

TRAVELING TO THE OPTIMIST

Air Transportation:

PGA National Resort & Spa is easily accessible from many Florida airports. Here are the approximate distances from 4 international airports:

- Palm Beach International – 15 miles
- Ft. Lauderdale Hollywood Intl. – 60 miles
- Miami International – 80 miles
- Orlando International – 160 miles

Driving Directions:

PGA National Resort & Spa is located west of I-95 off PGA Boulevard at 400 Avenue of the Champions, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418.

Shuttle Service:

Yellow Brick Roads is the official transportation service of the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships for participants arriving to and departing from Palm Beach International Airport.



Transfer Fares

- \$32 per person, prepaid in US dollars, all ages for round-trip transfers on July 19, July 24 & July 29 before 9:30p.
- \$41 per person, prepaid in US dollars, all ages for round-trip transfers on any other day or after 9:30p on July 19, July 24 & July 29. Minimum 2 people and based on availability.
- \$22 per person, prepaid in US dollars, for one-way transfers on July 19, July 24 & July 29. Minimum 2 people and based on availability.

Yellow Brick Roads also offers transfers to/from Ft. Lauderdale and Miami international airports. Please call Yellow Brick Roads for prices.

Contact YBR at the number or e-mail listed below for reservations. Fees may be paid with Visa or MasterCard (cash only on-site). Please make sure you identify yourself as participants of THE OPTIMIST. In order to guarantee a spot, reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance. On-site transportation available only on a limited basis.

When making your reservation, be prepared to provide the names of all travelers, your phone number, address, airline, flight number, arrival/departure times and credit card info. Upon arrival at the airport, proceed to the baggage claim area where you will see a YBR representative with the Optimist Golf logo. Check in to receive your transportation voucher prior to claiming your luggage.

Contact Yellow Brick Roads with any questions.

Yellow Brick Roads Inc.
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RENTAL CARS

Enterprise Rent-A-Car is the official rental car company of THE OPTIMIST.



A discounted rate structure has been set for all participants. To take advantage of the discount, book online at www.enterprise.com and enter VIP code #41S1799. The three-letter password is OPT. Or, call Enterprise toll free 1-800-VIP-ERAC.

RESORT & TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Upon arrival at PGA National, check in at the front desk for your housing arrangements. After checking into the resort, proceed to the tournament registration area (located in Vista A) to pick up your tournament packet, badges and important information. Tournament registration is scheduled for:

- Boys 10-15 & Girls 10-14: July 19 (10a-7p)
- Boys 16-18 & Girls 15-18: July 24 (10a-7p)

Late arrivals may register the following day in the tournament office (Vista A) starting at 7:00a.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Optimist Junior Golf will assign players and their guests to a hotel room. Players traveling by themselves will be paired with players of comparable age and gender. Roommate changes are not permitted.

Roommates are responsible for dividing and paying all personal room charges before their departure. Hotel room assignments will be available only upon arrival to PGA National. Do not call PGA National with questions regarding the tournament or accommodations.

Housing Policy:

Participants traveling alone to THE OPTIMIST will be housed in the main hotel at PGA National. Participants traveling with guests will be housed in either the main hotel or a club cottage. Optimist Golf reserves the right to house players and their guests at an offsite property should a need arise. Each family is limited to 2 hotel rooms in the resort or one club cottage. To read the entire housing policy, go to the Tournament Policies page at www.optimist.org/golf or contact the Optimist Junior Golf office.

PGA NATIONAL PRO SHOP

The Pro Shop at PGA National Resort & Spa is open from 6:30a-7:30p on tournament days and 7a-6:30p on other days.

OPTIMIST JUNIOR GOLF WEBSITE

Parents, friends and fans of THE OPTIMIST may track the success of their favorite golfers on the Internet at golf.optimist.org. Daily stories, photos, scores and more will be posted each evening.

TOURNAMENT OFFICES

The Optimist tournament office, located in Vista A, will be open daily to assist players & guests. The scoring room, located in Masters B, is open only to tournament officials & players (parents and guests are not permitted).

PLAYER QUESTIONNAIRE

A player questionnaire is enclosed. Please make sure to include information about yourself that can be shared with media interested in highlighting your play. Or, [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the questionnaire online. Feel free to notify media outlets in your hometown about your participation and direct them to the "Newsroom Page" at golf.optimist.org.

MEALS

Each registered participant will receive a meal badge valid for five breakfasts and four dinners. Badges are valid only in the tournament dining room. Individual meal tickets will not be sold. For alternate dining options, there are several restaurants located on resort property.

Breakfasts:

Breakfasts take place from 6:15-9:30a in the Bella Lago room. Breakfasts include cereal, yogurt, bagels, donuts, eggs, fruit, coffee & juices.

Lunches:

Lunches are available for a fee or by using a lunch voucher. Lunch is served from 11:30a-2:30p in the Bella Lago room. Vouchers are also valid at golf course concession stands & carts all day and in the 19th Hole Grill from 2:30-4:30p.

Dinners:

Dinners take place in the PGA Ballroom at indicated times. See schedule on reverse for details.

PRACTICE ROUNDS

Players are entitled to one practice round at no additional cost on July 20 or 25. To arrange your practice round tee time, contact PGA National at teetimes@pgaresort.com or call (561) 627-1804, ext. 3. Additional practice rounds are available for \$66 per person (includes mandatory cart). This rate is valid 2 days prior to the start of the tournament. Report to the first tee at your scheduled practice round tee time. Carts, which may be rented in the pro shop, are allowed during practice rounds only. Parents and other guests may serve as caddies during practice rounds only.

TEE TIMES & RESULTS

Results and tee times for the following day's play will be posted each evening in the resort lobby and outside the tournament office. Tee times & results will also be available at golf.optimist.org.

MERCHANDISE

Optimist Golf will be selling a variety of souvenir items on-site during the championships including Optimist Golf T-shirts, caps, umbrellas, golf towels, accessories and more. Make sure to check out the selections in the Optimist tournament office.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Chip Shots Photography will be onsite to photograph participants.



Chip Shots provides unparalleled photography service to over 1,000 tournaments. All participants will receive an attractive photo folder onsite or may order reprints at www.ChipShotsPhoto.com.

GAME ROOM & LOUNGE

The Optimist Game Room & Lounge, located in Canterbury Room, is open from 4-10:45p daily. Video & pinball games, pool tables and a jukebox are free of charge to all participants and guests.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Players are required to adhere to the Optimist Golf Code of Conduct. Its purpose is to help participants grow and mature by understanding and accepting the consequences of their actions. The Code of Conduct is to be followed for the entire event starting at registration. Participants are expected to conduct themselves in proper fashion both on and off the course for the duration of the event. To read the entire Code of Conduct, go to golf.optimist.org.

CURFEW

Players must comply with the curfew of 11p. You must be in your room by the curfew and remain in your room for the entire night unless accompanied by an adult chaperone, parent or legal guardian. Nightly random room checks will be conducted.

SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

The following rules will be in effect for all spectators:

- Carts are not available to spectators for all practice & tournament rounds (no exceptions).
- Remain a minimum of 50 feet from all participants while following play.
- No advice is to be given to any player. A violation of this rule may result in stroke penalties or disqualification of the player.
- Do not walk in the fairways.
- Help spot golf balls.
- Allow rules officials to administer rulings. You will be brought into a situation only when asked.
- When on the course, turn off cell phones or turn ringers to the silent or vibrate mode.



DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS

SECOND ANNUAL OPTIMIST GOLF PARENT-CHILD CLASSIC

Thursday, July 19. Junior golfers and a family member are invited to team up in this fun new best-ball team event. For more info, go to golf.optimist.org/pcc.



OPENING CEREMONY & ORIENTATION

All age divisions. Join us for a parade of flags and opening ceremony followed by the player orientation. Attendance at this event is mandatory for all golfers.

PALMER GOLF LONG DRIVE CONTEST

All age divisions. Preliminaries take place on the golf courses during practice rounds.



Top boys and girls from each division will participate in the final shootout on July 22 or July 27.

"GLOW-BALL" PUTTING EVENT

All age divisions. A 9-hole contest using glow-in-the-dark balls. The course is set in the dark with the holes lit. Make sure to check out this awesome event!

DISTRICT WINNER BANQUET PRESENTED BY GOLFSMITH

All age divisions. The winners of official Optimist qualifying tournaments and their families are invited to a special banquet to recognize the golfers' accomplishments. Players will receive special gifts courtesy of Golfsmith and will enjoy a unique evening of fun.



DIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHTS

All age divisions. Grab your swimsuit and join us "pool-side" for a feature presentation shown next to the main pool. Refreshments will be provided.

WHAT IT TAKES: A COLLEGE COACHES PANEL

Boys 16-18 & Girls 15-18 only. Golfers and parents are invited to an educational seminar that will consist of a panel of college golf coaches who will describe the qualities-mental, physical and academic-that a student-athlete must possess to play golf at the collegiate level.

SUNDAY TOURNAMENT

Boys 16-18 & Girls 15-18 only. This optional 2-player scramble is open to all golfers not making the cut for the final round. There will be an 8:30a shotgun start on the Palmer course. Sign up in the pro shop by 6:00p July 28. Greens fees and prizes included.

QUESTIONS

If you have questions, call the Optimist representative who organized your qualifier or visit golf.optimist.org. More information may be obtained from the Optimist Golf office at (314) 881-1309, toll free (800) 500-8130, ext. 209 or golf@optimist.org. Beginning July 18, please contact the Optimist Golf office at PGA National by calling (561) 627-2000.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, JULY 19

Optimist Golf Parent-Child Classic (8:30a-1:30p)
Arrivals & Registration, Boys 10-15 & Girls 10-14 (10a-7p)

FRIDAY, JULY 20

Breakfast (6:15-9:30a)
Practice Rounds; Palmer Golf Long Drive Contest prelims
Lunch (11:30a-2:30p)
Buffet Dinner (6-8p)
Opening Ceremony & Player Orientation (8:00p)

SATURDAY, JULY 21

Breakfast (6:15-9:30a)
Tournament Round 1
Lunch (11:30a-2:30p)
Buffet Dinner (6-8p)
District Winner Banquet presented by Golfsmith (6:30p)
Dive-in Movie (8:30p)

SUNDAY, JULY 22

Breakfast (6:15-9:30a)
Tournament Round 2
Lunch (11:30a-2:30p)
Buffet Dinner (6-8p)
Palmer Golf Long Drive Contest finals (7-8p)
Glow Ball Putting Event, Boys 14-15 & Girls 13-14 (8-10p)

MONDAY, JULY 23

Breakfast (6:15-9:30a)
Tournament Round 3
Lunch (11:30a-2:30p)
Awards Ceremony (following play)
Buffet Dinner (6-8p)
Glow Ball Putting Event, Boys 10-13 & Girls 10-12 (8-10p)

TUESDAY, JULY 24

Breakfast (6:15-9:30a)
Departure for Boys 10-15 & Girls 10-14
Optimist Golf World Cup (8:30a-1:30p)
Arrivals & Registration, Boys 16-18 & Girls 15-18 (10a-7p)
Optional Dinner (not included in registration fee)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

Breakfast (6:15-9:30a)
Practice Rounds; Palmer Golf Long Drive Contest prelims
Lunch (11:30a-2:30p)
Buffet Dinner (6-8p)
Opening Ceremony & Player Orientation (8:00p)

THURSDAY, JULY 26

Breakfast (6:15-9:30a)
Tournament Round 1
Lunch (11:30a-2:30p)
Buffet Dinner (6-8p)
District Winner Banquet presented by Golfsmith (6:30p)

FRIDAY, JULY 27

Breakfast (6:15-9:30a)
Tournament Round 2
Lunch (11:30a-2:30p)
Buffet Dinner (6-8p)
Palmer Golf Long Drive Contest finals (7p)
Glow Ball Putting Contest (8p)

SATURDAY, JULY 28

Breakfast (6:15-9:30a)
Tournament Round 3
Lunch (11:30a-2:30p)
Buffet Dinner (6-8p)
What it Takes: A College Coaches Panel (7:30p)
Dive-in Movie (8:30p)

SUNDAY, JULY 29

Breakfast (6:15-9:30a)
Championship Rounds & Sunday Tournament
Lunch (11:30a-2:30p)
Awards Ceremony (following play)
Departure (after 4p)