

2012 NATIONAL HICKORY CHAMPIONSHIP EQUIPMENT GUIDE

Equipment Guide—19th Cent. Divisions (Open, Reserve & Sporting Divisions)

There is no limit to the number of clubs that can be carried.

Antique Woods:

Long nose, semi-long nose or bulger style; splice head; should have marks and shape (significantly elongated—**minimum 3" wide at narrowest part of the club face**) consistent with 19th century clubs/makers.

***No short head splice or socket woods allowed.

Replica Woods:

As above. Approved wood clubs available from Oakhurst, Louisville Golf Co., Tad Moore or Heritage (St. Andrews).

Antique Irons:

Must be smooth faced and attributable (by markings) to 19th century origin. Irons with no markings must be inspected and approved before the tournament, or at prior GCS, SoHG or CHGA events.

Niblicks should be not greater than 2" high x 2.5" wide measured on the flat area of the face.

Replica Irons:

Oakhurst and Tad Moore. Must be smooth faced. Others approved by the committee.

Antique Putters (wood):

Any wood-shaft era (pre-1935) wood-headed putter in the long nose, semi-long nose or transitional shape that is heel-shafted is allowed. This includes splice head and later 20th century socket head putters as long as they are made in the 'mallet,' long nose or semi-long nose shape of the old style and heel-shafted.

***No Schenectadies or other center-shaft putters.

Replica Putters (wood):

Louisville Golf Company long nose wood head/wood shaft putters allowed. Others by committee approval, following inspection.

Antique Putters (metal):

Metal head (steel or gun metal, i.e. bronze) blade putter or putting cleek only allowed if proven to be of 19th century origin by maker name or cleek mark.

***No Otey Crisman putters or aluminum head putters (Mills and other similar types) permitted.

Common clubs categorically allowed:

(must be smooth faced)

- ◇ Tom Stewart irons with NO registration legend under the pipe mark
 - ◇ Stewart irons with serpent mark
 - ◇ All B.G.I. irons or semi-long head spliced woods
 - ◇ All Willie Park irons or semi-long head spliced woods (including Compressed Patent)
 - ◇ Spalding made irons—from these model series
 - SPALDING (name only in block letters)
 - "The Spalding"
 - Clan
 - SMCo.
 - "Spalding Special"
 - Vardon
 - Morristown (w/ no baseball mark)
 - ◇ Forgan with Prince of Wales plume mark
- ***No Non-wood shaft clubs allowed.
***No Otey Crisman putters allowed.
***No Callaway Hickory Sticks allowed.
***No Rubber slip-on grips. Leather wrap only.

Clubs made in the period 1900-1905 that have the characteristics of 19th century clubs may be able to obtain a special exemption and be approved for NHC play upon application to the Championship Director/Equipment Committee. The application form and instructions are available from the Championship Office. Photos required.

GOLF BAGS

Open Division:

NO GOLF BAGS ALLOWED IN COMPETITIVE PLAY
(only in practice or Foursomes)

Clubs to be carried under arm, without bag.

Reserve Divisions:

GOLF BAGS PERMITTED IN TOURNAMENT PLAY

(However, bags are **strongly discouraged**; this exception is made for older golfers and those requesting medical exemptions)

All equipment used in the NHC Tournament is subject to authentication and approval by the equipment/rules committee. If in doubt, contact the Championship Committee as far in advance of the tournament as possible for a ruling.

2012 NATIONAL HICKORY CHAMPIONSHIP DRESS CODE

GENTLEMEN:

OPEN, RESERVE & SPORTING DIVISIONS

Trousers—Long trousers or Knickerbocker trousers with knee socks (preferably solid color socks) only. Knickers are knee-length and fairly tight. Prefer **No** plus-fours (i.e. baggy, 1920s-style knee-trousers please!) or plus-sixes.

Kilts - permitted. Don't forget the sporran!

Shirt—Long sleeve shirt (roll up sleeves if you get warm). **No** knit golf shirts.

Tie (required for men)—Bow tie, neck tie, ascot or cravat.

Accessories—Vest or waistcoat allowed; (modern) golf glove permitted.

Shoes—Any style golf shoe permitted. Soft spikes, please.

Hat—Must be appropriate for period. Wide brimmed straw or felt hat, top hat, bowler or derby, flat cloth cap (Hogan cap) or short-billed games cap. **No** baseball-type caps or visors.

Note: Floppy plus-fours and argyle socks are not permitted in the Open Division and are discouraged from use in the Reserve Division. These are more commonly seen in the 1920s.

Apparel outlined in this guide is required for the rounds of competitive golf. At all other times (Foursomes, practice, cocktails, dinner, etc.) casual clothing is allowed and encouraged.

LADIES:

OPEN, RESERVE & SPORTING DIVISIONS

Skirt or dress—Approximately ankle length.

Blouse or shirt—Please try to use period style. **No** knit golf shirts.

Hat—Attempt to maintain a period appearance. **No** visors.

Accessories—Vest, jacket, sweater or scarf allowed. Shoes, gloves, ties permitted as outlined for gentlemen. Since many lady's outfits have small or no pockets a small sack, satchel or handbag is permitted for balls and 'necessary' accoutrements.

Apparel Philosophy:

The National Hickory Championship is a golf tournament not a costume party. Apparel is not expected to be authentic 19th century but merely to replicate the general type of clothing worn by golfers of the period. Please exercise good judgment but also be as comfortable as possible. Summer temperatures can be quite warm. In many of the past years' events media outlets—newspapers, magazines, TV/film—have been present and appreciate the 19th century image of the NHC.

Prizes are presented for the best dressed man and woman at the NHC. Friday is photo day and you may choose that day to look your best if you bring more than one outfit.