



APPLIED UNDERWRITERS INVITATIONAL NATIONAL FINALS



MAY 1-5, 2024

Congratulations! Upon final verification of your USGA Handicap Indexes, you and your foursome will be invited to compete in **the 72-hole Applied Underwriters Invitational National Finals to be held May 1-5, 2024** at Big Cedar Lodge. We hope you will represent your local tournament and city in this prestigious nationwide competition!

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

This year's National Finals will be a 72-hole cumulative scramble tournament. Your team will play at three Tour quality courses:

- **Ozark National**, named by *Golf Digest* as the country's Best New Public Course in 2019, this outstanding Crenshaw/Coore design is a dream-come-true for nature lovers and golfers of all skill levels.
- **Payne's Valley**, named by *Golf Digest* as the country's Best New Public Course in 2021, Payne's Valley is an homage to Ozarks-native and World Golf Hall of Fame member, Payne Stewart. It is the first public-access golf course designed by Tiger Woods and features a spectacular 19th hole, The Big Rock at Payne's Valley.
- **Buffalo Ridge**, redesigned by Tom Fazio, this championship course showcases the charm of the Ozarks with rich native grasses, natural rock formations, caves and creeks, lakes and waterfalls and free-ranging North American bison.

The team with the lowest total score for the four rounds will be the Applied Underwriters Invitational National Champions. This is a national championship event played on championship caliber courses. The golf courses will be set up accordingly and play will primarily be from the championship (blue) tees.

PRIZES

Each golfer at the National Finals will receive a Gift Package valued at over \$1,200 including:

- Custom-embroidered Applied Underwriters Invitational National Finals apparel from Puma
- Custom gift from Big Cedar Lodge
- One pair of Puma golf shoes
- Bridgestone Golf Balls
- Applied Underwriters Invitational National Finals commemorative gifts
- One pair of Under Armour Sunglasses
- Additional gifts from our national sponsors

Prizes will also be awarded to top finishing teams including:

- Golf/Vacation packages from Big Cedar Lodge
- Cobra Golf Clubs
- Puma Golf Shoes
- Apparel from Puma
- Cobra Golf Bags
- Bridgestone Golf Balls
- Blank Label Custom Men's Dress Shirts

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Reverse Cash Raffle - previous winners have taken home over \$21,000 in cash!
- Live and Silent Auctions of signed golf art, sports memorabilia, vacation packages, golf equipment and more
- Hole-In-One contests each day
- Long Drive and Closest to the Pin contests
- Competitive and entertaining *Team Skills Challenge*, featuring Long Drive, Putting and Pitching contests with prizes from Cobra Puma, Blank Label, Bridgestone Golf & more
- Gala Receptions, On-Course Beverages, and a Champions Awards Reception

REGISTRATION

- Upon final verification of Handicap Indexes, winning teams will be emailed a complete Applied Underwriters Invitational National Finals Information/Registration packet.
- This packet will include tournament registration details, as well as Big Cedar Lodge reservation information.
- All golfers competing in the National Finals will be required to pay a registration fee of \$1,650 per person. A portion of your registration fee will benefit the FMU Charitable Foundation, Inc. which supports Applied Underwriters Invitational charitable partners throughout the country.
- This registration fee provides each golfer with four tournament rounds of golf with forecaddies, full breakfast each day, two gala tournament receptions, on-course beverages, entry into the Team Skills Challenge, a Champions Awards Reception, and a Tournament Gift Package. *The total value of these items exceeds \$3,000.*
- The Applied Underwriters Invitational sponsors and the participating charities pass these great savings along to our local tournament winners as an expression of gratitude for your generous support of your local tournament, and as congratulations on your fine play.
- The registration deadline is January 15, 2024.
- If you have any questions before receiving your Information/Registration packet, please contact your local tournament organizers or Skip Jenkins at 781-440-6616.

SUBSTITUTIONS

- If a member of a winning team is unable to participate in the National Finals, a replacement may be made provided that the handicap index regulations are not violated by the substitution. Each team must consist of four amateur players whose combined USGA Handicap Indexes total 43.0 or more. Only one member of each team may have a USGA Handicap Index of 8.0 or less.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The award-winning Big Cedar Lodge – ranked as one of the country’s best golf resorts by Golf Digest and Golf Magazine, among others - will host the Applied Underwriters Invitational National Finals.

- Each golfer at the National Finals is required to stay at Big Cedar Lodge the night prior to each round of play (including optional practice rounds) and accommodations must be booked through the Applied Underwriters Invitational group block.
- Reduced group rates have been secured for Applied Underwriters Invitational National Finalists: Angler’s Lodge room rates start at \$230 per night single occupancy and \$130 per person/night double occupancy (plus tax and service charge). Falls Lodge room rates start at \$450 per night single occupancy and \$235 per person/night double occupancy (plus tax and service charge). Private Cabin rooms start at \$600 per person single occupancy and \$560 double occupancy per person/night (plus tax and service charge). Cottage rooms start at \$750 per person single occupancy and \$560 double occupancy per person/night (plus tax and service charge). The various types of accommodations are limited and availability is based on a first come, first serve basis.
- Base forecaddie fees are included as part of the registration fee but a daily gratuity of \$30/player each is the golfer’s responsibility.

We look forward to seeing you and your teammates at Big Cedar!