



# Merry-Hill Golf Club Tournament Package

# 2022

The Merry-Hill Golf Club Tournament Package includes everything you need to know for booking your Golf Tournament. We have provided you with a clear description of the 2022 golf tournament rates, expectations, additional offerings to make your event special, suggested golf formats to encourage fun participation, your convenor checklist and our tournament rules and guidelines. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to being part of your 2022 Event!

## **Merry-Hill Golf Club is the Perfect Place to Host Your Next Golf Tournament**



Merry-Hill Golf Club is a 27 Hole Executive Length golf course with wide rolling fairways, smooth greens, mature trees, well-maintained power carts and fully paved cart paths. Our Red Nine is considered to be the most beautiful nine by many golfers here at Merry-Hill. The course plays around the Clubhouse, has two water holes and our only Par 5. The back tee yardage totals 1,804 yards with a Par of 31.

The White Nine is a very unique course, having two cups on each green. We have the regulation cups cut at 2 ¼" but also our "Big Cups" cut at 8". We've done this to help make golf more approachable to new golfers, young and old. The White Nine has a total yardage of 1,858 yards from the back tee and a Par of 30. Lastly, the Blue Nine is the longest course, having a total distance of 2,307 yards. Several dogleg holes will test your skills off the tee and on your approach shot. Merry-Hill Golf Club has a comfort station with washrooms at White #4 and Blue #5, and a snack bar in the Club House, and a covered Gazebo that overlooks the Red Nine. Merry-Hill Golf Club is a local family-owned and operated golf course, celebrating its 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2020. We take pride in our reputation for providing excellent golf course conditions to the general public at an affordable price... We call it "Simply Great Public Golf!" Our customers voted Merry-Hill Golf Club as a top 3 Golf Course in the Kitchener-Waterloo Record Reader Awards in 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019 a Gold Winner in 2020 and a Platinum Winner in 2021.

On the day of your event, your planning assistant will help you with everything from setting up your registration table to showing your guests to their reserved seating. All of your meals are prepared in-house on the day of your event. Amenities include a well stocked Golf Shop, newly renovated washrooms, as well as the Little Mushroom Fresh Bistro, dining room and spacious covered gazebo.

Your tournament can be hosted Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, selective Saturdays and Sundays. Groups between 20-48 players will be provided with consecutive tee times. Approximately 10 minutes between each tee-time. Which is approximately 1 ½ hours from the first to last tee-time depending on your group size. We are very happy to discuss other options on timing or if your group is larger than 48 (noting that our maximum number for meal seating is 72). Shot Gun starts will not be offered for the 2022 season.

### **When you book your tournament with us, you can expect:**

- Planning Assistant
- Pairings Sheet, Cart Signs
- Tournament Registration Area with Marquee Tent
- Reserved Dinner Seating
- Access to the Merry-Hill Golf Club App
- Beautifully Manicured 27 Hole Facility
- 3 Sets of Tees for all Levels of Play
- Fully Paved Cart Paths
- Assigned Power Carts for Your Group – if booked in advance

### **Upon request, we can provide your tournament with the following:**

- Tournament scoring
- Prizing and trophies
- Proximity markers
- Rules sheet or format sheet
- Hole-In-One Insurance
- Rentals may be required\*
- Drink tickets
- On course boxed lunch
- Goodie bag for each person
- Special desserts, music, table decorations
- Golf Swag Package (balls, divot tool, tees)
- And more...

*\*Based on the tournament size, rentals may be requested - additional fee per person may be added to quote*

## Suggested Tournament Formats:

Format	Description
<b>Stroke</b>	The most basic game in golf. Each shot taken by a player is counted as one stroke. At the end of the round the player with the fewest strokes wins.
<b>Stableford</b>	Players receive points on each hole. It rewards you for playing well, without punishing you when you have a bad hole. The golfer who earns the most points wins. Points are awarded as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 point for bogey</li> <li>• 2 points for par</li> <li>• 3 points for birdie</li> <li>• 4 points for eagle</li> <li>• 5 points for double eagle</li> <li>• 0 points for worse than bogey</li> </ul>
<b>Par</b>	On each hole, +1, 0 or -1 points are awarded to players based on how they did relative to par on that hole. The player with the highest score wins. Points are awarded as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• +1 for birdie or better</li> <li>• 0 for par</li> <li>• -1 for bogey or worse</li> </ul>
<b>Skins</b>	Skins are based on winning holes. The player who has the lowest score on a hole wins a skin for that hole. The golfer with the most skins at the end of the round wins. If a hole is tied by two or more players then no skin is awarded and the skin is carried over to the next hole. The next player to win a hole wins not only the skin for that hole but also skins for holes that carried over.
<b>Skins No Carry Over</b>	The same rules as Skins above, except that skins do not carry over for tied holes.
<b>Best Ball (Also known as Scramble)</b>	Each player on the team plays his or her own golf ball throughout the round, and on each hole the low score, or “best ball”, of the group serves as the team score. For example: On the first hole Player A gets a 5, B gets a 4, C gets a 6, D gets a 6 so the team score for that hole is 4, because the low score of the group was B’s 4.
<b>Match Play</b>	Match play is a competition format in which the round is played with the goal of winning individual holes. For example, on Hole No. 1, you score 4 and your opponent gets a 5, you win the hole.  Scoring is kept by comparing the holes won by each player. If each has won the same number of holes, the match is said to be “All Square”. If you have won 4 holes and your opponent has won 3, you are said to be “1-Up” while your opponent is “1-Down.”  Final score reflects the margin of victory and the hole at which the match ended.
<b>Gross Vs. Net</b>	All of the games can be played as either “Gross” or “Net.” When net scoring is used the number of strokes on a hole is adjusted according to a players handicap. When gross scoring is used handicaps are not factored in to scoring.
<b>Alternate Shot</b>	Choose a teammate on the first tee. On each hole, only a single ball is played for each team. Alternate who hits the ball each time from tee to green. It is recommended that you alternate tee shots (for example: the younger partner tees off on even holes and the older partner tees off on the odd holes). *Scoring is not available through the MHGC app

## Suggested Games:

Game	Description
<b>Longest Drive</b>	The person with the longest drive from the tee wins. Spruce up this traditional format by doing the drive with a marshmallow, while wearing oven mitts or by swinging with your opposite hand.
<b>Longest Putt</b>	The person who sinks the longest putt on the green (fringe does not count) wins. Make this more fun than the traditional format by putting with “Frankie” our Flamingo.
<b>Closest to the Pin</b>	The person with the longest drive that gets the closest to the pin within the first shot. Instead of the traditional format put an item on the course that matches your tournament. Some fun ones we have used are Closest to the Keg – Bachelor party, Closest to the bra – Breast Cancer Fundraiser, Closest to the Pumpkin – Halloween, etc.

## Golf with Dinner

Dinner Following Tournament Play

*Tax and Gratuity Not Included*

Minimum Number of Participants Required: 20 Players

Please Choose 1 Meal Option for Entire Group



### Full Buffet Lunch / Dinner

*Each meal includes 1 Protein, 1 Startch, 3 Salad Choices, Buns & Butter, Dessert, Coffee & Tea*

Golf and Dinner Options <i>Minimum Number of Participants: 20 Players</i>		9 Holes of Golf Per Person	18 Holes of Golf Per Person	Meal Only (No Golf) Per Person
<b>D1</b>	8 oz Steak	\$71.75	\$81.75	\$38.75
<b>D2</b>	½ rack of Ribs	\$65.00	\$75.00	\$32.00
<b>D3</b>	6 oz Roast Beef	\$64.50	\$74.50	\$31.50
<b>D4</b>	6 oz Sliced Chicken Breast in Sauce	\$62.50	\$72.50	\$29.50
<b>D5</b>	Chicken Leg & Thigh	\$60.75	\$70.75	\$27.75
<b>D6</b>	Grilled Chicken on a Bun			
<b>D7</b>	Beef Burger			
<b>D8</b>	6 oz Pork Loin Roast	\$59.50	\$69.50	\$26.50
<b>D9</b>	8 oz Pork Schnitzel	\$58.50	\$68.50	\$25.50
<b>D10</b>	Vegetarian or Vegan Option	\$61.50	\$71.50	\$28.50

*Meals are served Buffet Style in our Dining Room overlooking the Golf Course.*

*You may wish to have non-golfers attend for the meal only if space allows.*

*With advance notice, we will gladly accommodate vegetarian or vegan requests, or options for restricted diets.*

### Meals To Go

		9 Holes of Golf Per Person	18 Holes of Golf Per Person	Meal Only (No Golf) Per Person
<b>M1</b>	<b>Continental Breakfast Box</b> <i>(Minimum Number of Participants: 12 Players)</i> <i>In-house made Muffin; Vegetarian Egg Bites; Fresh Fruit Cup; Yogurt, Berries &amp; Granola Parfait</i> <i>Add a cup of Baden Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Hot Apple Cider or Water for \$2 more</i>	\$48.00	\$58.00	\$15.00
<b>M2</b>	<b>Lunch at the Turn</b> <i>(Minimum Number of Participants: 12 Players)</i> <i>Enjoy a variety of wraps or sandwiches with veggie sticks and dip with either a piece of fruit or a small dessert (brownie or cookie)</i> <i>Have it with an Elora Borealis for \$5.50 more</i>	\$49.50	\$59.50	\$16.50

## Grab & Go – Order in Advance

<b>E3</b>	<i>Home Baked Assorted Seasonal Muffins, or Giant Cookies</i>	\$2.50 per person
<b>E4</b>	<i>Chip &amp; Dip Box – GF Corn Tortilla Chips, Pico Do Gallo, Sour Cream &amp; Salsa</i>	
<b>E5</b>	<i>Yogurt &amp; Granola Parfait with Fresh Berries</i>	\$5.00 per person
<b>E6</b>	<i>Charcuterie &amp; Cheese Box – Cured / Smoked Meats, Cheeses, Pickled Veggies, Mustard &amp; Crackers</i>	\$18.00 per person
<b>E7</b>	<i>Breakfast Burritos – Scrambled Eggs, Cheese, Black Beans, Sautéed Pepper &amp; Onions</i>	\$9.50 each

## Additional Offerings

		<b>9 Holes of Golf Per Person</b>	<b>18 Holes of Golf Per Person</b>
<b>C1</b>	<b>Power Cart</b>	\$16.00	\$21.00
<b>C2</b>	<b>Pull Cart ~ Limited Availability</b>	\$3.00	\$5.00
<b>C3</b>	<b>Rental Golf Clubs ~ Limited Availability</b>	\$8.00	\$8.00
<b>C4</b>	<b>Golf Only ~ No Fixed Meal</b>	\$33.00	\$43.00
	<b>Hole-In-One Insurance - \$2,500</b>		\$100.00
	<b>Hole-In-One Insurance - \$5,000</b>		\$150.00
	<b>Prizing and Trophies</b>		Custom
	<b>Goodie Bag</b> <i>Bottle of Water, and a Snack (cookie, muffin or chips)</i>		\$5.00
	<b>Golf Swag Package</b> <i>Divot Tool, Ball Marker, Bottle of Water, MH Logo Ball, Pack of Bamboo Tees</i>		Starting at \$5.00 *can be customized
	<b>Special Desserts, Music, Table Decorations, Rentals*</b>		Custom
	<b>Event Photographer</b>		Custom
	<b>Customized Drink Ticket Production</b> <i>(Drink pricing based on current menu)</i>		\$10.00
	<b>Generic Drink / Raffle Tickets</b> <i>(Drink pricing based on current menu)</i>		Included on Request
	<b>Rules or Format Sheet</b>		
	<b>Tournament Scoring</b>		
	<b>Proximity Markers</b>		
	<b>On Course Game Set-Up</b>		
	<b>Tournament Coordinator / Event Manager</b>		Included

*Applicable Taxes and Gratuity are not included with the above price lists*

## Tournament Convenor Check-List

<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Identify your Tournament Needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ Date of Event</li> <li>⊕ Arrival Time</li> <li>⊕ Tee Times</li> <li>⊕ Lunch or Dinner Time</li> <li>⊕ Number of Carts Required (if needed)</li> <li>⊕ Club Rentals?</li> <li>⊕ Number of Participants (Number of People Golfing and Number of People Eating)</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Select Your Meal Option</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ Inform the Golf Club of any dietary restrictions or special requests</li> <li>⊕ Would you prefer a sit down meal? Buffet or Plated?</li> <li>⊕ Did you want Grab &amp; Go options on the turn or a snack for players on arrival?</li> </ul> <p><i>*Don't forget your volunteers or sponsors that are working your tournament</i></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Indicate Any Special Requests, Add Ons, Formats or Games on Date of Booking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ Did you want us to arrange scoring, prizes, drink tickets, goodie bags, formats, etc.</li> <li>⊕ Would you be presenting prizes the same day?</li> <li>⊕ Do you require AV equipment? Microphone, speakers, projector, screen?</li> <li>⊕ Do you require any table décor, table numbers, seating chart?</li> <li>⊕ Will you have hole sponsors that require signs? Do you need help putting them out on the course the day of?</li> <li>⊕ Will you be having games on the course such as longest drive, closest to the Pin, etc?</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Confirm Number of Participants and Number of Meals 14 days Prior to Your Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ This is also your guaranteed number of attendees who will be eating – the guaranteed number is what you will be paying for. Numbers can have a small increase but cannot drop once this has been submitted – let us know as soon as you are aware of extra meals</li> <li>⊕ Send confirmed numbers to the Tournament Coordinator 14 days Prior to Your Event</li> <li>⊕ Send in a list of players and groups when you've assigned them <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Add in the number of golf carts required (if any)</li> <li>○ Add in the numbers of club rentals if required and the golfers name plus what hand they swing with. Group golfers together that can share as there are limited quantities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Arrive early if you need to arrange anything on the course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ Sponsor signs</li> <li>⊕ Prize / Registration tables</li> <li>⊕ Games on Course, etc.</li> </ul>

## **Tournament Rules/Guidelines**

**Objective:** to ensure that all guests fully enjoy their experience at Merry-Hill Golf Club, and to protect the interests of all parties.

### **Guaranteed Numbers**

In order to properly prepare for your arrival, and ensure adequate staffing, materials and tee times, a final guaranteed number must be received no later than 14 days prior to the golf event. We will accept minor change to the final numbers if the guest count increases only. Once the guest count has been provided you will be responsible to pay for these meals regardless if the guest is in attendance or not.

### **Payment Terms**

A single invoice for the tournament will be provided to the Tournament Convenor prior to the event. A Deposit will be due to confirm the booking which will be custom designed for your individual event and due no later than 14 days prior to the event date with final guest numbers. The booking will remain tentative until a deposit has been paid. If another event is requesting the same date and it has not been secured with a deposit, notification will be provided to both parties. Priority will be given to the first party to confirm their booking or release the date.

Final event payment is required on the day of the event for the number of guests confirmed, regardless if fewer attend. Guests **may not** pay individually in the Golf Shop.

You are welcome to set up a bar tab with the Clubhouse Manager for any food and drink consumed during your round that are not included in your meal package. Payment for the tab will be required prior to departing from the Clubhouse. If the convenor is unable to attend or will leave prior to the end of the event a second point of contact will need to be provided and placed within the tournament contract. We accept Visa, MC, AMEX or company cheque. Rental clubs may be paid individually or as part of the event.

Loyalty discounts, Corporate Advantage Program and other promotional offer are not valid for tournament play.

### **Inclement Weather**

Merry-Hill Golf Club will make every effort to allow the tournament to proceed as scheduled. If the golf course is deemed unplayable by the Director of Operations and Superintendent, necessary changes will be made.

If we are unable to continue the golf portion of your event due to inclement weather and payment has been made we can issue rain checks for golf or provide a refund less an administrative fee of \$50 or 10% of your total golf cost – whichever is smaller of two dependant on your contract.

If you included a Lunch or Dinner service within your contract it will be available and we encourage your guests to enjoy the meal already prepared at the scheduled time as originally planned. Refunds will not be issued for food cost.

### **Cancellation / Refund Policy**

Notice of cancellation must be received in writing via email 14 days prior to the date of your golf event and a full refund will be issued less a \$50 administrative fee. Deposit refunds will not be issued if cancellation occurs within the 14 days prior to the event date. Merry-Hill Golf Club does understand some times cancellations do occur and reasons for cancellation may be subject to a review.

## **Alcohol Policy**

- Merry-Hill Golf Club is fully licensed with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) to serve alcohol in the Clubhouse & Patio and on the golf course via the Beverage Cart.
- The participants in the tournament are specifically cautioned not to bring alcoholic beverages onto the golf course premises, as this is a direct violation of the AGCO license held by the club.
- Participants in possession of alcohol by means other than through Merry-Hill Servers will not be tolerated and alcohol will be confiscated and the participant may be subject to expulsion from the Golf Course.
- Merry-Hill Golf Club's Alcohol Policy will be strictly enforced by Merry-Hill Starters, Players Assistants, Servers and Staff.
- Merry-Hill Golf Club reserves the right to inspect all coolers and golf bags if deemed necessary.

## **General Golf Course Policies**

1. Merry-Hill Golf Club has a reasonable dress code that does not permit cutoff jeans or tank tops. Soft spiked golf shoes or cross trainers are acceptable footwear. Full compliance is required.
2. Any conduct violations including foul play and vulgar language, golf cart abuse, damage to course and property and ignorance of liquor laws will result in expulsion from the course without refund and fees for damages may be applied.
3. Groups must be ready at the first tee at least 15 minutes before their allotted time. This will give the Starter flexibility in keeping the tournament on time.
4. Outside food or third party food vendors are not permitted at Merry-Hill Golf Course as we offer full meal and snack options.

## **Tournament Rules**

1. Pace of Play - The tournament must maintain the pace of play, which is a maximum of 4 hours per round. Pace of Play requirements are indicated on the top of the score card for each nine. In meeting the target for pace of play the following factors are key:
  - a. Use the scramble format for recreational tournaments where the caliber of golf comprises both experienced and casual/novice golfers.
  - b. Merry-Hill Golf Club provides you with the scramble format rules in your tournament package. Make sure each player is given a copy of these rules.
  - c. If possible, include at least one experienced/low handicap golfer. Try to avoid assigning foursomes having only high handicap/casual golfers. This leads to slow play, backups and bottlenecks, which cannot be tolerated. We recommend setting a maximum number of strokes per hole for your formats:
    - i. Scramble Format – maximum strokes is 2 over Par – i.e. Par 4, maximum strokes = 6.
    - ii. Individual Stroke Play – maximum strokes is Double Par – i.e. Par 4, maximum strokes = 8. After total reached, pick up and proceed to the next tee.
  - d. To help make the game enjoyable for all in your group, we recommend everyone in the group play from their appropriate tee deck. The white tees are recommended for above average players, the red tees are recommended for casual golfers. There are also purple tees located at the front of each fairway that are recommended for beginner golfers. If you have never seen the golf course before, have novice golfers, or are looking to shoot low team scores, we recommend playing from the red tees.
  - e. Play faster groups at the start to set the required speed of play
  - f. Gaps between groups must be kept to a minimum. Keep up to the group ahead.
2. At all times heed the instructions of the course Players Assistants who are there to help make your round more enjoyable.