

Parking

Parking for the championship 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 over 250 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 or Player) and controlled by parking passes and USGA signage. If the Host Club and Co-Host are together, player parking should have approximately 250 spaces to cover the entire field. If the Host Club and Co-Host are separate facilities, each should have approximately 125 spaces. Once stroke play is complete, the parking requirements dramatically decrease, and those spaces can be assigned to other groups.

If parking passes are necessary, 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 will not be 100% used.

USGA Staff & Officials

The USGA Staff and Officials will require preferred parking for the championship. This group usually requires 70 parking passes to be issued and needs to have approximately 40 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. If the Host Club and Co-Host are separate facilities, half of mentioned parking is required and once stroke play is complete, the parking requirements dramatically decrease.

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 6-8 parking passes to be issued and needs to have approximately 6-8 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 spectator parking is convenient and has plenty of room, supporters can often park with spectators 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 spectator parking is convenient and has plenty of room, volunteers can often park with spectators 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 100 spaces per should be sufficient.

General Spectators

Assuming an average daily attendance of 200 spectators, approximately 100 parking spaces should be identified for general spectator parking. This area will hopefully be adjacent to the Host Club where spectators 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 spectators to the championship will be necessary.

Other Parking Considerations:

1. **Parking Attendants:** Each parking area should have 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.
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 spectators. 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.

Parking Spaces Needed

	Wed Reg	Thurs P1	Fri P2	Sat SP1	Sun SP2	Mon Rd. 64	Tues Rd. 32/16	Wed QF/SF	Thurs F
Players	70	220	250	250	250	70	40	20	5
USGA Staff & Officials	30	40	40	40	40	40	40	30	25
Media	5	5	5	10	10	10	10	10	10
Volunteers	30	30	30	100	100	100	70	50	30
Spectators	5	5	5	100	100	100	100	100	100
Total	140	300	330	500	500	320	260	210	170