

Caddies

Caddies are an important part of player services for the championship. Many players will come to the championship and request a club caddie. The Host Club should use its best efforts to locate a pool of approximately 75-100 caddies to meet the player requests. These caddies should have a good working knowledge of the Host Club and Co-Host, if applicable. If both courses have their own group of caddies, they should be collectively pooled and one caddie should be assigned to a player throughout the championship. If this is the case, caddies should be cross trained on both courses.

Players may request a caddie for practice rounds, stroke play, match play or for the entire championship at their discretion. There is no minimum amount of work guaranteed to a caddie. Host club and USGA will set a final date to which beyond the player is financially liable for his caddie commitment unless the caddie can be reassigned.

Caddie assignments should be made at random on a first come, first served basis. Once assigned, the caddie should be informed of his player's estimated arrival time and be available to meet the player before his first practice round.

A Caddie Desk will be set up at Player Registration equipped with a listing of assigned caddies for the players who requested a caddie as well as the players who bring their own caddie. Each player should be provided with their caddies' packet which includes information relating to the competition; the Caddie Regulations, Pace of Play and Course Evacuation information. The player will give this packet to his caddie.

Caddie Fees

The USGA and the Host Club should mutually determine the suggested caddie fee for the championship. This fee should be reasonable and consistent with past championships but should also be in line with normal fees paid at the respective course. This suggested fee will be explained to the players in the Player Memorandum and during Player Registration. Fees should be paid directly to the caddie by the player. The USGA will help mediate any problems related to players and caddie fees.

Push Carts

Push carts are an acceptable piece of equipment at USGA championships. Players may bring their own push cart or rent one from the Host Club. We recommend the host club ensuring that a fleet of push carts is available for the championship. The USGA can assist with further information. Sun Mountain is currently supporting our championships with complimentary push carts, (excluding shipping). USGA will provide contact information to the host club.

Caddie Attire

Caddies should present themselves in a proper manner. Attire should consist of a collared golf shirt, shorts or khaki pants (no jeans) and a proper hat if worn. Golf shoes are NOT PERMITTED, flat soled sneakers are preferred. Caddie bibs will be supplied by the USGA for championship rounds.

Caddie Bibs

Use of bibs in stroke play will be dependent upon the number of bibs available vs. the number of caddies. Colors will be red, white and blue and assigned by grouping order. First Player = Red, Second Player = White, Third Player = Blue. Players receive these colors regardless of the number of caddies in each group. If player A does not have a caddie, player B still receives white.

Once match play begins, the bib colors will be red and white. The "PLAYER ON TOP" of the match play draw receives red, player below receives white, again, regardless of caddies in group. The bibs have room for a Velcro "strip" with the last name(s) of the player(s) on it. These strips are provided by the USGA complete with the players' names. Players competing in the playoff will receive a blue bib.

Caddie bibs should be issued immediately prior to the start of each stroke play round or match and MUST be collected IMMEDIATELY upon conclusion of each round or match. The bibs should be cleaned after stroke play and at the end of the championship prior to packing. Hang drying between the stroke play rounds is acceptable (see below picture).

