



HMSDC Scholarship Fundraiser

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the HMSDC Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Tournament that raises funds for HMSDC developmental programs and other MBE Business Executive Scholarships.

Golf continues to be recognized by many as an “Essential Recreational Activity”, with nearly half of golf courses in the United States remaining open throughout the pandemic. Many players have recognized the inherent safety of the golf course environment, with open courses experiencing very high levels of play.

The HMSDC Scholarship Fundraiser Committee has been working to ensure this event incorporates best practices, by adopting guidelines published by leading golf industry organizations. The attached guidelines reflect these best practices and all requirements of Blackhorse Golf Course.

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Safety Procedures

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GENERAL

- If you have been exposed, have symptoms, are sick, or are caring for someone with COVID-19, please do not attend the event.
- Box breakfast will be provide by HMSDC and a buffet lunch served by the golf course.

STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

- Social distancing, where practical, is highly encouraged.
- Masks are recommended, but are optional unless required by the course or governmental regulations.
- To prevent unnecessary gatherings at arrival, we will provide arrival gift at check-in when players arrive.
- Player names are required in advance so that players can be paired in a foursome and proceed directly to their carts.

GOLF COURSE

- Staff and volunteers will ask for permission before providing assistance with players bags or clubs.
- Golfers will ride two per golf cart. If you would like to ride alone, please contact HMSDC at events@hmsdc.org.
- Please leave gloves on when using rakes at sand bunkers and we discourage use of ball washers.

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ADVANCE COMMUNICATION TO PLAYERS

(Review Carefully for your specific circumstances)

- The safety of the event participants, organizers, and golf course staff is a primary concern.
- You may bring personal masks. Masks, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting wipes will be provided with your arrival gift.
- Cash transactions and credit cards will be accepted for entry into contests and the auction.
- Stay 6 feet away from other players in the staging area, on the tee box, course and greens.
- Players should only touch their own ball and equipment. We suggest that you do not share clubs.
- If your ball goes into a bunker, remove it and play from outside the bunker. Rakes may be removed from the course.
- There is a two-putt rule to limit time on the green. Once your ball is on the green, take the putt and, if missed, pick it up and move to the next hole.
- HMSDC will provide bottled beverages for golfers on the course. Personal beverage coolers are not allowed by the course.
- To minimize contact, a virtual scorecard will be used and all golfers can go to www.easyscramble.com and click on "How it works" for a sample. Scores can be viewed online for 6 months.

VOLUNTEERS

- You may bring personal masks. HMSDC will make masks, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes available to all volunteers.
- Practice social distancing where practical.

PROCESSING PAYMENTS FOR REGISTRATION, CONTESTS, SILENT AUCTION

- Staff members collecting fees by visiting player carts will ask that players maintain appropriate social distancing. We will allow players to swipe their own credit cards.
- 'Mulligans' can be purchased in advanced via HMSDC's scholarship fundraiser website at <http://scholarship.hmsdc.org>.

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Tournament Waiver

Please read the waiver below. All participants will be asked to sign this waiver upon arrival.

By agreeing to this assumption of risk and waiver of liability, I agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense of any kind (collectively the "Damages"), that I may experience or incur in connection with my attendance and or participation at any Houston Minority Supplier Development Council (HMSDC) event or activity. On my behalf, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the HMSDC, its assets, its employees, volunteers, participants, spectators, insurance policies, or host club (including employees and members), of and from any claim (the "Claims"), including all liabilities, actions, Damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of any HMSDC event or activity.

Coronavirus: COVID-19

By signing this agreement, I also acknowledge the contagious nature of the COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 or any related disease by attending and or participating in any HMSDC event or activity. I understand and assume the risk that such exposure or infection may result in illness, personal injury, disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at any HMSDC event or activity may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, HMSDC employees, host facility employees, volunteers, general public, and participants,

The HMSDC and host facility has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the HMSDC and host club cannot guarantee prevention, exposure, or infection of COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I agree to the following in regards to the Coronavirus: Covid-19:

- I attest that I am not experiencing any symptoms of illness including but not limited to, a fever, cough, or shortness of breath. If I develop these symptoms, I agree to withdraw or leave the event or activity, as far in advance as possible.
- I am aware that I must follow the safety and hygiene protocols that have been implemented by the HMSDC, all government orders, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

I attest that:

- I have not traveled internationally or to a highly impacted area within the US in the past 14 days.
- I have not been diagnosed with COVID-19 or have been cleared medically from COVID-19 Symptoms (after unknown or known exposure).
- I have no individuals in the same household with current COVID-19 symptoms or in a currently positive state.
- I will follow all event and host facility COVID-19 guidelines at HMSDC events and activities.
- I have had the opportunity to ask HMSDC and its staff any questions regarding any event as it relates to COVID-19, the structure of the event and the precautions taken, and have received satisfactory answers to such questions.

I understand and agree to hold harmless the HMSDC, its assets, its employees, volunteers, participants, spectators, insurance policies, or host club (including employees and members), of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, Damages, illnesses, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of any HMSDC event or activity.

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