

2017 NATIONAL HICKORY CHAMPIONSHIP

SECTION 1 – Championship Entry (June 9-10, select one division)

OPEN DIVISION

Fee: **\$400** 4 x 9 holes contesting for the title of **National Hickory Champion**.
Scratch stroke competition.

check here

RESERVE DIVISION

Fee: **\$400** 4 x 9 holes Net Stroke competition. Prior NHC handicap info required.

check here

LADIES DIVISION

Fee: **\$400** 4 x 9 holes, Net Stroke competition. Hcp. info required from new players.

check here

SPORTING DIVISION

Fee: **\$325** 2 x 9 holes Stroke competition. Prizes for men & women (9 holes per day or 18 holes in one day)

check here

Amount



CONTESTANT INFORMATION

RETURN THIS FORM (OR COPY) WITH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO THE ADDRESS ON REVERSE SIDE

****Polo shirt size****

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ (please indicate Day, Evening or Cell)

E-Mail address _____

****First time players (only)**:**

Handicap or slope index: _____

CLUBS: Check one:

I will rent McIntyre Clubs (\$100) ☐ I will bring my own 19th century clubs* ☐

Golfers requiring Left-Handed McIntyre clubs please indicate ☐ (19th Century clubs subject to equipment committee inspection & approval)

Name of non playing wife attending _____

(indicate metal shaft, wood shaft, or SoHG hcp.) _____

SECTION 2 – Practice Competitions; Thurs. June 8 **No Fee**

“Mike & Elmore Foursomes Competition”: Alternate stroke competition on Thursday. Partners assigned by blind draw on first tee; stroke play = 9 holes, match may be 9 or 18 holes

Included with entry

Select style of play; *Clan Match* for teams of family-related players. (*Match Play Eights* contestants receive individual invitations)

****Course open for practice after Foursomes****

check here

Clan Match

check here

Stroke Play Foursomes

check here

Open Match Play 4-somes

SECTION 3 – Purchase a color ad in the 2016 Championship Program, support NHC juniors

Program Advert

(optional – receive extra copies)

Deadline for ads is April 15

Honor Roll @ **\$5.00**

check here

Business Card @ **\$10.00**

(Include card or we'll create one)

check here

1/2 Page **\$20.00**

check here

Full Page **\$40.00**

check here

Amount



SECTION 4 – Friday Evening Dinner, June 9

NHC Dinner: INCLUDED in entry fee for players. Friday night buffet-style dinner with cash bar. Indicate additional number of places required for spouse, kids or friends:

Price: **\$60.00ea** Kids under 15: **\$30.00**

Number

Amount

For extra dinners



SECTION 5 – Donation: The NHC donates clubs and fees for the **The First Tee** junior interns' participation. Your generous optional donation of \$10.00 (or more) helps defray our junior golfer program costs. Thanks!

Amount



SECTION 6: Order Approved Golf Balls

Indicate the number of Brown-McIntyre “Park” balls you desire to purchase. Returning players may use balls from 2017 NHC (line cut gutties – “Park” only in Open Div). McIntyre balls available from Dave Brown on line or on site.

*****PLEASE read the “balls” item in Newsletter #1*****

Price: **\$12.00 each Park**.....

Number

Price: **\$5.00 each Braid**.....

Number

(NO Oakhurst-style balls allowed except in Foursomes)

Amount



Please make check or money order payable to

“National Hickory Championship.”

Once entry is processed fee is non-refundable.

Total Amt. Enclosed:



THE 2017 NATIONAL HICKORY CHAMPIONSHIP

Oakhurst Links
White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia
June 8-10, 2017

For 19 years the most authentic, complete and rigorous hickory golf competition in the world

- Players wishing to bring their own clubs must follow the specifications provided in the **Equipment Guide** and have clubs validated by the Equipment Committee before the commencement of play;
 - Rental clubs available – Contact Pete for details
 - NHC entry fee includes 18 or 36 holes of tournament play as well as Just Brothers Foursomes Competition, practice time, lunches, refreshments, prizes;
- Competitors may order balls on the entry form. Consult the Championship Committee for a list of approved ball types;
 - Appropriate dress is required (outlined on the accompanying page labeled **Dress Code**);
 - Divisions of competition include Open (scratch), Reserve (net), Women (net), Sporting (net)
- “Just Brothers Foursomes Competition” is a separate event with prizes, which precedes the start of the Championship;
 - The Championship dinner is planned for Friday night at the WVSOM conference center, Lewisburg, with spouses, friends and families welcomed. Foursomes prizes and awards presentations following dinner;
 - Entry confirmation is subject to the approval of the NHC Championship Committee which shall determine eligibility as well as decide all questions regarding the rules;
 - Official NHC rule books are supplied to all golfers in arrival packets
- First-time players must supply hcp information from their home club, assn., or from Society of Hickory Golfers;
- To compete in the Reserve Division golfers should have two years prior NHC scores or established SoHG hcp.
 - **Confirmation of entry acceptance will be communicated within 30 days of entry receipt**

Waiver

By completing this entry form, the contestant releases Oakhurst Links, the Greenbrier Resort Company, the National Hickory Championship committee and event sponsors from all liability

Oakhurst Links is America's oldest documented golf course, first played in the early 1880s. It is the site of America's first recognized golf competition, the Oakhurst Challenge, and is on the National Register of Historic Places



THE NATIONAL HICKORY CHAMPIONSHIP

is an open championship comprised of two days play. It was the first competition to truly replicate golf of the 19th century and serves as America's national championship of wood shafted golf.

Mail Entry Form and Fee to:

National Hickory Championship
PO Box 3851, Mansfield, Ohio 44907
Questions? Phone (419) 407-9746 or (336) 707-8376
or e-mail nhc-golf@earthlink.net
www.hickorychampionship.org

2017 NATIONAL HICKORY CHAMPIONSHIP EQUIPMENT GUIDE

Equipment Guide—19th Cent. Divisions (Open, Reserve & Sporting Divisions)

There is no limit to the number of clubs that can be carried.

Antique Woods:

Long nose, semi-long nose or bulger style; splice head; should have marks and shape (significantly elongated—**minimum 3" wide at narrowest part of the club face**) consistent with 19th century clubs/makers. Please think twice about using a valuable antique wood driver.

***No short head splice or socket woods allowed.

Replica Woods:

As above. Approved long head wood clubs available from Louisville Golf Co., Tad Moore or Heritage (St. Andrews).

Antique Irons:

Must be smooth faced and attributable (by markings) to 19th century origin. Irons with no markings must be inspected and approved before the tournament, or at prior GCS, SoHG or CHGA events.

Niblicks should be not greater than 2" high x 2.5" wide measured on the flat area of the face.

Replica Irons:

Oakhurst and Tad Moore. Must be smooth faced. Others approved by the committee.

Antique Putters (wood):

Any wood-shaft era (pre-1935) wood-headed putter in the long nose, semi-long nose or transitional shape that is heel-shafted is allowed. This includes splice head and later 20th century socket head putters as long as they are made in the 'mallet,' long nose or semi-long nose shape of the old style and heel-shafted.

Replica Putters (wood):

Louisville Golf Company long nose wood head/wood shaft putters allowed. Others by committee approval, following inspection.

Antique Putters (metal):

Metal head (steel or gun metal, i.e. bronze) blade putter or putting cleek only allowed if proven to be of 19th century origin by maker name or cleek mark.

***No Otey Crisman putters or aluminum head putters (Mills and other similar types) permitted.

***No Schenectadies, wood or aluminum

Common clubs categorically allowed: (must be smooth faced)

- ◇ Tom Stewart irons with NO registration legend under the pipe mark
 - ◇ Stewart irons with serpent mark
 - ◇ All B.G.I. irons or semi-long head spliced woods
 - ◇ All Willie Park irons or semi-long head spliced woods (including Compressed Patent)
 - ◇ Spalding made irons—from these model series
 - SPALDING (name only in block letters)
 - "The Spalding"
 - Clan
 - SMC.
 - "Spalding Special" (script or block letters)
 - Vardon
 - Morristown (w/ no baseball mark)
 - ◇ Forgan with Prince of Wales plume mark
 - ◇ Irons by Willie Wilson, Robert Wilson, Robert White, John Gray and F&A Carrick
- ***No Non-wood shaft clubs allowed.
***No Otey Crisman putters allowed.
***No Callaway Hickory Sticks allowed.
***No Rubber slip-on grips. Leather wrap only.

Clubs made in the period 1900-1905 that have the characteristics of 19th century clubs may be eligible to obtain a special exemption and be approved for NHC play upon application to the Championship Director/Equipment Committee. Photos required.

GOLF BAGS

Open Division:

NO GOLF BAGS ALLOWED IN COMPETITIVE PLAY

(allowed in practice or Foursomes)

Clubs to be carried under arm, without bag.

Reserve/Sporting/Women's Divisions:

GOLF BAGS PERMITTED IN TOURNAMENT PLAY

ONLY with medical waiver from Championship Director

(allowed in practice or Foursomes)

Clubs to be carried under arm, without bag.

All equipment used in the NHC Tournament is subject to authentication and approval by the equipment/rules committee. If in doubt, contact the Championship Committee as far in advance of the tournament as possible for a ruling.

2017 NATIONAL HICKORY CHAMPIONSHIP DRESS CODE

GENTLEMEN:

OPEN, RESERVE & SPORTING DIVISIONS

Trousers—Long trousers or Knickerbocker trousers with knee socks (preferably solid color socks) only. Knickers are knee-length and fairly tight. Prefer **No** plus-fours (i.e. baggy, 1920s-style knee-trousers please!) or plus-sixes.

Kilts - permitted. Don't forget the sporran!

Shirt—Long sleeve shirt (roll up sleeves if you get warm). **No** knit golf shirts.

Tie (required for men)—Bow tie, neck tie, ascot or cravat.

Accessories—Vest or waistcoat allowed; (modern) golf glove permitted.

Shoes—Any style golf shoe permitted. Soft spikes, please.

Hat—Must be appropriate for period. Wide brimmed straw or felt hat, top hat, bowler or derby, flat cloth cap (Hogan cap) or short-billed games or cricket caps. **No** baseball-type caps or modern visors.

Note: Overly floppy plus-fours and argyle socks are not permitted in the Open Division and are discouraged from use in the Reserve Division. These are more commonly seen in the 1920s.

Apparel outlined in this guide is required for the rounds of competitive golf. At all other times (Foursomes, practice, Thursday reception, Friday dinner, etc.) casual clothing is allowed and encouraged

LADIES:

WOMEN'S & SPORTING DIVISIONS

Skirt or dress—Approximately ankle length.

Blouse or shirt—Please try to use period style. **No** knit golf shirts.

Hat—Attempt to maintain a period appearance. **No** visors.

Accessories—Vest, jacket, sweater or scarf allowed. Shoes, gloves, ties permitted as outlined for gentlemen. Since many lady's outfits have small or no pockets a small sack, satchel, basket or handbag is permitted for balls and 'necessary' accoutrements.

Apparel Philosophy:

The National Hickory Championship is a golf tournament not a costume party. Apparel is not expected to be authentic 19th century but merely to replicate the general type of clothing worn by golfers of the period. Please exercise good judgment but also be as comfortable as possible. Summer temperatures can be quite warm. In many of the past years' events media outlets—newspapers, magazines, TV/film—have been present and appreciate the 19th century image of the NHC.

*Prizes are presented for the best dressed man and woman at the NHC. **Friday** is photo day and you may choose that day to look your best if you bring more than one outfit.*