Practical measures to ensure pollution risks are minimised from golf course operations	Document procedures for emergency spill responses; Maintain mowing buffer zones around water and all ecologically sensitive areas; Maintain spraying and spreading buffer zones around water and all ecologically sensitive areas; Create a map / aerial visual reproduction, drawing etc of the course showing buffer zones and no-spray, no-spread areas.	Emergency spill procedures are on display at the door of the chemical storage building. There are mowing buffer zones (5-6 feet) next to water bodies and ecologically sensitive areas.
	N3.1.2 Practical measures to ensure pollution risks are minimised from clubhouse operations	Ensure all hazardous materials are safely and securely stored; Ensure compliance with all required standards and systems for hazardous waste and wastewater discharge	Hazardous materials are safely and securely stored with proper signage and under lock and key.
	N3.1.3 Practical measures to ensure pollution risks are minimised from maintenance facility operations	Ensure wash areas are on impermeable, leak-free surfaces; Mixing and loading of pesticides and fertilisers over an impermeable surface; Triple rinse pesticide containers and applicators	Attention to safety detail in mixing pesticides and fertilizers, and triple-rinse pesticide containers. Again, all chemical applications require two signatures as a system of checks and balances by the golf course superintendent and assistant golf course superintendent/spray technician. GPS spray units are the standard at TPC Louisiana.

N3.2 Safely manage hazardous substances	N3.2.1 Legal compliance in the storage, handling, application and safe disposal of all hazardous substances	Maintain a register of hazardous materials available to authorised staff; Safe storage in secure and ventilated concrete or metal building; Sufficient storage capacity; Impermeable flooring; Spill containment kits present; Emergency wash area; Fire extinguisher in the immediate area; Secondary containment for fuel, either externally constructed, or integrally manufactured; Regular inspection of storage tanks	Practices are in place to safely manage chemicals including safe storage of hazardous materials in a secure building, spill kits, fire extinguishers, and safety guidelines. Fuel storage tanks are above ground and in proper order and containment for efficiency, safety and environmental awareness. Tanks are 500 gal diesel and 500 gal gasoline. Spill kit is located at site. Fuel storage tanks are inspected regularly for safety and efficiency. Fire extinguishers (7) properly located and spaced throughout maintenance facility. Annual inspection procedures, annual tagging process, quarterly inspection procedures, and are part of safety meetings each quarter. Emergency wash areas were identified and properly maintained.
N3.3 Responsibly manage waste / storm water	N3.3.1 Appropriate wastewater usage and discharge licences	Wastewater discharge licence; Appropriate treatment of machinery wash water (impermeable surface, oil / grease / clipping separation)	OSHA storage and containment with sump. Appropriate treatment of machinery wash water is practiced continuously.

RESOURCES			
R1 Water			
Objectives	Requirements	Mandatory Practices	Verifier Notes
R1.1 Minimise water demand	R1.1.1 Measures to reduce the need to consume water	Target irrigation to essential playing surfaces only	Actions to reduce water consumption on the course include turfgrass species selection and irrigation frequency which is closely regulated. Schedules created to minimize water use and optimize plant health. Only playing surfaces are irrigated. Best Management Practices (BMP's) followed through LMGCSA.
R1.2 Maximise water efficiency	R1.2.1 Practical measures to use water more efficiently on the golf course	Conduct regular irrigation performance checks; Provide staff training on efficient irrigation practices;	TPC Louisiana checks, calibrates and upgrades its sprinkler system for irrigation efficiency. There are adjustable, optimally located sprinklers to target playing area only.

		Ensure effective application of water to target areas; Ensure irrigation schedules are informed by weather patterns and soil moisture analysis	Also, Irrigation system is checked regularly and calibrated annually. Three weather stations on site and four rain gauges for measuring precipitation are located throughout the courses and at clubhouse, results of which directly impact irrigation scheduling. Ambient Weather WS-2000 Smart Weather Station is utilized on course.
	R1.2.2 Practical measures to use water more efficiently in buildings	Audit water use regularly; Review bills frequently and look for irregularities; Encourage water-saving practices amongst staff and visitors; Categorise and track water consumption	Staff turn off any running water and ensure dishwashers are full before use. Water records are maintained and reviewed for the State of Louisiana and the Jefferson Parish. Water records are properly maintained.
R1.3 Source water responsibly	R1.3.1 Measures towards alternative, lower quality sources of water	Ensure appropriate water abstraction permit and reporting, as required	Water for the clubhouse is from the main public water system (city). Water for irrigation is pumped from the irrigation lakes around the course which is supplemented by deep well system, as needed.
R2 Energy			
R2.1 Reduce energy demand	R2.1.1 Measures to reduce the amount of energy consumed in course maintenance	Minimise areas of managed turf to reduce mowing, irrigation, and turf inputs	Areas for the course are natural habitats (63 acres) for wildlife and biodiversity that receive no mowing, irrigation and turf inputs. The maintenance facility's machinery is mostly diesel and gasoline. Utility carts are gasoline. Three Ventrac slope mowing tractors are gasoline. Two backpack blowers are electric, and the remainder are gasoline. String trimmers are electric. Equipment is managed by a labelling system for equipment identification, ie. 24-404. Whereas, 24 is the year of service (2024), next number is 4 which is the category for tractor, and the last number (04) is the unit number. Category numbers are: 1 for utility equipment, 2 for reel units, 3 for rotary mowers, 4 for tractors, 5 for small equipment, 6 for pickup and dump trucks, 7 for topdressers and aerators, 8 for bunker rakes, and 9 for miscellaneous units. The golf cart pool at the clubhouse includes 78 lithium-ion golf carts. CIP: Please continue to consider the use of electric units in maintenance operations where feasible, especially with blowers and other smaller units.

R2.2 Maximise energy efficiency	R2.2.1 Measures to use energy and fuels more efficiently in buildings	Audit energy use regularly; Regularly review bills; Categorise and track energy consumption	TPC Louisiana has an energy-efficient, spacious 24,000 square-foot clubhouse featuring casual indoor and outdoor dining, a full-service golf shop, refined locker rooms, and a boardroom/dining (Pete Dye Room) for small social events or business gatherings. Internal record keeping, utility bills, invoices and data management e.g. from energy-meters, as well as energy auditing procedures confirmed. Resource-saving measures include the use of LED lighting (completed 75% thus far with remaining 25% by 2028), and energy-efficient equipment. Water station available to refill water bottles. Plastic bottles still in service throughout course. CIP: Please create a plan to incorporate the use of less plastic and more refillable aluminium water bottles wherever feasible. 9 fire extinguishers in the Clubhouse. 2 fire extinguishers in Cart Facility. 2 fire extinguisher at Tournament Office. All fire extinguishers are serviced regularly and replaced as needed.
R2.3 Source energy responsibly	R2.3.1 Measures to source alternative, renewable forms of energy	Determine potential sources of renewable energy in the area and on-site, through renewable energy providers	The Club's sources of energy are gas and electricity. Electricity runs all the buildings, and has gas for kitchen area. Clubhouse uses gas for cooking only. Maintenance uses electricity. All stoves and ovens are gas, and all hot boxes are electrical. The club uses small propane tanks for heaters on back veranda during cooler months. Gas grills when cooking outside of the kitchen. All trash and garbage goes into trash dumpster with contracted pickup. However, during Zurich Classic, Blue Strike Environmental is partner responsible for total recycling with supervision of GCS. This contributes to waste reduction and green initiatives. From on-site sorting recycling into bulk bags to sorting oysters to be sent to the coasts for restoration. Trash to compound in color-coded bags and plastic is sorted and recycled. The club does not filter grease on-site, but does recycle with company that picks up the grease. Transfer cart is used to collect used kitchen oils by pumping then rolled outside to storage container which is collected on schedule by contracted services.
R3 Materials			

R3.1 Reduce materials demand	R3.1.1 Products and materials selection based on necessity, including opportunities for recycled, reused and locally sourced alternatives	Undertake a review of materials consumed	Trash bin and oil bin in use and maintained at clubhouse. Annual Pass Members (approximately 100), guests and employees can fill provided refillable aluminium water bottles via dispensers on the course, at the clubhouse and at the maintenance facility.
R3.2 Purchase responsibly	R3.2.1 Practical use of an ethical / environmental purchasing policy	Adopt a sustainable, or ethical / environmental purchasing policy to maximise the use of locally sourced goods and goods made from recycled, recyclable and certified materials	Sustainable in-house turf nursery maintained for immediate usage, as needed. There is an informal sustainable procurement policy. There is bulk purchasing when practical to reduce excess packaging and purchasing miles.
R3.3 Reuse and recycle	R3.3.1 Waste stream separation for maximum recycling and re-use opportunity	Demonstrate waste separation, reuse and recycling; Track how much waste goes to landfill, or is reused / recycled	There is a system for collecting and separating waste in the Clubhouse during tournament time through Blue Strike Environmental (local). Recycle bin, oil bin, and cardboard bin in use and maintained at clubhouse.
R3.4 Demonstrate legal compliance	R3.4.1 Compliance with all local and regional waste management regulations	Use authorised waste and recycling contractor for general, hazardous, industrial and green waste	Authorized waste contractors collect TPC Louisiana's waste.

COMMUNITY			
C1 Outreach			
Objectives	Requirements	Mandatory Practices	Verifier Notes
C1.1 Diversify access and provide multi-functionality	C1.1.1 Social and recreational activities at the facility		As a public course located just 15 miles outside of the downtown New Orleans and situated on 280 Acres of beautiful coastal land between two canals, TPC Louisiana offers an award-winning 18-hole championship golf course (par-72, 7400 yards). TPC-Louisiana serves as the home of the PGA Tour's Zurich Classic of New Orleans and hosts many other events throughout the year.

			Hosting weddings at TPC Louisiana guarantees a truly exceptional experience. With award-winning Creole cuisine and signature Southern charm, a wide array of impeccable event offerings rounds out the one-of-a-kind setting at Louisiana's only PGA TOUR property. From a large, elegant tent wedding with all the trimmings to a small, more intimate gathering with close family and friends in the clubhouse, space is available accommodating from 20 to 400 guests. Synonymous with the PGA TOUR's acclaimed TPC Network of premier clubs, 35,000 rounds of golf per year are played at TPC Louisiana. TPC Louisiana was named "the #4 best upscale public golf course" by Golf Digest magazine when it opened to the public in 2004. TPC Louisiana is consistently included in GolfWeek's "Best Courses You Can Play." (Golf Digest 2011 Top 100 public Golf Courses). The area and course suffered damage from Hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2005 and again on August 29, 2021 by Hurricane Ida. Ida destroyed 1000 cypress trees and 600 have been replanted to restore the coastal appearance and environmental impact to the site. Most of the damage from Hurricane Katrina was localized flooding and wind damage. NOLA flooding that occurred when the levees broke at Lake Pontchartrain did not impact TPC Louisiana.
C1.2 Provide for volunteering and charity	C1.2.1 Opportunities available for volunteering and support of charities and good causes		The Zurich Classic of New Orleans has raised approximately 51 million USD since 1938 as the Crescent City Open (annual event since 1958). One of the PGA Tour's older events, it became the Zurich Classic when the Zurich Insurance Group became the title sponsor in 2005 at TPC Louisiana. 51 million USD in charitable funds raised since 1938 and 38 million USD since TPC Louisiana got involved in 2005. Currently, Zurich does approximately 3 million USD per year in charitable funding. In addition, the Zurich Classic impacts New Orleans, Louisiana (commonly known as NOLA) to the amount of 50 million USD annually (as per research by the University of New Orleans). Furthermore, Fore!Kids Foundation is a local, non-profit organization in the Avondale/Westwego, Louisiana area (NOLA) raises money for children's charities through golf events, most notably the PGA Tour's Zurich Classic of New Orleans. Housed on the TPC Louisiana campus, 100% of donations go directly to children's programs (health, education and hope) since administrative costs are covered by the PGA Tour event. There are 250 individuals in the organization including the TPC Louisiana GM, salespeople, consumers, workers with a board of directors (12 individuals) and a staff of 8 full-time personnel.

			Fore!Kids is also involved in general family fun activities in NOLA, ie. Audubon Zoo, City Park's Storyland, Mardis Gras World, sea aquariums, streetcars, and museums. It's about helping children through golf and enjoying kid-friendly activities in the city, as well as operating the Mackerel City Tours. Also, TPC Louisiana provides Fore!Kids two event days per year with local charities, ie. Hooter's Fund Raiser, Adoptive Services, and Volunteers of America which raise \$150-200,000 per event. And, financial support to Manning Family Children's Hospital Charity (formerly known as Children's Hospital of New Orleans and renamed in partnership with the Manning family). The hospital provides pediatric services, cancer treatment, and blood disorder treatment serving children from birth through age 21 across Louisiana and the Gulf South. Also, "Best of Tasting" at restaurants in NOLA with proceeds going to restaurant charities, their families and children. TPC Louisiana has supported Birdies for the Brave®, a national initiative dedicated to honouring and showing appreciation to the courageous men and women of our United States Armed Forces, First Responders, and their families. Birdies for the Brave was created in 2004 to raise funds for combat-wounded veterans and their families ranging from financial aid and rehabilitation programs to housing, counselling and educational scholarships and career development and recruitment. TPC Louisiana extensively supports charities and good causes through golf each year and continues to help raise significant funding for charities. Other activities include women's golf day with cocktail hour (accommodating 30), junior camps (8-10 participants per camp), Santa Event on campus each December for the children (120 participants), and annual pass member/guest scramble (9-hole once per month). Also, TPC Louisiana partners with Ruppell Academie Francaise (highly rated public elementary and middle school) in nearby Gretna, LA with 7th Grade class in 2024 and the 6th Grade Class in 2025. Topics covered included soil testing lab, putting (by golf professional), mathematics lab (measurements and calibrations), tools on green (Stimp meter, moisture meter), and equipment (reel mower and blades). Also, participates in First Green Project, a GCSAA-run STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) education program using golf courses as labs with local high schools (field trips).
C1.3 Establish active community partnerships	C1.3.1 Positive and constructive engagement with neighbours, the local community and other groups	Create a 'sustainability working group'	Employee training on operating backhoes by United Rentals with 8 employees qualified. Also, John Deere training videos and McCord Golf Services and Safety videos are in the safety program must experience.

			GCS attends annual GCSAA meetings (2026 in Orlando FL and 2027 in New Orleans, last in New Orleans in 2009) and LMGCSEA (Louisiana Mississippi GCSA). Assistant GCS's attend LMGCSEA and Deep South Turf Expo Conference each year, as well as local chapter participation. One assistant in on the board of directors for LMGCSEA and Deep South. TPC Louisiana participates in the TPC Share an Assistant program, whereas one assistant went to TPC Southwind and assisted with the FedEx St. Jude Championship in Memphis, TN this year. 20-30 volunteers were put in service for the Zurich Classic this year, along with 2 TPC personnel, local personnel and 3 from Canada (2025).
C2 Golfers & Employees			
C2.1 Improve health and wellbeing	C2.1.1 Benefits to human physical and mental health from golf and facility activities		The total rounds played were around 35,000 in 2024, of which 6% were walking rounds supporting health and wellbeing. Also, 2% female and 2% youth. The average age of the golfers is approximately 45 years old. CIP: Please encourage a higher percentage of walking rounds of golf for improved health and wellbeing of the golfers.
C2.2 Be open and inclusive	C2.2.1 Inclusivity and diversity in membership and visitor policies	Demonstrate inclusive policies for members and visitors	TPC Louisiana is a public course owned by the State of Louisiana (Louisiana State Expansion Division) and state funded; managed by the PGA. Such funds are generated in part from NOLA hotel taxes which is shared with projects such as Caesars SuperDome, Baseball Stadium (Maestri Field at Privateer Park), Ted Gormley Stadium, Wesley Barrow Stadium, Turchin Stadium, NBA Smoothie King Center, etc. Currently, 12.5 million USD for project on the board for such locations.
C2.3 Employ fairly and safely, and provide career opportunities	C2.3.1 Ethical and legal employment, working conditions and professional development	Follow all relevant national legislation and best practice for employment, health & safety etc	TPC Louisiana follows relevant legislation and best practices for employment, health and safety. Training on pesticide application, sprayer operation, and course machinery risk assessments is practiced. Pesticide licensing, heavy equipment training (back-hoe) by United Rentals and CPR training are integral components for employees at TPC Louisiana.

			Staff is CPR trained which include key staff, department heads and assistants. 3-4 personnel from each department with classes every two years. TPC-Louisiana has 40 full-time employees, and 20 part-time employees. Golf course maintenance has 20 full-time employees and 2 part-time employees. The management structure is golf course superintendent, senior assistant, and two assistants. TPC Louisiana strongly encourages professional development of staff through association involvement, ie. GCSAA seminars and tradeshow, as well as vendor meetings. Attends GCSAA each year (attend classes and tradeshow), Internal TPC conferences and mini-conferences, participate in Shop Talk for AGCS from GCSAA – connections that strengthen the GCSAA family and help them improve the communities they live in. Also, participates in TPC Tournament Support Program – share 2 assistants from network of clubs for 9 days. To effectively share assistants for a 9-day Tournament of Champions (TOC) tournament, its crucial to understand the diverse support roles and responsibilities involved. Structuring includes daily assignments, role specificity, coverage and overlap, point person, daily briefings/debriefings, and communication channels. Hosts First Green events – science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) environmental outreach program that uses golf course as a living laboratory. K-12 students participate in hands-on, outdoor learning stations that include lessons on wildlife habitat, soil science, environmental sustainability, mathematics, water conservation, water quality, career exploration and much more. First Green is a program of the GCSAA Foundation, the philanthropic organization of GCSAA. CIP: Please encourage use of collegiate turf students from agronomy and turf programs for internships in golf course maintenance during summer months, as well as other semesters, ie. LSU and Mississippi State University. It is understood that economical housing in the area is most difficult to find.
C3 Communications			
C3.1 Engage golfers and members	C3.1.1 Communications activities that raise awareness and understanding amongst members and visitors	Provide information on the facility's sustainability commitments, actions, or achievements	TPC Louisiana communicates on sustainability through its website, emails, and weekly department head meetings. Reports are generated from the GCS for an Agronomy update on sustainability. These notes from GCS are sent to Assistant GCS to GM

			to Golf Pro to PGA Regional GM, all PGA agronomy and staff, advanced rules person, and PGA Tour admin assistant via email. Information to golfers is posted in locker room and via email. Weekly safety meetings (Emergency Response and Hazard Communications). Weekly Department Head meetings and monthly business review. Outline includes: State of the Club, Golf and Outside Operations, Golf Course Maintenance, Food and Beverage, Events, and Safety and Risk Management. On Dec 16-18, 2025, TPC Louisiana hosted the annual TPC Agronomy Conference for all the owned and operated TPC clubs across the USA. Speakers included representatives from Golf Course Properties (Vic Aliprando, SVP), GCSAA (Rhett Evans, COO), N.C. State University (Jim Kerns, Ph.D., Professor), Syngenta (Lane Tredway, Ph.D., Tech. Serv. Mgr.; and Walt Osborne, Key Accounts Mgr.), TPC Clubs (Tyler McCool, Director of Agronomy, TPC Louisiana; Brandon Reese, Director of Agronomy, TPC Scottsdale; and Nick Bisanz, Director of Agronomy, TPC Southwind), Patrick McCullough, Ph.D., University of Georgia), GCSAA (Chava McKeel, Dir. Gov. Rel.). Topics included TPC Louisiana Rebuilding; Renovation and Innovation; Weed Control; PULA and Gov. Update; and Golf). 36 in attendance from across USA.
C3.2 Celebrate and promote sustainability	C3.2.1 Activities that raise awareness and engage people in the wider community	Provide evidence of external communications and community engagement	The Club is working on posting its GEO OnCourse Highlights on GEO Foundation for Sustainable Golf. Such highlights include: 1. Building birdhouses from recycled materials from Zurich Classic and strategically placing them around the golf course under proper maintenance. 2. Aerification cores and waste sands to be donated to Jefferson Parish and used in low areas needing additional soil media. 3. Catching and storing rainwater on site and using for irrigation. The Club currently maintains certification with Audubon International (Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf) and has maintained such certification for 20 years. Recently updated in 2025. Certificates of Achievement include Environmental Planning, Wildlife and Habitat Management, Water Quality Management, Water Conservation, and Chemical Use and Reduction Safety.

Golf and Sustainability

Among all sports, golf has a particularly close relationship with the environment and communities, golf facilities can bring many benefits to people and nature - from the protection of greenspace and conservation of biodiversity; healthy recreation for all ages; local supply chains; and jobs, tourism and other forms of economic value.

Adopting a more sustainable approach is also good for golf. It's about presenting a high-quality golf course and providing a memorable experience in natural surroundings. It's about being as efficient as possible. And it's about supporting the community in a range of ways that bring increased recognition, respect and contact.

At a broader level, it's important that golf credibly demonstrates its commitment, and its social and environmental value – strengthening the sport's image and reputation for the long term.

Golf facilities that participate in OnCourse®, an international sustainability initiative assured by the non-profit GEO Foundation, are taking a comprehensive approach and striving to be leaders in the community.

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