



Linksmen Golf Club - Tournament Preparation Items



Golf Course: (Tournament Course)

- **Golf Course should be within a reasonable distance from major airport**
 - @ 30 miles is the extent (Reason people arriving on practice day)
 - Course should be within a reasonable distance to hotel (See **Hotel** On next page)
- **Golf Course should offer all the usual amenities**
 - Place to hold our awards buffet and meeting after play on Saturday
 - A staff willing to assist in bag drop and storage if possible (not necessary)
 - Course should play a tee box that is 6,000 to 6,500
 - Beverage Cart Facilities the days of our play (Thursday, Friday and Saturday)
 - Should have an area where we can gather after play to do scoring each day (table)
- **Days Of Play we would want**
 - Thursday - @ Noon - 1:00 PM shotgun start (This is the practice round day)
 - Friday - 7:30 / 8:00 AM shotgun start (Fri. and Sat. are Tournament Rounds)
 - Saturday - 7:30 / 8:00 AM shotgun start
 - Note: Modified shotgun works also so that the course can accommodate it's normal customers. Depending on the number of players we eventually get from the Linksmen, we may have to have tee times on any of the days
 - Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin on **FRIDAY and SATURDAY ONLY**
 - **Do not need** tournament type pin placements
- **Pricing**
 - Usually the Thursday price is the lowest (best) rate, but basically our desirable price is in the neighborhood of an average \$50.00. We need to get the best price we can get by explaining we will be there for **three** straight days and spending monies not only on golf but on the awards buffet and other facility items.
 - If possible pricing should include Range Balls
- **Awards Buffet and Meeting after play on Saturday**
 - A room that will accommodate all of our players
 - A buffet consisting of a couple of meats, and the usual accompaniments
 - An awards table and or speakers table
 - A wait staff that will accommodate the cleaning of the area
 - Pricing for the food should be @ \$15 - \$20 per player (not including tax & gratuity)



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Hotel Accommodations

- Hotel should be within a reasonable distance from the airport and suggested Tournament days golf course
 - Reasonable meaning @ 25 - 30 miles from the airport but closer to the golf course seeing how most of our golfers will be traveling to the course 2 - 3 days during their stay
- Hotel should be willing to block off rooms beginning as soon as possible up to @ 10 day to 2 weeks before our first day of play. Note: Many hotels want to have a cutoff date 30 days (one month) before our 1st day of play. That is OK also.
- Rooms should be a mixture of singles, doubles, multi-bedrooms and suites.
- I usually reserve 15 - 20 rooms for a Wednesday arrival then an additional 10 - 15 rooms with a Thursday arrival (Total of @ 30 rooms) with majority checking out on Sunday but a few (@ 10) checking out on Monday
- Hotel should have eating (especially breakfast) available - (Early morning tee times) or at least somewhere close that our guest could get something to eat before play
- There should be restaurant choices for dinner in the immediate area to the hotel
- If close enough to the airport, shuttle services
- Pricing
 - This is where it gets tricky, try to get the BEST price available. Most hotels will immediately tell you what their NORMAL rates are. That is not what we want unless it is already a good price. A good price is somewhere @ \$65. - \$80 per night. That is for the room. If people share the room that price is shared. It also depends on the amenities the hotel offers (breakfast included, dinner etc)
- Whatever the cutoff date is, we want the hotel to release the rooms in our block so that Linksmen Golf Club is NOT responsible for any un-used block of rooms

Sunday's Golf Course

- Try to get a nicer (Private / Semi Private) type course for Sunday's extra round
- Anticipate only 12 - 16 players for Sundays play
- Early morning Tee Time desired (@ 8:00 am) as people will want to catch late afternoon flights after play
- Cost may be a bit higher (\$65 - \$70) but again looking for the best price available. I usually state that our players are all Seniors or ask if there is a local resident rate we can get
- No special needs from the course



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Notes:

- Golf Payment will be made by the Linksmen Golf Club by way of a club credit card on each day of play.
- If there is a deposit that the golf course requires to secure the arrangements, the Linksmen Golf Club will provide that if required
- Each hotel room will be the responsibility of the individual making the room reservation. Our members will call and make their own room reservations and arrangements for payments
- As you make your determinations on the facilities you would like to use, consider what you have seen at the past Linksmen Golf Club outings.
- Attempt to get a contact person that you can call or go to in case of last minute changes and questions
- Anticipate that there will be changes that will be made right up until the days of the outings
- Try to get a couple of suggestions for the courses and hotels. I am willing to come down and sit with you and your contacts to assist with the details and negotiations of the rates. **(As far in advance as possible - up to a year or at least several months)**

Any questions PLEASE feel free to contact me:

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