

2018 Elks State Golf Tournament Frequently Asked Questions

Where and when will the tournament be held?

The tournament will be held at Lincoln Greens Golf Course, 700 East Lake Shore Drive, Springfield, IL 62712 (217-786-4111) on July 19-21, 2018. Practice rounds may be scheduled for Thursday, July 19. Contact the Lincoln Greens Pro Shop to reserve your tee time. Practice rounds begin at 12:00 p.m. Friday, July 20 is competition day for Senior Men (50+) and Ladies (all ages). Saturday, July 21 is competition day for Lodge Team and Individuals. All members are welcome to compete regardless of gender or age.

How can I register?

Submit a completed "Registration Form" along with payment to Springfield Elks Lodge #158. If possible please submit the form with a foursome. Singles, twosome and threesomes will be filled. The entry fee is \$70 per day for 18 hole stroke play. This includes golf, cart, gift, prize pool and free lunch. A separate Registration Form is required for each event you plan to enter. Additional forms may be downloaded from the Illinois State Elks website.

When is the entry deadline?

The entry deadline is Monday, July 9, 2018.

What are the directions to Lodge #158 and the golf course?

From I-55, take exit 94 for Stevenson Drive. Turn left on Stevenson Drive (signs for East Lake Drive). Proceed one and a half miles and turn right at the Rochester Road stop light into Lodge #158 parking lot. The golf course entrance is a half mile south from the Lodge.

What is the tournament format?

The format is a four person shotgun start to begin the tournament. All golfers begin play simultaneously with each group of four golfers teeing off on a different hole on the golf course. On Friday, there will be two shotgun start times, 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. On Saturday, there is one shotgun start time at 8:30 a.m., **HOWEVER a second time may be added depending on the number of registrations received.** Golfers will be notified if a start time needs to be changed.

What will be the tournament scoring?

Net scores will be calculated using the "USGA Modified Peoria Handicap System."

When should I arrive at the golf course?

We suggest players arrive no more than 1 hour before and no less than 30 minutes prior to their scheduled tee time.

Will lunch be available at the golf course?

A *free* lunch will be served at the golf course from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. It is suggested morning flight participants pick up their lunch upon completion of their round and afternoon flight participants arrive early to receive their lunch prior to golfing.

Will there be on course contests and hole in one prizes?

There will be “Closest to the Pin” and “Hole in One” contests at each of the four Par 3 holes. There will also be a “Charity Hole” where for a donation for CCC you may elect to “move the tees” on a Par 5 hole.

What is the inclement weather policy?

The tournament will not be cancelled because it is cold, hot, windy, raining, etc. – unless the golf course has been closed by the golf course staff. No matter what the weather forecast says, we ask that you still come out to the course and wait to see if the weather improves. If there is a downpour and/or thunder and lightning, your group will be brought to the Pro Shop from off the course. There will be no rain dates.

What are the prizes and when will they be awarded?

The tournament prizes are for 1st Place Teams with Low Gross total, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Teams with Low Net Totals (incorporates handicap scores). Silent Auction and raffle items are available for purchase/donation. Division awards, silent auction and prizes will be distributed Saturday at Lodge #158 after the competition has completed.

How can I become a sponsor?

Please contact committee chairman Dave Cassens at SPIElksgolf@gmail.com or 217-494-6431 to donate an auction item or raffle item. Hole sponsors are offered to those who contribute \$100 and will receive signage at a designated hole.

Will there be group rates for hotel accommodations?

Yes. All of these hotels are within two miles from Lodge #158 and Lincoln Greens Golf Course.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the following hotels. Rooms must be reserved by Thursday, **June 28, 2018**. There are a limited number of rooms in these blocks so it is recommended to book early. To make a reservation, call the hotel directly and mention our group name “**Elks State Golf.**”

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| Holiday Inn Express | 217-529-7771 | 3050 S Dirksen Pkwy | \$95 | Standard Room |
| Residence Inn by Marriott | 217-527-1100 | 2915 Stanford Ave | \$119 | Studio Suite |

The hotels listed below are also in the area but do not have a special rate.

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| Country Inn & Suites | 217-544-5151 | 3092 Stevenson Dr |
| Crowne Plaza | 217-529-7777 | 3000 S Dirksen Pkwy |
| Drury Inn | 217-529-3900 | 3180 S Dirksen Pkwy |
| Hilton Garden Inn | 217-529-7171 | 3100 S Dirksen Pkwy |
| Wingate by Wyndham | 217-529-1100 | 3185 S Dirksen Pkwy |

Will there be special events at Elks Lodge #158?

On Thursday, a mostaccioli dinner for a donation will be available beginning at 5:00 p.m. until it's gone. On Friday, a choice of pork loin filet (\$10) or flatiron steak dinner (\$12) will be available from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Musical entertainment will start at 6:00 p.m. on both nights. On Saturday, a hamburger or chicken breast horseshoe (\$9 horse / \$7 pony) will be available starting at 3:00 p.m. Awards will be distributed on Saturday at the Lodge.