

## **RIO OLYMPICS GOLF TEST EVENT HELD, REVIEWS OF COURSE ARE PROMISING**

**March 9, 2016, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil:** The first official test event for the Olympic Golf Course, ahead of play for the 2016 Olympic Games, was held March 8<sup>th</sup> in Rio. Reviews of the course are promising for favorable conditions for golf's return as an Olympic sport for the first time in 112 years.

"The course is incredible," Candy Hannemann was quoted as saying. Hanneman played in the test event, coming out of retirement in hopes to represent her country in her hometown Olympics. "A lot of strategy and thought will go into the rounds. I absolutely loved it and course designer Gil Hanse and his staff have done an incredible job. Very impressive. I am very proud, as a Brazilian player, that this incredible venue will host the games."

Another Brazilian golfer who also played in the event, Miriam Nagl, was quoted as saying, "I never expected it to be so well developed," adding, "I would say it's equal to a good course like the Doral in Miami."

The Blue Monster course at Doral was recently redesigned by Olympic Golf Course Architect Gil Hanse.

The Olympic Golf Course is grassed on the fairways, tees and roughs with Zeon Zoysia grass.

The Olympic golf competition is scheduled for August 5 – 21, 2016 in Rio.

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### **About Green Grass Brazil**

Green Grass is Brazil's premier producer of high-quality turfgrass for golf

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