



The 2013 Spirit Player Information

Please review the following player information carefully. Should you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Meyer, Tournament Coordinator, at smeyer@spiritgolf.org or call the tournament office at (281) 298-2610.

Air Transportation

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 Saturday, October 26. All players/captains will depart on Sunday, November 3.

Carlson Wagonlit Travel contacts:

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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.

Airport Arrival

When you arrive in Houston, Texas please go immediately to your flight's designated baggage claim area. Spirit tournament representatives will be holding large tournament logo signs. Locate a tournament representative and he/she will facilitate your ground transportation to the hotel.

If you have any problems once you arrive at Houston International Airport, please contact Sonny Thornton at (281) 743-2259 or Eric Fredricksen at (713) 826-7303.

Currency Exchange

Airport currency exchange centers are located in the George Bush Intercontinental Airport (Terminal C and Terminal D from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.). We recommend participants bring U.S. dollar travelers checks. If you decide to use your ATM card, please check with your bank prior to your arrival in Houston as systems vary internationally.

Texas Welcome – October 26 – 27

This year, the Texas Welcome, will be held in The Woodlands, Texas. Located north of Houston, The Woodlands includes exceptional golf courses, parks and trails and a host of shopping options all within walking distance of the Waterway Marriott for players and team captains to enjoy. For more information on The Woodlands and the Waterway Marriott Hotel, visit www.thespiritgolf.com.

Texas Welcome Accommodations

During the Texas Welcome, October 26-27, players and captains will stay at the Woodlands Waterway Marriott in The Woodlands, Texas. Players will share a room with a team member of the same gender. All players and team captains will be located on the same floor of the hotel. 24-hour security will be provided.

The Spirit International Opening Ceremony – Sunday, October 27

The Opening Ceremony will be held at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott at 6:00 p.m. ***All players and team captains must attend.*** This will be the only formal dinner event during The Spirit International. Dress attire for the event is at the discretion of each country; however, most countries opt to wear an official team uniform usually consisting of slacks/skirt with shirt, tie and blazer (optional).

Opening Ceremony activities include a reception and dinner with Team Country Sponsor, Official Team Photo shoot, Procession of Countries (highlighting the achievements of each player) and special entertainment.

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.

Arrival at the International Village at Camp Olympia

On Monday, October 28, all players and team captains will be transported by coach bus to the International Village at Camp Olympia. Upon arrival at the International Village, players will be dropped off in front of their assigned cabin. There will be a Camp Olympia representative waiting to greet you, show you where you will be staying, and introduce you to your roommates.

Laundry

There will be no clothes washing service available during the tournament. Players should bring enough clothes to last the entire week. A dry cleaning service is available to the players at a cost. Payment by cash or credit card is due upon completion of this service.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted inside the cabins or cottages. There will be designated smoking areas provided outside. Both Camp Olympia and Whispering Pines work very hard to maintain clean and natural facilities, so please help us preserve our environment by throwing away any cigarette butts in designated receptacles.

What to Bring

Below is a list of additional items we recommend each player bring. Players can refer to the 2013 Player Check-List for additional recommendations and suggestions. Visit www.thespiritgolf.com/participatingcountryforms.

Visa/Passport

Required for international travel

National Attire

Opening Ceremony attire for Team Members & Team Captain.

(Please coordinate with Team Captain/National Association)

Money

Each player / country is required to pay a \$350 (US) caddie fee. We strongly suggest caddie fees be paid prior to the tournament via wire transfer. Please contact Tournament Administrator, Bettian Barnard, at (281) 298-2713 or bbarnard@spiritgolf.org for wire transfer directions.

Flashlight

The International Village facilities are spread out, so a flashlight is helpful at night.

Flip-Flops/Bathroom Sandals

Halloween Costume

We'll be celebrating Halloween on Thursday, October 31, so bring a costume and join in on the fun!

Country Pins or Mementos

Food Service

Breakfast - 6:30 am – 9:00 am

Served at the Camp Olympia Chow Hall (please refer to Camp Olympia map for location) The Chow Hall is a large cafeteria with a self-serve buffet.

Lunch – 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Served at the golf course in the International Pavilion, located behind the driving range. Self-serve buffet.

Dinner – 6:00 pm

Served each evening at the International Village at Camp Olympia. The location will vary from night to night depending on the entertainment planned for the evening.

Refreshments and snacks will be available in the Camp Olympia O-Dome 24-hours a day.

Communications

The International Village at Camp Olympia will be equipped with Wi-Fi high-speed Internet access and computers for player use. The computers will be located upstairs in the O-Dome (please refer to the Camp Olympia map included in the packet). Personal cell phones are permitted. Limited phone service will also be available at the top of the O-Dome. **NO direct calling will be available.** Only collect calls or phone card service is available. International calling cards will be available for purchase in the O-Dome.

In the case of an emergency, you may provide your family / close contact with an Emergency Contact number, (936) 594-2541. Please note that this number is for **emergency purposes only**.

The 2013 Spirit International Live Webcast

We are pleased to once again offer a live webcast of The Spirit International tournament. The 2013 webcast production of The Spirit International features many enhancements such as coverage of the Opening Ceremony, four rounds of tournament competition from six holes and 16 camera locations, daily highlights and player interviews and on-site broadcasts. A GoVision jumbo screen will also be located on the 18 green.

Please tell your family and friends to visit our website, www.thespiritgolf.com, to view the live broadcast during the tournament week. The Spirit website will also offer live scoring, daily pictures from the event, and a daily video highlight. This will be a great way for you to share the tournament experience with people from home. Daily replay of the webcasts will also be shown on a jumbo-screen at the International Village every evening after play.

Format, Tee Times, and Pairings

Please refer to the Player Guidelines on Competition Format and Pairing Information. Tee times will begin each morning at 8:30 a.m. – 9:54 a.m. off of #1 and #10 tees. The Spirit Cup event on Monday is the only exception and will begin with an 11:00 am shotgun start.

Please note that only golf shoes with soft-spikes will be allowed for use in tournament play. The Texas Golf Association will administer the rules of golf for the competition. USGA rules will govern play.

The Spirit Cup

This year we are pleased to be hosting a new event connected with The Spirit International. The Spirit Cup will be played Monday, October 28 at Whispering Pines Golf Club and will pair one professional or prominent player representing each of the 16 participating countries with each 2013 Spirit International Country Team in an 18-hole competition. The winning country team will receive The Spirit Cup and winning team members will be awarded smaller replicas of the trophy. The Spirit Cup will be an 11:00 am shotgun start. Additional details can be found online at www.TheSpiritGolf.com.

Player Services Trailer

While at Whispering Pines Golf Club, players will have access to a Player Services trailer where players can store limited items during play, receive treatment for minor injuries and store their golf bag overnight. If players prefer to transport their golf bag to the course each day they may do so. The tournament is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Player Transportation

There will be shuttles operating to and from the International Village and Whispering Pines Golf Club at regular intervals throughout the day. It is a very short ride (less than one kilometer). The shuttle drop-off and pick-up location at Camp Olympia is outside of the cafeteria and the Whispering Pines location is in the parking lot adjacent to the Clubhouse.

Caddies

Each player will be provided with one caddie during the tournament (Tuesday – Saturday). No personal caddies will be permitted. **The 2013 Caddie Fee is \$350 (US) per player or \$1400 (US) per team. Players or their national golf federation/association are responsible for paying caddie fees. We strongly recommend this fee is paid prior to the tournament via wire transfer or credit card. Please contact Tournament Administrator, Bettiann Barnard at (281) 298-2610 or bbarnard@spiritgolf.org for directions on wire transfers and credit card payments.**

Texas Weather

Texas weather is highly unpredictable. In November, the climate in east Texas can range from hot (86°F/30°C) to somewhat cool and pleasant (55°F/13°C). Players and tournament guests should bring layered clothing and be prepared to adjust their dress on a daily basis.

Medical

Participants are required to fill out a medical release and health history form. A copy of the Medical Release Form is attached or can be found online at www.thespiritgolf.com/participatingcountryforms. Please fill out the form and return it to Tournament Coordinator, Stephanie Meyer at smeyer@spiritgolf.org or via fax at (281) 298-7794 by **Friday, August 30**. Players may submit their health history form online. Visit www.thespiritgolf.com/participatingcountryforms and click on the Player Health History button to access this information. Players who do not submit their health history form prior to the tournament will be required to at Player Registration when they arrive in Houston. In the event of a medical emergency, a nurses station is centrally located at the International Village at Camp Olympia (please refer to map) where you can obtain medical attention 24 hours a day.

Drug/Alcohol Policy

Under no circumstances are illegal drugs permitted on the premises of Camp Olympia and/or Whispering Pines Golf Club.

The minimum drinking age in the state of Texas is 21 years of age. No alcohol will be served or consumed by any individual under the legal drinking age.

Both of these rules will be strictly enforced at the International Village at Camp Olympia and Whispering Pines Golf Club. Any violators will be subject to player disqualification from the tournament and possible suspension of country participation in The Spirit International.

Designated Areas Serving Alcoholic Beverages

There will be two areas to purchase alcohol. Only persons of legal drinking age (21 years of age and older) will be permitted to consume alcoholic beverages. **No alcoholic beverages can be brought onto the property.** Only alcohol purchased at these two locations may be consumed on the premises.

International Pavilion - located at Whispering Pines Golf Club after the completion of play. All alcoholic beverages must be consumed within the boundaries of the International Pavilion.

International Village at Camp Olympia - located in the corner of the tennis courts adjacent to the O-Dome. All alcoholic beverages must be consumed within the established boundaries on the tennis courts.

International Travel & Health

The Spirit International is committed to international health issues. Please ensure that all players, tournament guests and team captains take precaution when traveling. Wash hands regularly and drink plenty of fluids to stay hydrated. **We also ask that each team member and any persons associated with the team take their body temperature prior to traveling. If any member and/or delegate of the team have a temperature, please see a doctor or health official prior to arriving in Houston.**

The Spirit International player accommodations are communal. Since The Spirit is being held during the fall season, we are especially interested in taking precautions against flu outbreaks. Should any of your team members contract the flu, please immediately notify the tournament office at (281) 298-2610.



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