

Financing Your District Tournament and Fundraising Ideas

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Pre-Qualifier / Qualifier Fees

Districts are responsible for paying **\$12.00 per participant for all golfers participating in your pre-qualifiers and qualifying tournaments.** The number of qualifying spots granted for future Optimist International Junior Golf Championship will be determined by the number of participants that are indicated on the District Qualifying Report Form and for whom the qualifier fee is paid. This fee helps defray some of the costs that Optimist International incurs in running such a prestigious program. District Chairs must submit the District Fee Report Form along with the \$12.00 per participant fee. District support is essential for the success of the Optimist Junior Golf Program. **To help obtain these fees most Districts include qualifier fee in the golfer's registration.**

PROMOTE the Value for a Golfer to Attend the Championship

The registration fee is **\$750 US** per golfer which Includes:

- Tournament Entry Fee
- Golf-tournament rounds (practice rounds not included)
- 5 night lodging
- 5 breakfasts and 4 dinners
- And access to all Special Events

Additional fees do apply for parents/family attending which includes their housing and meals as well. Due to the exclusive nature of the event, golfers are required to stay at Trump National Doral Resort and Spa.

District Financial Responsibility

- District qualifier fees as noted above and
- It is suggested that Districts cover the first-place boy 16-18 and girl 15-18 winners and other divisions, if funds allow: Payment of registration fees are \$700.00 per winner.

NEW THIS YEAR

Optimist Junior Golf is going to a new registration platform that is currently being developed. There will be several changes to the registration for golfers, volunteers and District Chairs.

If a District is paying for a portion of the golfers registration fee. There are two options this year. Pay directly to the golfer (suggested sending to golfer after they have played in Championship) or send money directly to Optimist Junior Golf. If sending money to Optimist Junior Golf – must be in increments of \$700.00, \$500.00, \$200.00 or \$100.00. You will be supplied with discount codes to inform your golfer so it can be discounted from their registration.

Golfers from Outside of your District

If a junior golfer from outside your District plays in your tournament and wins, your District is not responsible for paying their registration costs.

You may choose to do so, but if your District feels strongly about only supporting junior golfers from within your own District, you should pay the registration costs for the highest finisher that resides within your District.

(The qualifying procedures publicized for players will read as follows: "If a junior golfer chooses to qualify outside of their District, Optimist International cannot guarantee that their registration fees will be paid should they win that event.")

Costs for District Winners Only

The registration fee for a first-place winner is **\$700 US**. Any registration payments that are being paid for by the District MUST be mailed to Optimist Junior Golf immediately following qualifier with appropriate District Qualifier fee report.

Make all checks payable to:
Optimist International Youth Programs
Foundation, Inc.

If a golfer is not able to attend or cancels, money will be returned to District or applied to another golfer.

District Tournament Registration Fees

Your tournament registration fees greatly affect the success of your District qualifying tournament. It is recommended that your calculations be based on the turnout of the previous year's event. Communication within your District should start as early as possible with details of your tournament plans, financial requirements, and volunteer needs.

Your tournament registration fees must cover greens fees and should also help offset the District's costs in sending the first place winners of each age group and paying the \$12.00 pre-qualifier and qualifier fees. Your entry fee should be comparable to similar junior tournaments in your area.

SAMPLE BUDGET

INCOME

Entries	_____ x \$ _____ = \$ _____
Corporate/Club Sponsorships	\$ _____
Donations	\$ _____
Miscellaneous Income	\$ _____
TOTAL INCOME	\$ _____

EXPENSES

<i>District Qualifying Tournament</i>	
Advertising/Promotion	\$ _____
Beverages	\$ _____
Food	\$ _____
Greens Fees	\$ _____
Printing	\$ _____
Postage	\$ _____
Trophies/Awards	\$ _____
Prizes (Bag tags, caps, etc.)	\$ _____
<u>District Qualifier Fees, Payable to Optimist</u>	
# of pre-qualifying	
participants x 12.00 US	\$ _____
# of District	
participants x \$12.00 US	\$ _____
District Winners	\$1400.00
Boy 16-18 / Girl 15-18 (\$700.00 each)	
Winners (other age divisions)	\$ _____
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ _____

Sponsorship Opportunities

Following are sponsorship opportunities that a couple of District Chairs use to obtain funds for their tournament.

SAMPLE LETTER

Dear Potential Sponsor:

The _____ District Qualifying Tournament for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship will be held at _____ on _____. Winners (and other participants who qualify) in each age group will be eligible to advance to the International tournament at Trump National Doral Resort Miami, Florida on _____. Last year, ___ junior golfers from the _____ District participated in the International tournament!

The _____ will provide entry fees to the International Tournament in Florida for the winners.

What this means to these Junior Golfers

- It's one of the top International Junior Golf Tournament in the world.
- It's ranked by JuniorGolf Scoreboard, Golfweek, Amateur Golf World Ranking and included in the AJGA Performance Based Entry Process.
- Approximately 30 College Coaches attend and recruit
- A chance to play against golfers all over the world.

Tournament Sponsors make this possible.

Sponsorship opportunities for businesses, individuals, and organizations are listed below. If you, your business, or your club would like to participate as a sponsor in this year's District Qualifying Tournament, please complete the form and return it as soon as possible but no later than _____.

The _____ District of Optimist International and the many junior golf participants thank you in advance for your support!

Yours in Optimism,

SAMPLE: Make it fit your needs

Title Sponsor – \$1,500.00

Promoted as "Title" Sponsor on all event printing, signage, and promotional material.

Double Eagle Sponsor – \$200.00

Sponsor the Driving Range, Putting Green, or Scoreboard. Includes Sponsors Sign

Eagle Sponsor – \$150.00

Sponsor the 1st Hole, 10th Hole, 17th Hole, or 18th Hole. (All of these are near the Clubhouse.) Includes Sponsors Sign on course.

Birdie Sponsor – \$100.00

Sponsor a Hole. (Holes 2-8 and 13-17.) Includes Sponsors Sign on course.

Participant Sponsor – \$75.00 per golfer

Sponsor one or more participants in the Tournament (Submit entry forms).

Create a submission form and mail to local business, individuals, organizations and your Optimist clubs at least three months in advance of your tournament. For a listing of the Optimist Clubs in your District contact your Governor or Optimist Junior Golf Staff.

The key to success is to keep following-up.



TravelPledge -- Another opportunity to raise funds

How it Works: <https://www.travelpledge.com/assets/pdfs/TravelPledge-for-Non-Profits.pdf>

Step 1

Select fun experiences.

Choose from a wide variety of fun experiences for your upcoming auction or raffle and generate bigger donations thanks to the "[TravelPledge Advantage](#)".

Step 2

Sell them at your event.

No obligation and no risk. Your organization pays only for the experiences that you sell. You'll always [keep between 40% and 90% of the winning bid](#).

Step 3

Tell us which experiences sold.

After your event, let us know which experiences you sold. Winning bidders automatically receive their certificates upon checkout and enjoy easy redemption.