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Oakmont Magic

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Seeing is believing when it comes to the putting surfaces for this week's U.S.

Open Championship. The greens at Oakmont Country Club in Oakmont, Pa. are living up to their reputation for providing extremely smooth and fast surfaces. What makes the putting surfaces so special? It is the very finetextured and dense strains of annual bluegrass that have evolved under a rigorous and careful maintenance programs. Those wishing to emulate the conditions at Oakmont must realize that it requires a long, and sometimes painful, process along with ideal growing conditions, investments in infrastructure and a talented and committed management team.



The magic of Oakmont's greens comes from fine-textured, dense annual bluegrass.

To learn more about how Oakmont was prepared for the 2016 U.S. Open Championship, read <u>Preparing The Colf Course At Oakmont For The U.S. Open</u>.

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