



The 2013 Spirit Country Team General Information

Format of Play

The Spirit International competition will be 72 holes Four-Ball Stroke Play and will have three concurrent team competitions as listed (format is subject to amendment):

International Team- The Four-Ball score for both the women's and men's team will be combined after each 18-Hole round to compute the International Team score. The country with the lowest combined score at the conclusion of the competition will be declared the International Champion.

Women's Team- Four-Ball Stroke Play

Men's Team- Four-Ball Stroke Play

Individual Honors- Due to the four ball stroke play format, only the number of birdies and eagles made by each player during the 72 hole competition will be counted to determine individual women and individual men honors.

Commemorative medals (Gold, Silver and Bronze) will be awarded to the top three places in all competitions.

Texas Welcome & Opening Ceremonies

Upon arrival at the Houston International Airport on Saturday, October 26 and Sunday, October 27, all countries will be provided complimentary hotel rooms (3 rooms per country team) for two nights (Saturday, October 26 and Sunday, October 27) at the Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel in The Woodlands, Texas, located approximately 35 miles north of downtown Houston.

The Texas Welcome will provide each country and their participants a chance to enjoy Texas. Each country will be assigned a country host who will coordinate your desired activities to include shopping, sightseeing, playing golf and visiting benefiting charities of The Spirit International.

On the evening of Sunday, October 27 The Spirit Opening Ceremonies and Celebration Party will be conducted. All 16 countries will be involved in the international procession of athletes and other festive ceremonies, including special entertainment.

On Monday morning, October 28, all countries will be transported via coach buses to the International Village at Camp Olympia and Whispering Pines Golf Club (see Schedule of Events).

Team Captain

Each participating country must provide a team captain who will be responsible for communicating tournament policy and procedures to their respective players. During the Texas Welcome (Saturday, October 26 – 27) the team captain must be accountable for the well being of all four players at related activities and during the teams stay at the host hotel.

Team Captain (Continued)

The team captain must also attend the team captain meeting on Tuesday, October 29 at 4:00 pm in the clubhouse at Whispering Pines Golf Club. Team Captains will stay in the Cottages at Whispering Pines Golf Club during the tournament.

During The Spirit International competition, the team captain will be the only person permitted to provide advice to their respective country players. The official team captain badge (issued at the team captain meeting) must be worn at all times during the competition rounds.

Player Amenities

The Spirit Golf Association will provide the following benefits for The 2013 Spirit:

- Complimentary coach roundtrip air travel for each player (coaches/captains air travel is the responsibility of each country).
- Complimentary housing for all players and one designated team captain at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and the International Village at Camp Olympia (located adjacent to Whispering Pines).
- Complimentary food and beverage to all players and captains during the tournament, at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott, Camp Olympia and Whispering Pines Golf Club.
- Complimentary ground transportation to and from the Houston airport, The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and to Camp Olympia/Whispering Pines Golf Club. Tournament shuttle service will provide all transportation needs for players and captains.
- Complimentary evening entertainment and player services (themed parties, access to email, internet, etc. for players and captains) at Camp Olympia.
- **Only mandatory cost to each player is a caddie fee of \$350 per player for 5 days of caddie services (no personal caddies allowed).**

Air Travel & Reservations

Complimentary air travel for Spirit International players will be handled by the Carlson Wagonlit Travel representatives below. It is at the discretion of each participating country's national golf association/federation to book air travel on behalf of the players or to have each individual player contact the travel agent directly. Please speak to your National Golf Association or Federation to discuss how your team will contact Carlson Wagonlit Travel prior to arranging your flight information. The Spirit will provide round trip air travel for the four players. Please remember, each country is responsible for their Team Captain's airline fare.

Important Note: All players must arrive no later than noon on Sunday, October 27. All players/captains will depart on Sunday, November 3.

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Air Travel & Reservations (Continued)

It is recommended that participants or those coordinating travel arrangements on behalf of participants do so via e-mail. This is to avoid any discrepancies when spelling names and required information. Please put Spirit Golf in the subject line of your email correspondence.

Please include the following information when contacting the Carlson Wagonlit travel agents:

Full name of individual(s) – exactly as it appears on each passport

Gender

Passport number

Nationality

Passport Expiration Date

Birthdate – to avoid confusion, please write out all birthdates, i.e. August 1, 1981

Make sure that you receive an e-ticket or paper ticket and a confirmation number. **It is very important that your name on the airline ticket matches the exact spelling of your name on your current visa and/or passport. Double-check the spelling of your name with Yvonne or Sheila before confirming your flight arrangements.**

Your Carlson Wagonlit travel agents, Yvonne and Sheila, will make every effort to provide your team with the most convenient flight itinerary. Please remember that airline fares are subject to change and cannot be guaranteed until flights are confirmed. Flight arrangements for Team Captains and any additional team guests may be made through Carlson Wagonlit and are the responsibility of each country's national golf federation or association.

Accommodations at the International Village at Camp Olympia

Players will be staying at the International Village at Camp Olympia from Monday, October 28 – Sunday, November 3. Located adjacent to Whispering Pines Golf Club, Camp Olympia provides communal housing facilities that help to create a sense of community and provide an International Village experience for Spirit participants.

Players will stay in cabins with 3 to 4 different teams, or 6 to 8 players. Cabins are outfitted with bunk beds; however, every player will be given a bottom bunk. All bedding will be provided. Each bunk will also have a shelf complete with a private locker for valuables. The bathrooms are communal and are attached to your cabin. Clean towels and wash clothes will be provided to all participants during the tournament week. Please bring personal toiletries. To view Camp Olympia facilities, you can visit the website at www.campolympia.com.

Schedule of Events

See attached schedule of events. **Please note that all teams/players must be present beginning Sunday, October 27 for The Spirit Opening Ceremonies.** Tournament play will begin on Wednesday, October 30 and conclude on Saturday, November 2.

Tournament Management

The conduct of the tournament is performed by a professional tournament staff with over 30 years experience in managing PGA Tour and USGA Regional Golf Association tournaments.

Eric Fredricksen, The Spirit International Tournament Director, has been the Director since the inaugural tournament in 2001. His prior accomplishments include Director of Golf/Tournament Director at Walt Disney World (1978-1992) and Tournament Director of the PGA Tour Shell Houston Open (1993-2000).

The Spirit International has over 250 volunteers committed to ensuring a memorable tournament experience for all the contestants and sponsors.



Important Tournament Contact Information

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