

# Sunnehanna Amateur Tournament of Champions Player Information

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## **Host Facility Information**

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Head Professional is Matt Kraus, Assistant Professional is Chris Grenell

## **Championship Information**

Championship Website: [www.sunnehanna.org](http://www.sunnehanna.org)

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## **Housing**

Contact- Jolene Wesner at [housing@sunnehanna.org](mailto:housing@sunnehanna.org) Housing- The Sunnehanna Amateur offers housing to contestants and is awarded on a first come first served basis. Every effort will be made to place teammates together or fulfill housing requests

Priority is given to those with financial need or those that fly. If you cannot participate without housing, please inform the committee. We do not want financial limitations to prevent a player from competing. We regret that we do not have the availability to offer housing to family members. Players will be notified by email confirmation of their housing request in the weeks leading up to the tournament. **PLEASE MAKE HOUSING REQUESTS AT THE TIME THAT YOU REGISTER ON THE SUNNEHANNA WEBSITE.**

## **Guest Policy**

Players' families are welcome to attend. The meals for any immediate family members that attend are covered in the players' entry fee. Family members must stop at the Registration Desk to pick up a parking pass and name badge that we ask to be worn during the week. This should be shown prior to any meal.

## **Transportation from the Pittsburgh, Latrobe or Johnstown Airports**

The Johnstown Cambria County Airport (John Murtha Regional Airport) currently has direct service on United from Chicago (O'Hare) and Washington, DC (Dulles International). The Latrobe Westmoreland County (Arnold Palmer Regional Airport) is served by Spirit Airlines and is 45 minutes from Johnstown. The Pittsburgh Airport is located 2 hours from Johnstown. Please indicate in advance if you need transportation from the listed airports. The Tournament Committee will provide shuttle service from Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT) in Pittsburgh, PA. Shuttle service commences at 10am and will be available until approximately 7pm on Sunday and Monday prior to the start of the tournament. If transportation is needed from the Pittsburgh, Latrobe or Johnstown airport, please let us know as soon as possible on your registration via Golf Genius or by email at [housing@sunnehanna.org](mailto:housing@sunnehanna.org) Please note there will only be two shuttles to return to the Pittsburgh Airport after the tournament. On Saturday the shuttle will leave at 3:15pm. On Sunday it will depart at 6:15am

## **AGAIN, PLEASE SHARE YOUR TRAVEL PLANS - ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE INFORMATION WITH THE HOUSING COMMITTEE AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE TO YOU.** In

order to accommodate players who will need transportation to and from the airports, it is important that we know as early as possible your airport, travel dates and travel times so we may reserve the transportation vehicles. A reservation must be made 10 days prior to the start of the event in order to ensure space on the shuttles. Indicate your information on your registration on Golf Genius or by email the Housing Committee at [housing@sunnehanna.org](mailto:housing@sunnehanna.org) to reserve space on the shuttle

## **Format**

- The field will be cut to the low 60 players and ties after 54 holes.
- The lowest score for 72 holes will be the Champion.
- In the event of a tie for the Championship, a three-hole playoff will be held immediately following play. The play-off holes and their order of play will be the 1st, 2nd and 7th holes.

Please check the tournament website <https://sunnehanna.org> for starting times. Tee-times will also be sent out via text message to the cell number entered at the time of registration

### **Pace of Play Policy**

Rule 5.6b states, in part: The player shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines which may be laid down by the Committee, “and thereafter prescribes penalties for slow play. In order to prevent any such penalty, we suggest that you carefully review the following guidelines. The Committee has adopted the modified Local Rule K-5 for its Pace of Play Guidelines and penalty structure

### **ALLOTTED TIME**

A group of three will be required to play at a 4-hour and 20 minute pace for the 18 hole round at Sunnehanna Country Club.

### **DEFINITION OF “OUT OF POSITION”**

The first group to start will be considered out of position if at any time during the round; the group is behind the prescribed schedule as detailed on the Pace of Play Time Chart. Any following group will be considered out of position if it (a) is taking more than the allotted time to play and (b) reaches the tee of any par 3 hole and the next tee is clear, reaches the tee of a par 4 hole and the hole is clear, or reaches the tee of a par 5 hole and the preceding group is on the putting green. Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be out of position.

### **GROUP OUT OF POSITION**

A group that is out of position and behind the established pace of play will be warned once by an official. This is the signal to the players that the official may commence timing of the individual players at any time. When the group continues to be out of position and behind the “time par”, the individual players in the group will be timed. Groups will be notified when they are being timed. Timing will commence after all players in the group have teed off on the hole and have been notified.

*Note that a group that is out of position at any time may be asked to close the gap regardless of pace of play guidelines. A group is out of position if they are over their maximum acceptable pace of play and more than 15 minutes behind the group ahead of them. The first group off either side is out of position if they are over their maximum acceptable pace of play.*

## **TIMING**

When a group is being monitored and timed, each player in the group is expected to play any stroke within **40 seconds** after timing of the player's stroke begins. Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when he has had reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he can play without interference or distraction. Time spent walking backward or forward for determining yardages will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on his line of putt and remove loose impediments on his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke. When a group is out of position, a player will be allowed a maximum of **40 seconds** to complete his stroke. NOTE: An additional 10 seconds will be allowed for the (a) first to play from the teeing ground on a Par 3 hole; (b) the first to play a second stroke on a Par 4 or Par 5 hole; (c) the first to play a third stroke on a Par 5 hole; or (d) the first to play on or around the putting green.

## **PACE OF PLAY PENALTIES**

The penalty structure in Model Local Rule K-5 has been adopted by the Committee. If a player exceeds the time limit on one (1) occasion, he will then be cautioned that if he exceeds the time limit on one more occasion (total of 2), he will automatically incur a penalty of one stroke under Rule 5.6b. If a player exceeds the time limit on one more occasion (total of 3), he will incur an additional two stroke penalty. If a player exceeds the time limit a total of four (4) times, the penalty is disqualification. When a group in question regains its proper position, timing will be discontinued. However, any previous timings that have exceeded the limit will be carried over for the remainder of the stipulated round in the event the group requires additional monitoring.

## **RULINGS OR OTHER INCIDENTS**

If a ruling or some other legitimate delay occurs which causes the group in question to lose its position, **that group is expected to regain its position within a reasonable time.** Disputes are resolved by John Yerger, Marion Dantzler, Bill Fallon, and Terry Teasdale.

**PACE OF PLAY CHART (#1 Denotes starting on Hole #1, #10 denotes tenth tee start)**

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
TIME PAR	:14	:14	:14	:14	:14	:14	:14	:14	:17	2:09
CUM. TIME (#1)	0:14	0:28	0:42	0:56	1:10	1:24	1:38	1:52	2:09	2:09
CUM.TIME (#10)	2:25	2:39	2:53	3:07	3:21	3:35	3:49	4:03	4:20	4:20
HOLE	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN
TIME PAR	:13	:14	:17	:14	:14	:17	:14	:14	:14	2:11
CUM. TIME (#1)	2:22	2:36	2:53	3:07	3:21	3:38	3:52	4:06	4:20	4:20
CUM TIME (#10)	:13	:27	:44	:58	1:12	1:29	1:43	1:57	2:11	2:11

**PACE OF PLAY : PENALTY STATEMENT**

- First Offense à Warning
- Second Offense: à One Penalty Stroke
- Third Offense: à Two Penalty Strokes
- Fourth Offense: à DISQUALIFICATION, as determined by the Committee

**Scorecards & Live Scoring**

This may be subject to change. We will ask one person in each group (or a parent) to volunteer to enter scores into the **USGA Tournament Management/Golf Genius app**. App is a free download from the App Store or Google Play. A Group GGID will be printed on the scorecard to login and access the score entry interface.

## **Scoring Area**

- Once the round is completed, players must proceed to the scoring area. TV monitor will display the hole-by-hole scores already entered in the system.
- A scorecard will be considered “returned” once the player and marker have verbally confirmed their scores with the scoring official, signs his scorecard and exits the scoring area.
- Players and guests are encouraged to use the championship website to view tournament scoring.

## **Prizes and Awards Ceremony**

- Trophies for the champion, runner-up and third place winners
- Shop credits are awarded to the top-10.

## **Bottled Water Coolers & Hydration**

Bottled water coolers and food stations will be located throughout the golf course at convenient teeing areas. Use the trash cans located at the tee for garbage disposal.

## **Walking and Push Carts**

Players and guests must walk at all times during the championship. Personal push carts are allowed. Sunnehanna Country Club will have a limited number of push carts available.

## **Dining**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will be provided to players and their immediate family each day.

Players are asked to please wear their player badge and family members are asked to wear their name badge while dining in the Club House so that staff may identify you and acknowledge you have received your meal.

## **Cell Phone Policy**

Cell phones may only be used on the golf course for scoring, in case of an emergency, to call the golf shop in need of a ruling, view tournament leader board or as a distance measuring device. We ask that phones are set to silent while on Sunnehanna grounds. Silent communications (text, email) may be used inside buildings. Verbal communication (phone calls) must be outside buildings

## **Dress Code**

Appropriate golf attire must be worn. Golf pants are preferred; however, golf shorts may be worn. No cut-offs, no denim or cargo pants. Players and their guests must wear shirts with collars and sleeves, always tucked in. Non-metal spikes only. Dress code applies to golfers and spectators. Please remove hats while inside the clubhouse.

Please bring long pants and a sport coat for player introductions during the Player Welcome Dinner on Tuesday night of the Tournament week. Players' families are welcome on Tuesday night.

## **Medical Assistance**

First Aid station is located in the clubhouse throughout the tournament. See the front desk for non-emergent assistance. For Emergency Medical Assistance, dial 911 from a cell phone or from the house phone.

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## **Communications**

The tournament will communicate all applicable Player Information, Local Rules, and Hole Locations digitally prior to each championship round and will also be available on Golf Genius. Players and spectators will be allowed to access these documents during the round on their mobile devices.

- In addition, a copy of these documents will be made on the first or tenth tee prior to the commencement of your round.
- Players should confirm that all contact information in their USGA Tournament Management/Golf Genius profile is correct and unblock Golf Genius to receive text messages and emails regarding important championship information.
- Players currently unsubscribed from USGA Tournament Management/Golf Genius emails will be sent a "Re-subscribe" email.
- To re-subscribe to receive text messages, text "START" or "UNSTOP" to (888) 981-9394.

## **Practice Rounds**

Sunnehanna Country Club will be open for practice rounds on Monday, June 15th at 10:00 am. All practice facilities including driving range, putting greens and short game area will open at 6:30am and close at 5:00pm during championship week.

- Putting Greens are located just outside the clubhouse near the first tee and above the first tee near the circle drive.

## **Severe Weather & Evacuation Plan**

The Sunnehanna Amateur will text players with any tournament delays or schedule changes. Notices will also be posted our website

Standard weather alerts will remain in place during play:

### **STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY & EVACUATION PLAN**

#### **Stopping and Resuming Play**

An immediate suspension will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes.

- Immediate Suspension (Imminent Danger): One prolonged airhorn note. All players must stop play at once and must not make another stroke until the Committee resumes play. See Rule 5.7b(1).
- Normal Suspension (Darkness or Unplayable Course Conditions): Three consecutive airhorn notes. If all players in the group are between two holes, they must stop play and must not make a stroke to begin another hole until the Committee resumes play. If any player in the group has started a hole, the players may choose either stop play or to play out the hole. See Rule 5.7b(2).
- Resuming Play: Two short airhorn notes. Note: Do not start prior to the signal for the resumption of play. See Rule 5.7c. Model Local Rule J-1 prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.. Penalty for Breach of Rule 5.7b and Rule 5.7c – Disqualification Practice Areas
- Immediate Suspension (Dangerous Situation): All practice facilities are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to immediately stop practicing; failure to stop practicing may result in disqualification.

- Normal Suspension: Players may practice as the Committee provides. Evacuation Procedure
- Immediate Suspension (Dangerous Situation): Players must immediately evacuate to the listed locations.
- Normal Suspensions: Unless otherwise instructed by the Committee, players are to proceed to the listed locations.

#### Where to Evacuate

CH – Clubhouse

All Others – Carts will be staged at the indicated locations (1 Green, \$ Green, 12 Tee, 14 Tee, Driving and Driving Range. Players and caddies evacuating to the Maintenance Barn will be picked up by Committee members.

Note: Carts are evacuation carts are for the use of players, caddies, and officials only.

The tournament Schedule can be found [here](#)

#### **Sunnehanna Amateur Code of Conduct**

The Sunnehanna Amateur takes great pride in the quality of its players, host facilities and volunteer involvement at each tournament. The tournament asks that all tournament participants adhere to a set of guidelines known as the Code of Conduct.

#### **Violations of Code of Conduct**

Any of the following actions by a player at the event constitutes a violation of the Code of Conduct and could result in sanctions or penalties.

- Unsportsmanlike conduct, including abusive language, cheating, club throwing, disrespect to volunteers, officials or fellow competitors, or abuse and theft of golf course property.
- Not adhering to the dress code at the host facility.
- Conduct not becoming of a player, such as acting in anger or creating other distractions such as loudly playing music or listening to sporting events during a round.
- Use of headphones during a round.
- Failure to treat host golf course with respect by ignoring the responsibility of caring for the course, replacing divots and fixing ball marks. Physical abuse, threat of physical abuse, verbal abuse, slander or libel towards other players, host golf course staff or member's staff, directors, or volunteers in any medium.

- Incidents of wagering or gambling are considered flagrant or excessive by the Committee.
- Use of cellular phones (except for emergencies, a ruling, viewing tournament leader board, viewing weather forecasts, or use as a distance measuring device), laptop and tablet computers, PDA's and the like

### **Code of Conduct Violation Penalties**

The Tournament Committee may assess any or all the following penalties based on severity and frequency of the Code of Conduct violation(s):

- Warning or Committee sanction
- One penalty stroke
- Two penalty strokes
- Disqualification