



# 51<sup>st</sup> CHAMPIONS CUP INVITATIONAL

April 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

*Champions Golf Club*

## **Cart Driver Instructions – Please Read – Any Questions Please Advise**

The Cart Driver's primary and only responsibility is to drive the cart.

According to the rules, however, since you are driving the cart with the player's bags, you are considered to be their "caddie". There can be one "caddie" for two players or one "caddie" for each player.

Having said that, you are not expected to perform the duties of a "caddie", so no other person can provide "caddie" assistance to the players.

You can however assist only as you feel comfortable and with agreement with your players, such as cleaning clubs and balls, holding pins or raking bunkers. Don't offer advice, such as reading putts unless asked by the player, and only if you feel comfortable helping.

Be prepared to help players with placing and retrieving clubs. A wet towel to wipe clubs should be in hand.

**Pace of Play** – Emphasis this year is on pace of play.

Players are responsible, but cart drivers can also play a role here; **We strongly suggest that as players hit their tee shots, you hand the players their range finders after their tee shots.** This way, the player can move more quickly when getting to their ball and determining proper distance. USGA approved Range Finders are allowed.

Slow play this year could result in a team penalty, so work with the players to stay in position.

Be cautious while driving the cart. Observe the 90-Degree Rule. There will be four balls in play, so be sure that you do not run over the balls; running over a ball will result in a penalty.

Please wait until all players hit, before moving forward. Do not get ahead of your Team or the other Team.

**Drivers are not to record scores on the scorecard.** This is the player's responsibility.

**The players CANNOT ride with you; they must walk; they can only sit in an IDLE cart. Players may only ride should the "Player Support" committee intercede and advise players that they are out of position. This decision is only put in place by that committee person, who will have carts and a presence on the course during the Cup, monitoring play.**

Another member or guest can ride with you but cannot offer advice or any assistance to the players.

Please turn off or set to vibrate your Cell Phones.

Bring your rain gear. We may have periods of light and even heavier rain that may cause delays.



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**Thursday (3/5) and Friday (3/6) driver assignments** and tee times will be emailed and posted on the website. Starting on Cypress No 1 and 10, tee times will begin at 8:30am, with the last time at 10:30 am.

**Saturday pairings and tee times** will be assigned based on previous day finish and will also start on Cypress No 1 and 10, with tee times from 8:30am to 10:30 am. Pairings and tee times will also be posted on the Website and emailed as soon as possible after play on Friday evening.

**Sunday (3/8) will be a Shotgun start at 9:30am.** Pairing will also be posted Saturday evening on the Website and emailed to the Drivers.

Please check-in at the Cart Driver Coordinator Table each day in the Main Dining Room at least 30 minutes before your assigned tee time. Drivers will also be provided a nametag to wear and a daily Sack Lunch ticket. Please be expedient at the turn and be ready to start the second Nine.

## **Driver Benefits**

This year's Champions Cup tournament dates were changed due to the Cypress Course Restoration project that will commence April 18<sup>th</sup>. The best available dates were the same dates as the 2018 Masters Tournament, resulting in a "Masters Theme" being integrated into the event.

Our primary gathering/celebration area will be a large tent between the Scoreboard and the Driving Range, with tables and chairs, with a large screen to view Masters coverage.

Thursday and Friday, as in the past there will be beer, water, and sodas with light snacks. This year there will also be a bar for cocktails and wine, that will be charged to your Member Account.

There will be a TV in the Main Dining Room that will be airing Masters coverage during the day.

On Saturday the Masters – "On the Lawn" Party will start at 2pm and conclude with the end of Masters Play on Saturday (approx. 7pm). Complimentary beer, wine, water, and sodas with a Masters style cuisine will be provided to Players and Volunteers (and your guest). Same as Thursday and Friday, there will also be a bar for cocktails, that will be charged to your Member Account.

- Tournament Hat
- Breakfast served 7:00 am to 10:00 am each day.
- Sack Lunch Thursday – Sunday at the turn.
- After Round refreshments at the Scoreboard
- Masters – "On the Lawn" Tournament Party / Attire – Very casual, and shorts ... bring a Guest
- Masters Cuisine, Beer, Wine Immediately After Play (2pm–7pm)
- Awards Presentation after the Sunday Round at 3pm (depending on finish time).

If you become unavailable, or for any problem that may arise, please call me immediately.

Thanks again for your help!

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