



# BLACK DESERT

CHAMPIONSHIP

## FACT SHEET

### 2025 Black Desert Championship LPGA Tour event

*as of 11/19/2024*

#### **What:**

The Black Desert Championship, one of three new additions to the 2025 LPGA schedule, marks the LPGA Tour's historic return to Utah after 60 years, following the 1964 Riverside Ladies Open at Riverside Country Club in Provo. Boasting a \$3 million purse, the tournament ranks among the higher-tier payouts on the LPGA Tour, emphasizing its dedication to celebrating women's golf and delivering a world-class tournament experience.

#### **Dates:**

Monday, April 28 – Sunday, May 4

- Monday, April 28 – Practice rounds (closed to public, open to media)
- Tuesday, April 29 - Practice rounds (closed to public, open to media)
- Wednesday, April 30 - Practice rounds (closed to the public, open to media)
- Thursday, May 1 - Opening Day (Round 1)
- Friday, May 2 - Round 2
- Saturday, May 3 - Round 3
- Sunday, May 4 – Final Round

#### **Where:**

Black Desert Resort  
1500 E Black Desert Dr, Ivins, UT 84738

#### **Course:**

Black Desert Resort  
Par 72

Designed by Tom Weiskopf

The [golf course at Black Desert Resort](#) is open for public play outside of tournament week.

#### **Purse:**

\$3 million (Winner's share: \$450,000)

#### **Ticket and hospitality packages**

Details to be announced at a later date

#### **Sustainability:**

Creating a sustainable water usage plan was central to Black Desert Resort's planning efforts, including the Black Desert Golf Course. The course uses the newest cultivars of permanent turfgrass species that are bred to be the most drought and heat tolerant available, also eliminating the need to overseed and saves water by reducing the need to be continuously reestablished. The use of organic fertilizers, integrated pest management, aeration, and wetting agents are used extensively to reduce water usage and soil tests are completed yearly to ensure soil structure and mineral make-up are adequate to hold water and disperse water to a robust root system. The golf course's irrigation

system is the most modern and high-tech option available, allowing the agronomy team to provide the exact amount of water needed in each area of the course, which can be adjusted based on rainfall and other environmental conditions, reducing over-watering and waste. Further details and interviews available upon request.

#### **LPGA Tour history in Utah:**

- 1962 - Salt Lake City Open, Willow Creek CC in Salt Lake City; won by Mickey Wright
- 1964 - Ogden Ladies Open, Ogden CC in Ogden; won by Kathy Whitworth
- 1964 - Riverside Ladies Open, Riverside CC in Provo; won by Clifford Ann Creed

#### **Recent Epson Tour events/other events in Utah:**

- Returning in 2025: LPGA Legends Championship and Copper Rock Championship
- May 2024 – LPGA Legends Championship (Hurricane); Winner: Angela Stanford (major champion)
- May 2024 – Copper Rock Championship (Hurricane); Winner: Fiona Xu (2024 Epson Tour graduate)
- April 2023 – Copper Rock Championship (Hurricane); Winner: Savannah Vilaubi (2022 LPGA Tour rookie)
- Sept 2023 – Black Desert Championship; Winner: Nataliya Guseva (2024 LPGA Tour rookie)
- April 2022 – Copper Rock Championship (Hurricane); Winner: Dottie Ardina (2024 Paris Olympian)
- April 2021 – Copper Rock Championship (Hurricane); Winner: Bailey Tardy (LPGA Tour winner)

#### **News nuggets:**

- In October 2024, Black Desert Resort hosted a PGA TOUR FedEx Cup event, making it only the second course in the nation to annually host both a PGA TOUR and an LPGA Tour event, alongside Tiburon Golf Club in Naples, Florida.
- Black Desert Resort is the home course for the men’s and women’s golf programs at Utah Tech University. Utah Tech plays in the Western Athletic Conference (WAC), an NCAA Division I conference.

#### **Black Desert Championship online:**

- [www.BlackDesertEvents.com](http://www.BlackDesertEvents.com)
- **Instagram:** @BlackDesertChampionship

#### **Black Desert Resort online:**

- [www.BlackDesertResort.com](http://www.BlackDesertResort.com)
- **Instagram, YouTube, Facebook:** @BlackDesertResort

#### **About Black Desert Resort:**

Set amidst the vermillion sandstone cliffs and striking black lava beds of Greater Zion, Black Desert Resort is poised to become a premier destination for luxury hospitality, golf, and Southern Utah adventure. Black Desert Resort will be anchored by a Tom Weiskopf-designed championship golf course, which will host annual events on the PGA TOUR and LPGA Tour. Set to grand open in Spring 2025, the resort’s first phase will include nearly 800 rooms and suites, seven dining venues, a 15,000-square-foot spa, a heated outdoor pool and hot tub, and 45,000 square feet of indoor/outdoor meeting and event space. Future phases will include a water park, more rooms and suites, and many more dining, shopping, and entertainment options. Spanning over 600 acres of scenic landscape, Black Desert Resort will offer easy access to 200+ acres of preserved land and six miles of hiking trails. Reef Capital Partners is developing Black Desert Resort. To learn more, visit [www.blackdesertresort.com](http://www.blackdesertresort.com).

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