

## **John Fields: Head Coach, The University of Texas Men's Golf**

Leadership, class, and a commitment to championship culture have defined John Fields's remarkable tenure as head coach of The University of Texas men's golf program. As he begins his 29th season in 2024-25, Fields has established the Longhorns as a national powerhouse.

Since his appointment in August 1997, Fields has led Texas to 22 NCAA Championship appearances and an impressive 10 top-five finishes. The program's pinnacle achievements include NCAA team titles in 2012 and 2022, along with runner-up finishes in 2016 and 2019. The Longhorns' consistent success is highlighted by seven NCAA quarterfinal appearances in the last 12 years and the nation's longest active streak of 17 consecutive NCAA Championship berths.

Fields's accolades are a testament to his coaching prowess. He has been named Golfweek's Men's National Coach of the Year three times (2012, 2016, 2022) and has earned the Big 12 Coach of the Year honor nine times. Under his guidance, Texas has captured nine Big 12 Conference team championships, most recently in 2024. Seven different Longhorns have also won the individual Big 12 title.

Beyond team success, Fields has cultivated a culture of individual excellence. He has coached two National Players of the Year (Beau Hossler, Doug Ghim) and four National Freshmen of the Year (David Gossett, Brandon Stone, Scottie Scheffler, Cole Hammer). In total, 27 Longhorns have been named All-Americans under his tutelage, including notable players like Jordan Spieth, Dylan Frittelli, and the Coody brothers.

Fields's coaching philosophy was on full display during the 2023-24 season, where the team secured three victories—including the Big 12 Championship and NCAA Austin Regional—and advanced to the NCAA Championship. Fields himself was honored as the Golf Pride Grips Central Region Coach of the Year.

Prior to his arrival at Texas, Fields built a powerhouse program at the University of New Mexico, leading the Lobos to nine NCAA Championship appearances in 10 years and earning four WAC Coach of the Year honors. A native of Las Cruces, N.M., and a former four-year letterman for the Lobos, Fields will be inducted into the Texas Athletics Hall of Honor in September 2024, cementing his legacy as one of college golf's most successful coaches.