

# **CARL SPACKLER OPEN** Rooming Matching System

The rooming list for the Carl Spackler Open is a crucial element for the success of the event. This document outlines the process, including (1) safeguards for roommates and (2) the rationale behind not strictly adhering to 'highest ranking preferences' when assigning roommates.

### **GOLFERS WITHOUT A ROOMMATE PREFERENCE**

For those golfers without specified roommate preferences, the original referral is given the opportunity to update their preferences and offer multiple solutions. Ultimately, both the original referral and the golfer without preferences are offered full refunds or single occupancy options at an increased cost to address any rooming issues.

#### MATCHING EXPLAINED STEP-BY-STEP

- **Step #1:** Rookies are paired with their top roommate preference, reducing the available roommate pool.
- **Step #2:** Participants with the fewest roommate preferences are assigned roommates based on availability. Examples include individuals like "Power Drinking Pete," "Snoring Sam," "Crazy Curt," "Weird Walter," "Quiet Quinton," and "Chatty Christian." These pairings result in roommates who are no longer available for further assignment.
- **Step #3:** The matching process continues with more favorable roommates. The final roommate assignments include a dozen or so popular roommates, where flexibility becomes less necessary, and popularity increases.

#### **ROOMMATE PROTECTIONS**

(1) Single occupancy rooms are now available for purchase when possible. (2) Our event maintains capital reserves to address and resolve problems. Please don't hesitate to contact a member of the Captains Club if you encounter an unexpected roommate issue during your stay. (Note: No problems reported have exceeded excessively unreasonable snoring.)

#### **VOLUNTEER EXEMPTIONS**

Participants assigned roommates not on their preference list receive volunteer exemptions for the subsequent Carl Spackler Open.



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#### **ROOMMATE MATCHING EXAMPLES**

**Scenario #1:** "Charming Charles" prefers "Charismatic Karl" as his top roommate but is not paired with him.

**Explanation #1:** "Charismatic Karl" is highly popular and required different pairing for the rooming list's overall success. Another roommate from "Charming Charles'" preference list is selected.

**Scenario #2:** "Quiet Quinton" has no roommate preferences.

**Explanation #2:** "Regretful Ron," as "Quiet Quinton's" original referral, is asked to update his preferences. "Regretful Ron" declines to room with "Quiet Quinton" because he's bringing a rookie and wants to avoid rooming complications. Both "Regretful Ron" and the golfer without a roommate preference are offered full refunds or single occupancy options at an increased cost to address the issue. The rookie is also offered a full refund if requested.

**Scenario #3:** "Weird Walter" is preferred by one friend, but "Delightful David" ranks him 15th on his preference list.

**Explanation #3:** To ensure a successful rooming list, "Delightful David's" top 14 preferences must be overlooked. "Weird Walter" is paired with "Delightful David." This move removes "Delightful David" from the preference lists of 32 other golfers.

**Scenario #4:** "Charming Charles" is highly popular and appears on 22 participant preference lists. All five participants on his preference list have roommates.

**Explanation #4:** "Charming Charles" is contacted for additional preferences. The Carl Spackler Open addresses such situations by increasing the number of preferred playing partners for "Charming Charles" and granting him a volunteer exemption for the next Carl Spackler Open.

#### **GENERAL ROOMMATES' EXPLANATION**

For more details on the Roommate Matching System, please refer to the previous document available at this link: <u>Roommate List Build Document.</u>