

## PARKING

Parking for the U.S. Amateur is an important piece of the transportation plan. The various groups that need preferred parking are below.

### PLAYERS

The players are the most important group to consider for parking requirements. With 312 players in the field, it is a large requirement. The USGA and the Host Club should jointly determine the best available parking at the site and allocate that area for player parking. This reserved area should be given a title (Lot A) and controlled by parking passes. If the Host Club and the Stroke Play Co-Host are together, player parking should have approximately 200 spaces to cover the entire field. If the Host Club and the Stroke Play Co-Host are separate facilities, each should have approximately 125 spaces. Once stroke play is complete (beginning on Wednesday), the parking requirements dramatically decrease, and those spaces can be assigned to other groups.

During Player Registration, each player is offered the opportunity to receive a parking pass. A majority of the field will accept the pass however it is not 100% utilized.

### USGA STAFF and OFFICIALS

The USGA Staff and Officials will require preferred parking for the championship. This group usually requires 150 parking passes to be issued and needs to have approximately 75 reserved spots. They may be combined with players in the same preferred lot (Lot A) or be given a separate area with a separate designation.

### MEDIA

Any visiting members of the media are offered a preferred parking area during the championship. If possible, this group should park adjacent to the Media Center. However, media parking does not take priority over the players or USGA Staff and Officials. This group usually requires 75 parking passes to be issued and needs to have approximately 40 reserved spaces. If space permits, media may be combined with players and/or the USGA group in the same preferred lot or be given a separate area with a separate designation.

### SUPPORTERS

A championship's key corporate supporters may or may not require preferred parking. If general fan parking is convenient and has plenty of room, supporters can often park with fans and have no complaints. If convenience or space is an issue, key supporters can be given a separate lot. Supporter parking should not take priority over the players, USGA Staff and Officials or media. Supporter parking requirements will vary based on packages and should be discussed when developing the packages.

### VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers may or may not require preferred parking. If general fan parking is convenient and has plenty of room, volunteers can often park with fans and have no complaints. If convenience or space is an issue, volunteers can be given a separate lot. Volunteer staffing will dictate parking requirements but an average of 350-400 spaces should be sufficient.

## **GENERAL FANS**

Assuming an average daily attendance of 5,000 fans, approximately 2,000 parking spaces should be identified for general fan parking. This area will hopefully be adjacent to the Host Club where fans can walk to the championship but often times, this space is not available.

If adjacent space is unavailable, the Host Club should investigate areas within the local community such as schools, parks, fields, etc. to find the space needed. Often times, bussing fans to the championship will be necessary.

Other parking considerations:

1. **Parking Attendants:** Each parking area should have plenty of attendants on hand to verify parking passes, assist with finding the next available space and if needed, directing those attendees to the shuttle location. Parking attendants may be paid staff or volunteers, but they should have experience with this type of operation to ensure things run smoothly. In most cases, a parking management group can manage this for a minimal expense. Parking attendants should be scheduled throughout the day (5:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.) to assist attendees with exiting the area as well.
2. **Parking Surfaces:** The USGA uses the term “Hard Surface” to identify parking areas that will take place on asphalt, concrete or even rock based areas. These areas should remain usable even in poor weather situations. Any grass or dirt fields may lose usefulness in the event of rain so back up plans should be considered if this scenario is likely.
3. **Traffic Support:** If a parking plan is bringing a dramatic increase in traffic to a certain area, additional traffic support may be needed. Once the plan is in place, the USGA and the Host Club can discuss with the law enforcement partners.
4. **Parking Passes:** Parking passes should be used for all groups other than general fans. Lot designations should be used such as Lot A, B and C for each specific reserved area. The USGA can assist with developing a plan for the printing and distribution of parking passes.
5. **Traffic Signage:** Ultimately, using traffic signage to help direct the various groups to the proper location is a good idea. A traffic signage plan should be developed and reviewed by the USGA.
6. **Temporary Lighting:** In many cases, these parking areas have insufficient lighting considering that the attendees arrive prior to sunrise and leave well after the sun has set. For any area that does not have existing lights, a temporary light tower should be used.