

US & Canadian Firefighters Golf Tournament

Article 1. Name

United States & Canadian Professional Firefighters Golf Tournament
(US/Canadian Firefighters Golf Tournament)

Article 2. Purpose

The United States & Canadian Professional Firefighters Golf Tournament was coordinated and founded in 1964 by Montreal firefighter Roger LaPierre (3/14/17-9 /23/91). Mr. LaPierre's legacy and the tournament tradition carries on annually and all professional and retired firefighters are welcome. New teams and participants are encouraged to join over 300 firefighters at this annual event.

Article 3. Participation

1. Participation:
 - a. All professional firefighters (active/retired) are eligible to participate.
 - b. ONLY with approval of the host and Executive Board, guests may be invited in order to increase participation that may be required to achieve the host's contractual numbers. Guests must be approved and cannot win skins or trophy (or team with guest).

Article 4. Membership Meetings

1. The business of the membership will be held at the "Players" meeting held annually on the night before the first round of the event.
2. All participants are encouraged to attend this meeting, however, on matters requiring a vote, only 1 person from each city represented at the meeting may vote.
3. Quorum: At all general meetings (players meeting) of the organization, a quorum shall consist of at least 3 Executive Board members and 10 players with at least 5 cities represented.
4. Quorum: At all Executive Board meetings, at least 3 members shall be present.
 - a. By Law Changes require a majority vote of the Executive Board, or;
 - b. If only 3 members are present, a unanimous vote must occur.

Article 5. Executive Board

1. There are 6 positions on the Executive Board
2. Appointments:
 - a. Executive Board positions are held until vacated by the member, or upon vote of the Executive Board to replace or fill a vacated position.
 - b. If an executive Board member fails to attend any 3 meetings within a 5 year period his/her position shall be considered vacated and the Executive Board will appoint a new member, or, reinstate the vacated member if a valid reason for absence is presented.
 - c. Considerations for eligibility to the Executive Board include, but are not limited to the following:
 - i. Years of attendance
 - ii. Previous host experience
 - iii. Region represented
 - iv. Event contribution

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3. Duties of the Executive Board:
 - a. The Executive Board shall select a Chairperson. That position shall rotate every 2 years unless there is a unanimous vote by the Board to retain the Chairperson.
 - b. The Executive Board shall select a vice-chairperson that will serve at the Chairperson in the event of the formal Chairpersons absence.
 - c. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings and be responsible for enforcement of the by-laws as well as making a final determination on issues that are not contained within the by-laws if there is not a unanimous decision by the board.
 - d. The Vice-Chairperson shall act in the absence of the Chairperson in all capacities as listed above and shall assist in conducting the business of the organization.
 - e. The Executive Board shall be responsible for ensuring the continued success of this event by setting guidelines for future hosts, determining if suitable packages are presented based upon price/location or other factors.
 - f. In the event there is no suitable host selected (2 years in advance), it is the responsibility of the Executive Board to choose a location that meets all criteria as well a fall into the price range deemed appropriate.

Article 6. Committees

1. If any committees are created, the Executive Board shall appoint the members and at least 2 executive board members shall be assigned to that committee.
2. Committee decisions shall be approved by the Executive Board.

Article 7. Event Formats

Each year, the event host shall follow these guidelines for entry option and event formats. Departments are allowed to combine in order to enter a team.

1. Entry Options
 - a. 4 Man Team (formerly Master's). – This event shall consist of 4 players. ~~If a player on this team is over the age of 60, he/she may play up 1 tee box as determined by the host. However, only one (1) player may move up.~~ (This was removed by players at 2014 meeting) No player may move up regardless of age.
 - b. Sr. 4 Man Team (formerly Sr. Masters) – This event shall consist of 4 players all over the age of 50. No player may move up regardless of age.
 - c. 2 Man Team – This event shall consist of 2 players. ~~If a player on this team is over the age of 60, he/she may play up 1 tee box as determined by the host.~~
 - d. Sr. 2 Man Team – This event shall consist of 2 players over the age of 50. No player may move up regardless of age. (The host has the option of merging 2 man & Sr. 2 man teams & allowing mixed ages. If this occurs all players will play from the same tee box).
 - e. Individual – This event is open to players of any age ~~with no tee box options.~~
 - f. Senior – This event is open to all players over the age of 50 ~~with no tee box options.~~
 - g. Super Senior – This event is open to all players over 65 years of age ~~with no tee box options.~~

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Article 8. Host Requirements

1. A city must have participated in the previous 3 events in order to be considered to host the event. This rule can be waived by a unanimous decision of the executive board if there are extenuating circumstances.
2. A city can only be selected to host this event if they have not hosted in the previous 3 years. This rule can be waived by a unanimous decision of the executive board if there are extenuating circumstances.
3. The order of **preference** for host selection is: (with no guarantee of selection)
 - a. A city that has never hosted will be given preference over cities that have previously hosted.
 - b. 4 Man Team
 - c. Sr. 4 Man Team
 - d. 2 Man Team
 - e. Sr. 2 Man Team
 - f. Individuals
4. Any city interested in hosting this event must submit a package to the executive board prior to the close of the "Player's Meeting", but preferably prior to the Executive Board meeting that takes place the same day. The executive board shall review all packages submitted and determine how to proceed using the selection criteria. The executive board may select several players to assist in the decision making process. The executive board can proceed in any of the following ways:
 - a. Select a package based upon the criteria in Section 8.1, 8.2 & 8.3
 - b. Select a host based upon the package price, location and incentives
5. Packages presented must include:
 - a. Approximate date
 - b. ACTUAL price with fees + tax.
 - c. Hotel and course confirmation with hotel and golf rates for pre-event arrival
 - d. 3 Golf Courses (minimum, or other plan as approved by executive board)
 - e. Breakfast & Dinner each day
 - f. Trophies, prizes, hat, bag tag, program & hospitality plan
 - g. Ladies program approximate cost and continent agenda
6. Hosts are encouraged to arrange 9:00am tee times.
7. Courses shall be setup at approximate 6300 yards and adjusted down based on division.
- 8. The executive board has the right to review contracts, finances or other material as deemed necessary.**
9. Host city must pay \$ 2.00 per player to board to cover expenses such as website, mail list and other minor costs incurred by board members. Failure to pay may result in suspension.

Article 9. Amendments

Any member may present a bylaw change at the "Players Meeting". If a bylaw change is presented, it will be up to the Executive Board Chairman to follow appropriate parliamentary procedure, or place on the next executive board agenda for review.