



Things you can do to Better Prepare for Your Next Tournament

- **Go to the Courses Website** and Look for Information about the course
 - Scorecard
 - Photo Gallery
 - Hole by Hole Flyovers
 - Pro Tips
 - Etc...
 - Take all this information and come up with a Game Plan for how you think you should play this golf course and maximize your scoring potential. If you are not prepared you cannot score the lowest possible for you.
 - Ask around! Maybe you have friends or competitors who have played the course and they may have some good information for you.
- **Get to the Course at Least a Day Early** if you Can (If you can't which sometimes this happens focus your attention above on learning about the course from the internet)
- **Play a Practice Round** – This should not be a round to see how low you can score. This is a round to learn about the course and follow these simple steps to prepare better.
 - How does the tee shot fit your eye?
 - How does the ball react when landing on the green with your iron shots?
 - How does the ball react on your chip shots?
 - How does the ball react on your pitch and flop shots?
 - What are uphill putts like?
 - What are downhill putts like?
 - What are the bunkers like? How will you play these shots? Are they too difficult to play out of?
 - What are the fairway bunkers like? Some bunkers are really soft, some have lips so big you cannot advance the ball more than 100 yards, some are easy to escape from so need to worry.
 - What holes are attack holes and what holes are to be played more conservative?
 - I like to prepare my mind for the course how I want to play it or how I think the best player in the world would play this course and see if I am able to hit the shots necessary to play my best. You may find that there are some key shots in the round that you have to hit. Example might be on hole 14 it's a long par 4 and you have to hit a hard fade around some trees to get it in play. You will want to practice this shot before heading to first tee on tournament day so you feel ready for it.
 - Look for different options to play each hole. Maybe one way is to bomb a driver over some bunkers or another is to lay back with a 4 iron. Some greens are really guarded by bunkers so you may find that you don't want to get too close with your tee shot and that it is more advantageous to lay back to 100 yards and hit a full shot with spin. A fair course gives you multiple options to play a hole and a hard course limits you to hitting very good quality shots.

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