



2013 TOURNAMENT FACT SHEET

OCTOBER 27 – NOVEMBER 3, 2013

HOST The Spirit Golf Association, a 501(c) (3) charitable organization dedicated to promoting amateur golf to benefit health related causes. The Texas Golf Association is the governing association for the competition.

SITE Whispering Pines Golf Club, located outside Trinity, Texas (88 miles north of Houston), rests on a spectacular 400-acre property bound by piney woods, lakes and abundant wildlife. Designed by Chet Williams of the Nicklaus Design Group, this 7,400-yard championship course opened in 2000 and has received numerous state and national honors. Whispering Pines is ranked in America's Top 100 golf courses by *Golf Digest*, *Golf Magazine* and *Golfweek*. It has also been ranked by *The Dallas Morning News* as the #1 golf course in Texas since 2006.

WHAT IS THE SPIRIT?

Established in 2001, The Spirit International is a biennial event that alternates tournament years with the World Amateur Team Championships. The Spirit International Amateur Golf Championship is a world-class golf event. It features the world's best men and women amateur golfers, who represent their respective country in team and individual competitions. The 64 participants enjoy an Olympic-like experience that includes Opening and Closing Ceremonies, accommodations at the International Village at Camp Olympia and a Gold Medal Championship competition.

INVITATION GUIDELINES

The field of countries is limited to 16 teams (each team is comprised of two men and two women golfers). The twenty country teams are invited based on the men's and women's combined results from the most recent World Amateur Team Championships.

TEAM SELECTION

Each invited country assembles their best available amateur men and women golfers (two each). All players must be official citizens of their country. Each country's National Golf Association or Federation establishes its own selection criteria. However, national champions, finalists or top ranked players are the majority of participants. Almost all of the entire player field at the 2011 Spirit International were National Champions or held the number one rank in their country.

FORMAT OF PLAY

72 holes of best ball competition, five separate competitions are conducted: International Team (combined best ball of the Men's and Women's teams), Men's Team, Women's Team, Men's Individual, and Women's Individual. Gold, Silver, and Bronze commemorative medals are awarded to the top three places in each competition.

PLAYER ACCOMMODATIONS

Camp Olympia, a nationally acclaimed youth camp located adjacent to Whispering Pines Golf Club provides accommodations for all Spirit International participants. Camp Olympia is themed as an International Village where participants enjoy lodging, meals and a wide variety of entertainment each evening.

2013 Invited COUNTRIES

Australia		France		Korea		Scotland	
Canada		Germany		Malaysia		Spain	
England		Italy		Mexico		Sweden	
Finland		Japan		Norway		United States	

PAST CHAMPIONS

	2001	2003	2005	2007	2009	2011
International Team	Mexico	USA	England	England	USA	USA
Women's Team	Mexico	USA	England	Korea	USA	Korea
Men's Team	Austria	USA	Germany	England	Italy	USA
Women's Individual	Lorena Ochoa, Mexico	Paula Creamer, USA	Pernilla Lindberg, Sweden	Soo-Jin Yang, Korea	Alexis Thompson, USA	Victoria Tanco, Argentina
Men's Individual	Robert Hamilton, USA	Chinarat Padungsil, Thailand	Stefan Kirstein, Germany	Daniel Willett, England	Bum-Geun Chae, Korea	Kelly Kraft, USA Thomas Pieters, Belgium Carlos Ortiz, Mexico Mackenzie Hughes, Canada Ruan de Smidt, South Africa Nathan Smith, USA

SPONSORSHIP AND TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

For more information about The Spirit International, visit www.TheSpiritGolf.com.

2013 SPIRIT WEBCAST

The Spirit International Golf Championship will once again partner with Webstream Productions to produce a one-of-a-kind, unique webcast from beautiful Whispering Pines Golf Club. This live broadcast will stream action on holes 13-18 for all 4 championship rounds and will be available online at www.thespiritgolf.com.

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