2026 90th Annual NALG National Tournament Week

September 23 - 27, 2026

St. Paul, Minnesota

Tournament Overview &

Frequently Asked Questions

Overview

There have been some modifications for this the 90th Annual NALG National Tournament. This year five days of golf are planned culminating with the National Tournament which will be a two-round event. Additionally, the Minnesota Lefthanders will run their state championship in parallel with the NALG National Tournament.

The first three days will consist of three optional one-day Lefty Shootouts one of which will also serve as a National Tournament practice round.

This is a celebration of the southpaw game, specifically designed for left-handed players who play every stroke left-handed (from the "right" side of the ball). We are thrilled to bring this community together for a week of high-level competition and camaraderie in the Twin Cities and Western Wisconsin on some attractive high-ranking golf courses.

Summarized below in FAQ format is more information about the various events and the week in general.

Where and when will the tournament be played?

The NALG National Tournament will be played on Saturday and Sunday September 26 and 27 at the Keller Golf Course (2168 Maplewood Drive, Maplewood, MN 55109). This venue is rated as #35 Top Public Golf Course in the U.S. by Golfers' Choice for 2026.

Preceding the NALG National Tournament will be three separate single-day Lefty Shootouts.

On Wednesday September 23, we will play Loggers Trail Golf Club (11950 80th St N, Stillwater MN 55082) about 18 miles west of St. Paul.

On Thursday September 24, we will play Troy Burne Golf Club (295 Lindsay Road, Hudson, WI 54016) about 25 miles west of St. Paul. Troy Burne is ranked #18 best golf course in Wisconsin by Golf Digest.

Troy Burne comes highly recommended by long time lefty and NALG Board Member Bob Wolf.

The Lefty Shootout on Friday September 25 will also serve as a National Tournament practice round on Keller Golf Course.

What is the format for the NALG National Tournament?

The NALG National Tournament will be a 36-hole gross stroke-play competition with 18 holes played each day Saturday September 26, 2026 and Sunday September 27, 2026.

There will be trophies and prizes (cash and other) for each Division winner and cash prizes for top Flight finishers. The Divisions and course yardages are shown below.

How are the Divisions and Flights determined?

Players will select one Division within which they wish to compete with the following options:

- **Championship** (Black Tees 6675 +/- yds). All players may opt to compete in the Championship Division
- **Open** (Blue Tees 6206 +/- yds). All players may opt to compete in the Open Division
- **Senior** (Blue/White Tees 5757 +/- yds). Players must be at least age 55 to compete in the Senior Division
- **Masters** (White Tees 5397 +/- yds). Players must be at least age 70 to compete in the Masters Division
- **Grand Masters** (Green Tees 4830 +/- yds) Players must be at least age 80 to compete in the Grand Masters Division
- **Women's** (White/Green Tees 5133 +/- yds)
- **Juniors** (Green Tees 4830 +/- yds). Players must be age 18 or under to compete in the Juniors Division

Age requirements as noted above are as of September 26, 2026.

Again this year, lefties will have two ways to win! Every lefty is eligible to receive prizes in one of two ways. There are still the Division/Age group Champions as we have had for 89 years. Everyone is **also** entered into a flight competition based upon their first-round score. Each of these flights will have about 8-10 players. Division/Age Group winners are not eligible to win in the flighted competition. This gives everyone two chances to win. It also provides prize opportunities for those shooting higher scores.

Are Division/Flight Champions scores determined on a "Gross" or "Net" basis?

All scoring will be on a gross basis.

What is the format for the Lefty Shootouts?

Each of the shootouts will randomly pair two golfers and they will play a team gross Stableford competition using both players scores. Skins and Deuces are included in the entry fee for each. Pairings will be posted on www.nalg.org before the shootouts. Players will play tees based on their age as shown below.

Loggers Trail
Championship, Open and Seniors – White Tees (about 5928 yards)
Masters – Gold Tees (about 5410 yards)
Grand Masters – Red Tees (about 5268 yards)
Women – Red Tees (about 5268 yards)

Troy Burne
Championship and Open – Resort Combo Tees (about 6116 yards)
Senior – Gold Tees (about 5900 yards)
Masters – Front Combo Tees (about 5442 yards)
Grand Masters – Front Tees (about 4922 yards)
Women – Front Tees (about 4922 yards)

At Keller players will play from the tees they will use for the NALG National Tournament.

Prizes will also be awarded for the teams with the most points.

Who may play in the Lefty Shootouts?

The Lefty Shootouts are each limited to the first 32 players that sign up for them. **If any high school players enter, they are responsible to make sure they do not jeopardize their high school playing eligibility.** To enter the Lefty Shootouts, **one must also be playing in the NALG National Tournament**. Each Lefty Shootout has a separate entry fee. You may sign up for one or more of the Lefty Shootouts.

Can I play a practice round and what are the fees?

If you are playing in Lefty Shootout #3, that also serves as your practice round.

If you would like to play a practice round on Friday September 25, 2026 - ***and are not participating in Lefty Shootout #3*** - please call the Keller Golf Course pro shop directly at 651-766-4170 and let them know you are with the NALG National Tournament. They will add your name to the block of times (9 - 10 AM) reserved for a practice round just before the Lefty Shootout #3 tees off at 10 AM. Green/Cart fee is $80 which you will pay directly to the course. You must call the course by Friday September 11, 2026.

How is the Minnesota Lefty tournament being conducted?

Each entrant in the NALG National Tournament can optionally enter the Minnesota Lefthanders state tournament being run in parallel for a separate entry fee of $55. A separate prize fund will be given for that tournament. You must play in the NALG National Tournament to enter the Minnesota tournament.

What "Side-action" will be available for the NALG National Tournament?

Skins and Deuces (all deuces get a share of the pot) will be available as side-action for the NALG National Tournament. Entry fee is $20 per day to cover both or a total of $40. This should be paid with your entry. If you forget to include with your entry you will have a final chance to sign up for the side-action at the Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception Dinner.

Is there a Host Hotel?

The Drury Plaza St. Paul Downtown (see url below) is the host hotel for the tournament. Their address is 175 10th St. E, St. Paul, MN 55101.

Individual reservations can be made online. Go to www.druryhotels.com then enter Group Number of 10171228. Reservations may also be made by calling 1-800-325-0720 and referring to the Group Number.

Our group is called the "NALG National Open Golf Tournament" but please use the Group Number of 10171228 instead!

Room Rate for Tuesday-Sunday night is $119 dollars per night plus 16.875% tax. You may select either a King or Double Queen room. We have obtained a special rate for parking of $10 per night plus 9.875% tax.

The cut-off date for reserving your stay with the discounted room rates noted above is August 21, 2026.

Note that this hotel has a "Kickback" each night from 5:30 – 7:30 PM which includes a rotating menu of hot food and two drink tickets per guest (including alcoholic beverages). They also have a complimentary breakfast!

What is the NALG National Tournament entry fee and what is included?

The early-bird tournament entry fee is $320 plus $46 for optional cart for a total of $366. The rate for walkers is $320. This rate is available until June 1 after which the price will increase to $395 including optional cart ($349 for walkers). Deadline for all entries is Friday, August 21, 2026.

Included in the entry fee is:

- Green fee for two days
- Range balls for two days
- Commemorative tee gifts (shirt, hat, glove, challenge coin, etc.)
- Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception Dinner
- Closing Ceremony and Awards Luncheon
- Prizes, Closest-to-Pin contests, division champions trophies and related awards

Junior participants entry fee will be $195.00. See entry form for more information.

What is the entry fee for the Lefty Shootouts and what is included?

Each Lefty Shootout has a separate entry fee as shown below.

Lefty Shootout #1 - Wednesday at Loggers Trail - $85 + $25 prizes fee = $110

Lefty Shootout #2 - Thursday at Troy Burne - $100 + $25 prizes fee = $125

Lefty Shootout #3 - Friday at Keller - $80 + $25 prizes fee = $105

Included in the entry fee is:

- Green fee and cart fee
- Team and individual prizes
- Skins and deuces

Is walking or caddies available?

Walking is permitted at Keller Golf Course. Therefore, the cart fee is shown as a separate item on the entry form. If you want a cart, please be sure to select this store item. Caddies are not available.

How much is the tournament prize money?

Specific tournament prize money and award amounts cannot be determined until all entries have been received. It is estimated that the prize pool will be approximately $100 per player thanks to our tournament sponsors. However, it should be noted that prizes and awards will be set such that approximately 50% of the field will receive prizes.

The following two items should be further noted:

- Prize money will not exceed the amount allowed by the USGA to retain a player's amateur status
- The Junior division winner will receive a division winner's trophy but not prize money.

Division winners will receive a trophy, cash and other prizes. Top Flight finishers will receive cash prizes.

Can I bring a guest?

Historically, about 50% of the tournament players bring guests and are encouraged to do so. There will be a separate cart fee for guests that want to ride to watch play and it will need to be paid at the course.

The entry form has a place to sign up a guest to attend the Welcome Reception Dinner and Awards Luncheon. The cost for a guest to attend the Opening Ceremonies and Welcome Reception Dinner is $35 and for the Closing Ceremonies and Awards Luncheon is $40.

Will there be a "Guest Golf" day?

There will be no Guest Golf day other than if one chooses to play a practice round on Friday. Please refer to the FAQ item about Practice Rounds.

How Can I enter and what is the tournament entry deadline?

Tournament entry and fees payment can be submitted electronically or by mail. The deadline for entries is Friday August 21, 2026. Entries are limited to the first 100 received.

Please go to the tournament page on www.nalg.org to complete your entry and payment online or find information on submitting a manual entry form.

Is there a cancellation fee?

Commitments to tournament vendors will be made on September 1, 2026. If you have need to cancel your entry for any reason after September 1, 2026 a cancellation fee of $175 will be imposed with the balance of your paid entry returned. Cancellations prior to September 1, 2026 will receive a full refund.

Can you give me a sense of the overall tournament agenda?

Following is a preliminary outline of the tournament agenda:

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 9/23	Tee Times begin at 12	Lefty Shootout #1 at Loggers Trail Golf Club
Thursday 9/24	Tee Times begin at 12	Lefty Shootout #2 at Troy Burne Golf Club
Thursday 9/24	6 PM	Go Low Golf lefty gathering at Mulligans Indoor Golf 1020 Discovery Rd #145, Eagan, MN 55121
Friday 9/25	Tee Times begin at 10 AM	Lefty Shootout #3 at Keller Golf Course (optionally you may schedule your own practice round in the NALG block just prior)
Friday 9/25	6-7 PM	Tournament Registration at Drury Plaza
Friday 9/25	7 PM	Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception Dinner at Drury Plaza
Friday 9/25	7:45 PM	Introductory Remarks and Tournament Review – Sid Miner and Nate Doimer
Saturday 9/26/26	8:00–10:00 AM	Tournament Round #1 Tee Times – Double Tee Start
Sunday 9/27	9:00 AM	Tournament Round #2 Modified Shotgun Start Time
Sunday 9/27	3 PM	Closing Ceremony and Awards Luncheon at Keller Golf Course Event Center

Are Tournament Sponsorship Opportunities Available?

Yes indeed. The per player entry fee does not cover the total cost to produce the NALG National Tournament. This gap is closed via the NALG's receipt of generous individual and corporate paid sponsorships.

You will find a line item on the tournament entry form to elect the number of individual sponsorship units you may wish to contribute. Each sponsorship unit is set at $100.

If you are affiliated with, or aware of a potential contributing corporate sponsor, please email the NALG Director of Corporate Relationships - Joe Buchholz (joebuchholz10@gmail.com), the National Tournament Committee Chair - Nate Doimer (mnlefthanders@gmail.com) or the NALG Chair - Sid Miner (sidminer@hotmail.com).

Note that the NALG is a designated 501(c)(3) non-profit organization wherein contributions may be made on a tax-deductible basis.

Can you provide a summary of key dates I should be aware of?

August 21, 2026	Tournament entry-cut-off date
August 21, 2026	Cutoff date for reserving discounted hotel rate

Who should I contact with any further questions I may have?

Your 2026 NALG National Tournament director is Nate Doimer. Please contact Nate directly with any further questions you may have as follows:

Nate Doimer

mnlefthanders@gmail.com

(763) 222-7755

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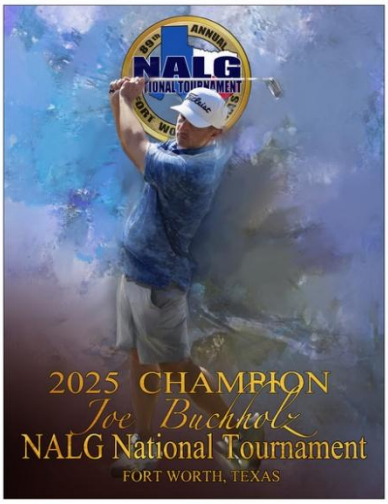
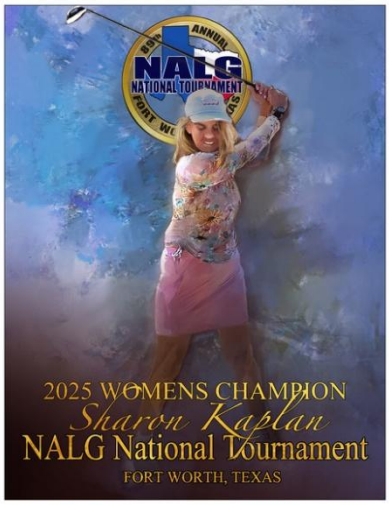
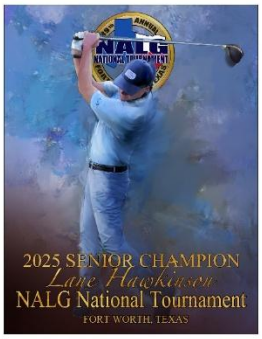
Troy Burne Golf Course

Loggers Trail Golf Course

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