

CADDIES

Caddies are an important part of player services for the U.S. Amateur. Many players will come to the championship and request a club caddie. The Host Club should use its best efforts within its existing program to provide approximately 75 caddies to meet the player requests. These caddies should have a good working knowledge of the Host Club and the Stroke Play Co-Host, if applicable. If both courses have their own group of caddies, they should be collectively pooled and one caddie should be assigned to a player throughout the championship. If this is the case, caddies should be cross trained on both courses.

Players may request a caddie for one round or for the entire championship at his discretion. There is no minimum amount of work guaranteed to a caddie. Caddie assignments should be made at random on a first come, first served basis. Once assigned, the caddie should be informed of his player's estimated arrival time and be available to meet the player before his first practice round. A Caddie Desk will be set up at Player Registration for the player to update and confirm his caddie needs and information, to give players who have requested a club caddie a card listing the name and phone number of their assigned caddie, and to provide caddie credentials and a parking pass.

All caddies must register with the Caddie Chairman. Caddies will complete the Caddie Registration form and will receive a packet that includes information relating to the competition: Caddie Regulations, Pace of Play and Course Evacuation information.

CADDIE PROGRAM

The USGA and the Host Club will jointly discuss the appropriate description for the championship caddie guidelines and fees based off the club's existing caddie program. The general descriptions for determining the caddie program are the following:

Professional Caddie Program – Full time caddies with adults that make their yearly living working as a caddie.

Traditional Caddie Program – Caddies that work at the club as summer employment only but have a general knowledge of the golf course.

If no Caddie Program exists at the club, the club should make efforts to provide individuals that can carry clubs and have a basic level of golf knowledge.

The USGA and the Host Club should mutually determine the suggested caddie fee for the championship. This fee should be reasonable and consistent with past championships but should also be in line with normal fees paid at the respective course based on their program. The description of the caddie program and suggested caddie fees will be explained to the players in the Player Memorandum and during Player Registration.

If a Host Club has a caddie program but cannot meet all of the requests within that program, the club may solicit a different level of caddie to fulfill additional requests. The USGA and Host Club will work together properly describe the different levels of caddies and develop a variable caddie rate structure.

Fees should be paid directly to the caddie by the player. The USGA will help mediate any problems related to players and caddie fees.

| Year | Club | Club Caddie's Utilized | Caddie Fees | Program Type |
|-------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 2010 | Chambers Bay | 75 | \$50 plus gratuity | Professional |
| 2011 | Erin Hills | 70-75 | \$60 plus gratuity | Professional |
| 2012 | Cherry Hills CC | 56 | \$60 plus gratuity | Traditional |
| 2013 | The Country Club | 80 | \$65 plus gratuity | Traditional |
| 2014 | Atlanta Athletic Club | 51 | \$85 plus gratuity | Non-Existing |
| 2015 | Olympia Fields | 50 | \$80 plus gratuity | Traditional |
| 2016 | Oakland Hills CC | 57 | \$75 plus gratuity | Traditional |
| 2017* | The Riviera CC | 40 | \$125 including gratuity | Professional |
| 2018 | Pebble Beach Golf Links | 51 | \$100 plus gratuity | Professional |
| 2019 | Pinehurst Resort & CC | 40 | \$100 plus gratuity | Professional |

**Higher fee due to Los Angeles market rate; created issues in scheduling and usage between players and caddies.*

Pull Carts

Pull carts are an acceptable piece of equipment at the U.S. Amateur. Players may bring their own pull cart or may utilize the pull carts provided by the USGA through a relationship with Sun Mountain on a first come, first served basis. Rules for pull carts should be determined by the Host Club and approved by the USGA.

| Year | Club Pull Carts Utilized |
|------|--------------------------|
| 2013 | 10 |
| 2014 | 7 |
| 2015 | 25 |
| 2016 | 10 |
| 2017 | 34 |
| 2018 | 34 |
| 2019 | 40 |

CADDIE ATTIRE

Caddies should present themselves in a proper manner. Attire should consist of a collared golf shirt, shorts or khaki pants (no jeans) and a proper hat if worn. The Host Club will decide if caddies will wear a specific uniform. They must wear soled shoes, no golf shoes.

CADDIE BIBS

Caddies are required to wear bibs provided by the USGA during stroke play and match play. The bib colors will be Red, White and Blue during stroke play and Red and White during match play. Those bibs have room for a Velcro "strip" with the last name of the player on it. These strips are provided by the USGA. Blank names will be provided to cover alternates who get into the championship.

In stroke play, the caddie associated with the player listed first on the bracket is to wear the red bib, the second player listed is to wear the white bib and the third player listed is to wear the blue bib. In match play, the caddie associated with the player listed first on the bracket is to wear the red bib and the second player listed on the bracket is to wear the white bib. This same reference to the bib color is made on the "Tee Times" Sheet. Caddie bibs should be issued immediately prior to the start of the round or match and collected after the round or match ends. The bibs should be cleaned daily and at the end of the championship prior to packing.