Unfortunately, there are few areas within the United States with suitable climates for the long-term management of fine fescues. There are also specific soil requirements and cart traffic limitations. Most importantly, golfers must be willing to accept a different look than that of Kentucky bluegrass and bentgrass. This week's U.S. Open audience might wonder why the course they play at home is not planted to fescue. After all, low water use, low fertilization needs, tight mowing height, strong root system, and the ability to produce firm and fast playing surfaces are desirable traits. Given the environmental and economic challenges facing many courses, fescue would seem to be a logical choice. Although it is not planted to fescue. Those who watch the U.S. Open this week will hear a lot about the fescue planted on golf courses around the world, there are four established at Chambers Bay - hard, sheep, red and Chewings fescues.

Types of fine fescues at Chambers Bay; hard, sheep, red and Chewings fescues

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