

Merry-Hill Golf Club Tournament Package

2018

The Merry-Hill Golf Club Tournament Package includes everything you need to know for booking your Golf Tournament. We have provided you with a clear description of the 2018 golf tournament rates, expectations, additional offerings to make your event special, suggested golf formats to encourage fun participation, your convener checklist and our tournament rules and guidelines. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to being part of your 2018 Event!

Merry-Hill Golf Club is the Perfect Place to Host Your Next Golf Tournament

Merry-Hill Golf Club

Merry-Hill Golf Club is a 27 Hole Executive Length golf course with wide rolling fairways, smooth greens, mature trees, electric power carts and fully paved cart paths. Our Red Nine is considered to be the most beautiful nine by most golfers here at Merry-Hill. The course plays around the Clubhouse, has two water holes and our only Par 5. The back tee yardage totals 1,804 yards with a Par of 31. The

White Nine is a very unique course, having two cups on each green. We have the regulation cups cut at 2 ¼” but also our “Big Cups” cut at 8”. We’ve done this to help make golf more approachable to new golfers, young and old. The White Nine has a total yardage of 1,858 yards from the back tee and a Par of 30. Lastly, the Blue Nine is the longest course, having a total distance of 2,307 yards. Several dogleg holes will test your skills off the tee and on your approach shot. Merry-Hill Golf Club has a Beverage Cart during the hot summer days, comfort station with washrooms at White #3 and Blue #4, and a snack bar in the Club House, and a covered Gazebo that overlooks the Red Nine. Merry-Hill Golf Club is a local family-owned and operated golf course, celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2015. We take pride in our reputation for providing excellent golf course conditions to the general public at an affordable price... We call it “Simply Great Public Golf!” Our customers voted Merry-Hill Golf Club as a top 3 Golf Course in the Kitchener-Waterloo Record Reader Awards in both 2015 and 2016.

On the day of your event, your planning assistant will help you with everything from setting up your registration table to showing your guests to their reserved seating. All of your meals are prepared in-house on the day of your event. Amenities include complimentary locker rooms and showers, as well as the Fresh Bistro, dining room and spacious covered gazebo.

Your tournament can be hosted any time after 11:00 am 6 days a week (excluding Wednesday). For 9 Hole only events, we are happy to offer a shotgun start for a minimum of 48 players. For groups of 48 or less, consecutive tee times will be provided (approximately 45 to 90 minutes from first to last).

When you book your tournament with us, you can expect:

- Planning Assistant
- Assigned Power Carts for Your Group
- Rules Sheet, Pairings Sheet, Cart Signs
- Tournament Registration Area with Marquee Tent
- Reserved Dinner Seating
- Beautifully Manicured 27 Hole Facility
- 3 Sets of Tees for all Levels of Play
- Fully Paved Cart Paths

Upon request, we can provide your tournament with the following:

- Tournament scoring both on Paper and Live on the TV
- Prizing and trophies
- Golf Swag Package (balls, hat, divot tool, tees)
- Rules sheet or format sheet
- Hole-In-One Insurance
- Drink tickets
- Lunch at the Turn
- Special desserts, music, table decorations
- Proximity markers
- Putting contest pre or post-tournament

Suggested Formats:

Format	Description
Alternate Shot	Chose a teammate on the first tee. On each hole, only a single ball is played for each team. Alternate who hits the ball each time from tee to green. It is recommended that you alternate tee shots (for example: the younger partner tees off on even holes and the older partner tees off on the odd holes).
Best Ball (Also known as Scramble)	Play in groups of two to four. Each player in each group hits their tee shot, then the group choses the best ball of those hit. Everyone's ball is moved to the best ball and hits their next shot. This format continues until the ball is holed. One score is recorded for the group.
Traveler Ball Tournament	Each foursome starts with one distinct traveler ball. The pink ball rotates among players from hole to hole, and the score of the traveler ball is recorded for each hole (as well as everyone's individual scores if wanted). Once the ball is lost in a hazard or out of bounds, its score is no longer counted. Replace the traveler ball with a regular ball and continue to play out the round. The team with the lowest score on the traveler ball (or the team that makes it the furthest with the traveler ball) wins the game.
Lighten Your Load	Each player decides how many clubs they will play the round with. On top of your handicap (average number of strokes over par you shoot), you get extra strokes for how many clubs you use. You will receive 12 extra shots for using a single club, 8 extra shots for using only 2 clubs, 5 extra shots for using 3 clubs, 2 extra shots for using 4 clubs, and 0 extra shots for using 5 or more clubs.
Chapman Format	Pair up with a partner for your round. On each hole, you both hit your tee shots then switch balls. Each of you hit your second shot then together you decide which ball is in a better location. From then on, you play alternate shot until that single ball is holed out. Only 1 score is recorded for each team.
Speed Golf	Play your round as quickly as possible. Your final score is calculated by adding together the number of minutes it takes you to play with the number of strokes you took on each hole. You can play this format individually or in teams.

Suggested Games:

Game	Description
Longest Drive	The person with the longest drive from the tee wins. Spruce up this traditional format by doing the drive with a marshmallow, while wearing oven mitts or by swinging the wrong way
Longest Putt	The person who sinks the longest putt on the green (fringe does not count) wins.
Sandies	A point/dollar is awarded to anyone who makes par after they've visited a bunker on that hole
Greenies	On par 3's, a point/dollar is awarded to the person who lands 1) closest to the pin and then 2) sinks their putt for par (or better). A birdie will steal the greenie from the player who lands closest to the pin if that player only scores a par.
Shazam	If you think you can sink your putt from outside the length of the flagstick, call a shazam for a point/dollar. If you sink that putt, you are up a dollar/point. If you two-putt you're safe, but if you three-putt you give up a point/dollar.

Tournament Convener Check-List

	Identify your Tournament Needs <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Date of Event, Arrival Time, Tee Times, Dinner Time, Number of Participants (Number of People Golfing and Number of People Eating)
	Select Your Meal Option <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Inform the Golf Club of any dietary restrictions or special requests- <i>Please remember, one meal option is chosen for the entire group</i>
	Indicate Any Special Requests, Add Ons, Formats or Games on Date of Booking <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Did you want us to arrange live scoring, prizes, drink tickets, goodie bags, formats, etc.
	Confirm Number of Participants One-Week Prior to Your Event <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Send in a list of players and groups if you've made them up
	Arrive of Day of Tournament for a Fun Day!

Tournament Rules/Guidelines

Objective

To ensure that all guests fully enjoy their experience at Merry-Hill Golf Club, and to protect the interests of both parties.

Payment Terms

A single invoice for the tournament will be provided to the Tournament Convener one week prior to the event. One lump sum payment is required on the day of the event for the number of golfers confirmed, regardless if fewer attend.

You are welcome to set up a bar tab with the Food and Beverage Manager for any food and drink consumed during your round that is not included in your meal package.

Cancellation

Notice of cancellation must be received in writing via email 14 days prior to the date of your golf event.

Guaranteed Numbers

In order to properly prepare for your arrival, and ensure adequate staffing, materials and tee times, a final guaranteed number must be received no later than 7 days prior to the golf event.

Inclement Weather

We will make every effort to allow the tournament to proceed as scheduled. If the golf course is deemed unplayable by the General Manager and Superintendent, necessary changes will be made.

Alcohol Policy

- Merry-Hill Golf Club is fully licensed with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) to serve alcohol in the Clubhouse & Patio and on the golf course via the Beverage Cart.
- The participants in the tournament are specifically cautioned not to bring alcoholic beverages onto the golf course premises, as this is a direct violation of the AGCO license held by the club.
- Participants in possession of alcohol by means other than through Merry-Hill Servers will not be tolerated and will lead to expulsion from the Golf Course.
- Merry-Hill Golf Club's Alcohol Policy will be strictly enforced by Merry-Hill Starters, Players Assistants, Servers and Staff.
- Merry-Hill Golf Club reserves the right to inspect all coolers and golf bags if deemed necessary.

General Golf Course Policies

1. Beverage Cart service is provided on the course as well as snack service between nines in the clubhouse to minimize interruption in play. Any other distribution is expressly forbidden.
2. Merry-Hill Golf Club has a reasonable dress code that does not permit cutoff jeans or tank tops. Full compliance is required.
3. Any conduct violations including foul play and vulgar language, golf cart abuse, damage to course and property and ignorance of liquor laws will result in expulsion from the course without refund.
4. Groups must be ready at the first tee at least 15 minutes before their allotted time. This will give the Starter flexibility in keeping the tournament on time.

Tournament Rules

1. Pace of Play - The tournament must maintain the pace of play, which is a maximum of 4 hours per round. Pace of Play requirements are indicated on the top of the score card for each nine. In meeting the target for pace of play the following factors are key:
 - a. Use the scramble format for recreational tournaments where the caliber of golf comprises both experienced and casual/novice golfers.
 - b. Merry-Hill Golf Club provides you with the scramble format rules in your tournament package. Make sure each player is given a copy of these rules.
 - c. If possible, include at least one experienced/low handicap golfer. Try to avoid assigning foursomes having only high handicap/casual golfers. This leads to slow play, backups and bottlenecks, which cannot be tolerated. We recommend setting a maximum number of strokes per hole for your formats:
 - i. Scramble Format – maximum strokes is 2 over Par – i.e. Par 4, maximum strokes = 6.
 - ii. Individual Stroke Play – maximum strokes is Double Par – i.e. Par 4, maximum strokes = 8. After total reached, pick up and proceed to the next tee.
 - d. To help make the game enjoyable for all in your group, we recommend everyone in the group play from their appropriate tee deck. The white tees are recommended for above average players, the red tees are recommended for casual golfers. There are also purple tees located at the front of each fairway that are recommended for beginner golfers. If you have never seen the golf course before, are a novice golfer, or are looking to shoot low team scores, we recommend playing from the red tees.
 - e. Play faster groups at the start to set the required speed of play
 - f. Gaps between groups must be kept to a minimum. Keep up to the group ahead.
2. At all times heed the instructions of the course Players Assistants who are there to help make your round more enjoyable.

Golf with Dinner

Dinner Following Tournament Play

Tax and Gratuity Included

Minimum Number of Participants Required: 20 Players

Please Choose 1 Meal Option for Entire Group

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Golf and Dinner Options <i>Minimum Number of Participants: 20 Players</i>		9 Holes of Golf	18 Holes of Golf	Meal Only (No Golf)
D1	The "Merry-Hill" Steak Dinner <i>10 oz. AAA marinated sirloin steak served with both coleslaw and garden salad, scalloped potatoes, and dinner rolls</i>	\$59.00 Per Person	\$70.00 Per Person	\$31.00 Per Person
D2	BBQ Chicken Dinner <i>Grilled Chicken Breast served with both coleslaw and garden salad, scalloped potatoes and dinner rolls</i>	\$54.00 Per Person	\$65.00 Per Person	\$26.00 Per Person
D4	Baked Lasagna and Garlic Bread Dinner <i>Meat and cheese lasagna served with toasted garlic bread and Caesar salad</i>	\$53.00 Per Person	\$64.00 Per Person	\$25.00 Per Person
D3	Hamburger/Chicken on a Bun Dinner <i>6 oz. hamburger or chicken breast on a Kaiser served with a variety of salads</i>	\$44.00 Per Person	\$55.00 Per Person	\$16.00 Per Person
Dessert, Coffee and Tea Included with Each Dinner Option				
<i>Meals are served Buffet Style in our Dining Room overlooking the Golf Course. You may wish to have non-golfers attend for the meal only. With advance notice, we will gladly accommodate vegetarian or vegan requests, or options for restricted diets.</i>				

Additional Offerings		9 Holes Golf	18 Holes of Golf
A1	Lunch at the Turn <i>(Minimum Number of Participants: 12 Players) Enjoy a hot dog or sausage with a Pop or Gatorade Make it a Mill St. Organic for \$5 more</i>	\$10.00 Per Person	\$10.00 Per Person
A2	Power Cart	\$11.30 Per Person	\$16.95 Per Person
A3	Pull Cart	\$3.00 Per Person	\$5.00 Per Person
A4	Rental Golf Clubs	\$8.00 Per Person	\$12.00 Per Person
A5	Golf Only <i>No Fixed Meal. Minimum Number of Participants: 20 People</i>	\$28.25 Per Person	\$39.55 Per Person