# **Meeting Minutes**

Below is a summary of what was discussed at the Corporate Update Session. Any new information discussed during the Update Session on January 24th is in green, so it is easily distinguished.

 WELCOME & OVERVIEW: Mimi Griffin, President & Founder of MSG Promotions, Inc. (Webinar time 0:00 -4:35)

A. United States Golf Association (USGA)

- 1. Over 120 years of serving the game of golf and guiding it forward
- 2. Mission: To champion and advance the game of golf
- 3. Core Strategies
  - a. Golfer Engagement: Serve golfers through programs that build engagement with the game
  - b. Governance: Clarify and define the rules of the game worldwide
  - c. Golf Facilities: Advance the long-term viability of golf
  - d. Championships: Provide the very best players in the world the opportunity to compete for a title
  - Conducts a total of 14 national championships annually, including the U.S.
     Senior Open, U.S. Women's Open, U.S. Open, as well as a variety of amateur and team competitions
  - ii. U.S. Senior Open Championship
    - The 2022 U.S. Senior Open will be the 42<sup>nd</sup> Senior Open Championship.
    - Conducted over four days: 72-hole stroke play
    - Notable past champions include Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Gary Player, Hale Irwin, Steve Stricker and Jim Furyk.
- B. Saucon Valley Country Club
  - The 2022 U.S. Senior Open will be the 8<sup>th</sup> USGA Championship, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Senior Open held at Saucon Valley Country Club. The previous U.S. Senior Open Championships were held in 1992 and 2000.
- **II.** CORPORATE HOSPITALITY PROGRAM RESOURCES (Webinar time 4:35 -12:24)
  - A. MSG Promotions, Inc.

- The management company for the 1992 and 2000 U.S. Senior Open's, and the 2009
   U.S. Women's Open at Saucon Valley Country Club.
- 2. The USGA's exclusive corporate hospitality marketing and management company for the U.S. Open Championship since 1995.
- 3. Staff with over 130 years of collective experience in the sports marketing industrya. U.S. Senior Open Championship Staff
  - i. Mimi Griffin-Executive Director
  - ii. Jim Holden Championship Director
  - iii. Jeanne Taylor-Chief Operating Officer & Director of Marketing
  - iv. Ray Straccia Director of Operations
  - v. Maizee Freeman Volunteer Coordinator & Account Executive
  - vi. Shelley Berlin-Senior Account Executive
  - vii. Sue Tougas- Director of Marketing & Promotions
  - viii. Olivia Roseman- Administrative & Marketing Specialist
  - ix. Cassidy Klein- Championship Services Intern
- 4. Responsibilities include:
  - a. Formulation of Hospitality Program
  - b. Sales
  - c. Client Resources Update Sessions & Hospitality Manual
  - d. Corporate Hospitality Operations
  - e. On-site Management during the Championship
- 5. The hospitality areas will be managed by a combination of MSG staff, interns, and volunteers. Sue Tougas will be your main point of contact for any questions or concerns between now and the championship. Sue's contact information is <u>stougas@msgpromotions.com</u> or 484-223-3295 x2.
- B. Corporate Hospitality Manual
  - 1. The link to the manual was emailed to all daily contacts in early January.
  - 2. The contents of the manual will be kept up to date with any new information pertaining to your involvement in the hospitality program to ensure that you are referencing the most current information available.

- 3. The Timeline, located in the *Timeline & Forms* section, is the most valuable resource in the manual as it provides an overview of the important deadlines to help you stay on track with your planning.
- C. MSG Promotions Website <u>www.msgpromotions.com</u>
  - The password-protected section of the MSG Promotions website is accessible to corporate patrons only and includes links to a variety of reference materials, including the corporate hospitality manual, all necessary forms, webinar recordings of update session presentations, and maps.

a. Login credentials for Suite Patrons:

- i. Username: USSOsuite
- ii. Password: 2022corporatepatron

b. Login credentials for Table Patrons:

- i. Username: USSOtable
- ii. Password: 2022corporatepatron
- D. Future Update Sessions
  - 1. A reminder email will be sent at least two weeks prior to each update session.
    - a. A webinar option will be available for those who are unable to attend in person.
       The webinar recordings will be posted to the password-protected client section of the MSG website following each meeting.
  - 2. Future Update Session Dates are:

### a. March 18, 2022 - 2:00PM - 4:00PM

- b. April 29, 2022 1:00PM 3:00PM
- i. The April session is the last opportunity to meet as a group before the championship; attendance at this session is highly recommended.

## III. RIDGEWELLS CATERING- Kaylee Toth, Client Success Producer, Major Events-

#### (Webinar time 12:24 - 16:46)

- A. Ridgewells is a major events caterer headquartered in Bethesda, MD, and they have been the exclusive caterer for U.S. Open Championships since 1993 and the 2021 U.S. Senior Open.
- B. Dedicated Staff

- Ridgewells hand picks all event staff utilizing a myriad of recruiting tools and ensures they are trained to the highest level of service.
- 2. The number of catering staff assigned to your tent is estimated based on daily guest counts, menu complexity, and food quality ordered.
- 3. We will strive to keep staff consistent throughout the Championship.
- C. Important Dates
  - 1. January 11<sup>th</sup> Menu Released

a. Additional upgrades are available (SUITES ONLY)

2. February 1<sup>st</sup>- Payment in full due to Ridgewells

a. Preferred methods of payment: ACH/Wire Transfer or Check

- 3. April 29<sup>th</sup>- Orders for menu upgrades due with payment in full
  - a. Additions or changes after April 29<sup>th</sup> will be subject to a 25% price increase (SUITES ONLY)
- D. Ridgewells Contacts
  - 1. Billing Contact: Beena Freeman; <u>bfreeman@ridgewells.com</u>
  - 2. General Catering Questions: Kaylee Toth; 301.907.3703; <u>ktoth@ridgewells.com</u>
- E. Sustainability Efforts
  - a. Sourcing from local vendors
  - b. Using compostable disposables whenever possible
  - c. Hiring locally 500+ employees for hospitality alone

d. Engaging with local non-profit organizations

- e. Supporting USGA sustainability programs on course
- F. Food & Beverage Service in Suite Facilities
  - Food service for the suite facilities will be provided via in-seat through GoTab. In-Seat service will be available on Thursday through Sunday when the suite facilities are operational.

a. Menu will include sandwiches, salads, entrees, snacks, and rotating specialsb. GoTab Process

- i. GoTab is web based so there is no need to download an app to place an order.
- The camera on your phone can be used to scan the QR code located at each table/seat within the suite.

- iii. Place an order on your phone.
- iv. Your order will be delivered to your table/seat within minutes.
- Shared full bar including beer, wine, liquor, and non-alcoholic beverages will be available in the suite facilities. Beverages cannot be ordered through GoTab.
- 3. Standard Service Hours
  - a. Breakfast 8:00am 11:00am
  - b. Lunch/Snack 11:00am 6:00pm
  - c. Bar Service 11:00am 6:00pm
- G. Food & Beverage Services in Table Facilities
  - 1. All table facilities will feature action and self-service food stations.
    - a. There will be a shared full bar consisting of beer, wine, liquor, and non-alcoholic beverages.
    - b. Breakfast 8:00am 11:00am
    - c. Lunch/Snack 11:00am 6:00pm
    - d. Bar Service 11:00am 6:00pm
- **IV.** GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION (Webinar time 16:46 24:32)
  - A. Championship Format
    - 1. The full field consists of 156 players.
    - 2. The format is stroke play, where competitors count each stroke on every hole.
    - 3. There is no Pro-Am associated with the U.S. Senior Open.
  - B. Practice Rounds (Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>)
    - 1. Players are more amenable to interacting with the spectators.
    - 2. Cameras are permitted and encouraged.
    - 3. Guests can experience a more relaxed atmosphere.
    - 4. Play will begin at approximately 7:00am and conclude at approximately 7:00pm.
    - Monday, June 20<sup>th,</sup> will only be open to Saucon Valley Country Club members and U.S. Senior Open volunteers.
    - Exclusive Medical Services Provider and Wellness Pavilion Presented by St. Luke's University Health Network (SLUHN)
      - a. SLUHN will serve as the exclusive Medical Services provider for the championship as they did for the 1992 and 2000 U.S. Senior Opens.

- b. Will be located at the Main Entrance next to the Volunteer headquarters
- 7. 19th Hole Presented by Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN)
  - a. Craig Thatcher concerts in 19th Hole -Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (5-7pm) –
     Presented by C.F. Martin
  - b. Social Gaming in 19th Hole Presented by Wind Creek Resorts
  - c. 19th Hole Sports Bar Presented by D.G.Yuengling
  - d. Golf Simulators in 19<sup>th</sup> Hole-Presented by X-Golf
- 8. Kid's Clinic on Practice Range Presented by LVHN (1 day)
  - a. Date and time will be communicated
- 9. Junior Experience Tent Presented by LVHN
  - a. Next to the 15<sup>th</sup> Tee-will provide interactive games and activities for children
  - b. Scavenger hunt for kids
- C. Championship Rounds (Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>)
  - 1. No cameras or autographs are allowed these days.
  - 2. On Thursday & Friday players tee-off in threesomes from 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees
    - a. 1<sup>st</sup> tee time on Thursday & Friday is approximately 7:00am.
  - 3. The "cut" is made after 36 holes
    - a. Players with the lowest 60 scores plus ties
  - 4. On Saturday & Sunday players tee-off in twosomes from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee only
    - a. Start times on Saturday & Sunday are determined by the size of the field
- D. Playoff Format
  - In the event of a tie at the end of 72 holes of stroke play, there will be a two-hole aggregate playoff. If the playoff results in a tie after two holes, the tied players will immediately continue to play off hole-by-hole (sudden-death format) until the champion is determined.
    - a. We will communicate which holes will be used during a playoff situation as soon as they are confirmed.

- V. CORPORATE HOSPITALITY VENUES (Webinar time 24:32 34:34)
  - A. The back 9 of the Old Course is reconfigured for the championship. A breakdown of the rotation changes is listed below:

Regular Hole #	Senior Open Hole #
10	16
11	17
12	18
13	10
14	11
15	12
16	13
17	14
18	15

#### B. Open-Air Suites

These are an upgraded version of the skyboxes used at the 2009 U.S. Women's. They
will feature a TV in each suite, glass railings, a semi-private tiered seating area, and
shared space in the back with an open bar for networking opportunities.

a. 18th Green Suites – located to the golfer's left of the 18th green

b. 17<sup>th</sup> Green Suites – located to the golfer's left of the 17<sup>th</sup> green

c.  $15^{\rm th}$  Green Suites- located behind the  $15^{\rm th}$  green

- d. 11<sup>th</sup> Green Suites located to the golfer's left of the 11<sup>th</sup> green
- e. 9<sup>th</sup> Green Suites located to the golfer's back left of the 9<sup>th</sup> green
- 2. Standard Décor Elements:
  - (1) 24" Glass Highboys with (4) White Bar Stools each
  - (1) 8' Drink Rail with (4) White Bar Stools
  - (2) 8' Drink Rail with (4) White Patio Folding Chairs
  - (1) 40" Exterior TV
  - Graphite Carpet

- Total Seating: 16
- 3. As mentioned previously, food and beverage service in the suites will be available via in-seat ordering.
  - a. Ordering Process
    - i. The camera on your phone can be used to scan the QR code located at each seat within the suite
  - ii. Place an order on your phone
  - iii. Your order will be delivered directly to your seat within minutes
- 4. Shared full bar including beer, wine, liquor, and non-alcoholic beverages will be available in the suite facilities. Beverages cannot be ordered through GoTab.
- C. Dining Room & Veranda Tables
  - 1. Located in the Clubhouse's Dining Room
  - 2. Centrally located to all the action
  - 3. Open seating on the Veranda
  - Reserved table of 10 Thursday through Sunday with your company name displayed on a tabletop sign
  - 5. Shared open-air suite on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole
- D. Champions Pavilion Tables
  - 1. Located on the Tennis Courts to the golfer's left of the 9<sup>th</sup> hole
  - 2. Views of the 9<sup>th</sup> hole which is a short par 3 for guests to watch.
  - 3. The USGA has allowed the patio of the pavilion to be brought out away from the tent. That patio will feel like it is in the middle of the 9<sup>th</sup> hole which will allow guests to have an unobstructed view from tee to green since there is no gallery in front.
  - 4. Common bar and buffet for guests.
  - 5. Reserved table for 10 with your company name displayed on a tabletop sign.
- **VI.** PARKING & TRANSPORTATION (Webinar time 34:34 42:05)
  - A. General Parking
    - 1. Location: Lehigh University's Goodman Campus
  - B. The chart below summarizes the VIP parking allotment for each of the hospitality packages.

HOSPITALITY PACKAGE	VIP Parking (Lot G)	VIP Parking (Lot D)	Additional Corporate Parking (Lot L)
Open-Air Suites	6		7
Dining Room Tables	4		4
Champions Pavilion Tables		3	3

- C. VIP Parking Passes
  - 1. Printed paper hangtags that should be displayed from your rearview mirror
  - Hangtags are color-coded by day and corporate clients receive parking passes Tuesday through Sunday
- D. Lot G-VIP Parking (SUITE & DINING ROOM CLIENTS ONLY)
  - 1. Location: Saucon Valley Country Club's Short Course off of Saucon Valley Road.
  - Guests will walk from the parking lot through the VIP Gate located near the 11<sup>th</sup> green of the Old Course (Championship Course).
- E. LOT D-VIP Parking (CHAMPIONS PAVILION CLIENTS ONLY)
  - 1. Location: Off of Spring Valley Road in front of the Indoor Tennis Center
- F. Lot L-Additional Parking
  - Location: Cornfield off of Old Bethlehem Pike at the intersection of Rt. 378 and Center Valley Parkway.
  - 2. Guests parking in Lot L will access the championship using a complimentary shuttle bus to the Main Entrance at Saucon Valley Country Club.
    - a. The shuttle ride will be approximately 5 minutes.
- G. Ride Share-Passenger Drop-Off
  - 1. Location: Old Bethlehem Pike between Center Valley Parkway and Saucon Valley Road
  - 2. There is no fee or special pass required to access this area.
  - 3. Taxis, town cars, Uber, Lyft, etc., will be able to access this area for pick-up/drop-off, however staging is not permitted, so pick up times will need to be carefully coordinated.
- H. Lot H-Handicap Parking
  - 1. Individuals with a handicap placard will be able to park here.
  - 2. This parking area is in close proximity to the Main Entrance.

Parking Area	Sedan	SUV	Econoliner/ Conversion Van (19'or less)	Sprinter Van	Mini-Coach	Coach Bus
Lehigh University's Goodman Campus	Yes to Park	Yes to Park	Yes to Park	No to Park	No to Park	No to Park
Lot G (Short Course)	Yes to Park	Yes to Park	No to Park	No to Park	No to Park	No to Park
Lot D (Indoor Tennis)	Yes to Park	Yes to Park	No to Park	No to Park	No to Park	No to Park
Lot L (cornfield)	Yes to Park	Yes to Park	No to Park	No to Park	No to Park	No to Park
Ride Share (cornfield)	Yes to Drop	Yes to Drop	Yes to Drop	No to Drop	No to Drop	No to Drop

# I. Vehicle Size Restrictions

# VII. TICKETS - USGA Ticket Team: Chris Tobia, Dan McBride, Michele Ziobro and Jeff Farrell (Webinar time 42:05 - 1:01:58)

# A. Ticket Allocation

	Package Tickets	Staff Tickets	Gallery Tickets
Open-Air Suites	20	1	8
Dining Room Tables	12	1	6
Champions Pavilion Tables	10	1	4

#### B. Mobile Ticketing

- 1. The USGA is moving to a mobile ticketing solution for the 2022 U.S. Senior Open.
  - a. Eliminates contact points and makes the customer experience safer and more convenient
  - b. Enhances ticket security and significantly reduces opportunity for bad characters to take advantage of fans
  - c. Simplifies the distribution process of tickets utilizing an email address instead of having to mail or personally deliver/distribute tickets

- d. Increases ability to track tickets and utilization
- e. Better for the environment by reducing significant paper waste from printed tickets
- f. Keeping up to date and on par with the sports and entertainment industry trends and technology innovations
- Each company will need to designate one Account Manager to serve as the administrator in the AXS ticketing platform. This information should be provided via the Ticket Distribution & Parking Pass Shipment Form in the *Timeline & Forms* section of the manual by February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Account Managers will be able to access and distribute tickets via the U.S. Senior Open App or the USGA.org Ticket Portal webpage.
  - a. The U.S. Senior Open App will be available in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and will be updated with 2022 U.S. Senior Open information in the spring.
- 4. Transferring tickets to attendees is then a simple, easy, and seamless process
- 5. <u>Mobile Ticket Video Tutorial</u>
- 6. <u>Mobile Ticket/Account Manager FAQs</u>

**VIII.** Special Programs for Corporate Clients (Webinar time 1:01:58-1:07:08)

- A. 20% Employee Discount on Gallery Tickets
  - All U.S. Senior Open hospitality clients will have the opportunity to offer their employees a 20% discount on U.S. Senior Open daily gallery tickets.
  - 2. The USGA's Admissions team will provide a specific link for this employee discount offer to use to order the tickets.
  - 3. This offer will be governed by email domain, so the employees will be required to use their work email address to order the tickets. If your employees don't have company email addresses, please contact the Championship Office for a work-around.
  - 4. This program was introduced to the hospitality clients at the January 24th Update Session and will be kicked off at the beginning of February.

Gallery Ticket	Regular Price	Discounted Price	
Tuesday	\$25	\$20	
Wednesday	\$25	\$20	
Thursday	\$40	\$32	
Friday	\$40	\$32	
Saturday	\$50	\$40	
Sunday	\$50	\$40	

5. The special discount will extend through the end of March.

- B. Social Media Campaign
  - An MSG Promotions staff member will email all daily contacts an electronic tool kit for their company to promote the Senior Open on all their specific social media channels.
  - 2. The messaging will be updated monthly.
    - a. The first message will be designed to spread awareness of the Senior Open to their followers.
    - b. The second message will highlight how the Senior Open as a family-oriented event.

3. Tailoring the messaging is encouraged so that it relates to your company and its supporters. However, our team will provide all the necessary information to make it as seamless a process as possible.

**IX.** Hospitality Operations (Webinar time 1:07:08-1:11:59)

- A. Access into Hospitality Areas will be STRICTLY enforced
  - MSG staff, interns and volunteers will monitor the entrances to each facility from approximately 8:00am - 6:00pm to ensure that only those with the proper ticket or credential gain access.
  - 2. The entrance to each of the facilities will include separate queues for first-time and returning guests to facilitate the ease of ingress into each area.
  - 3. Upon first entry into each hospitality facility, guests will have their ticket scanned and a wristband affixed to their wrist.
  - 4. On subsequent visits, only the wristband will be required for re-entry into the suite facility.

a. Damaged or altered wristbands will be invalid.

- B. Restrooms
  - 1. Each hospitality area will have upscale restroom facilities exclusive to guests in that specific area.
  - Port-o-let restroom units will also be located throughout the course for all spectators.
- C. Accessibility
  - 1. All hospitality facilities will be ADA accessible.
  - 2. A limited supply of motorized scooters will be available at the Mobility Scooter Tent inside the Main Entrance on a first come, first served basis.
  - 3. Please let us know if you will have any guests who are wheelchair bound or oxygen dependent so we can make special arrangements for them.
- **X.** WHAT TO FOCUS ON NOW (Webinar time 1:11:59 -1:20:01)
  - A. Upcoming Timeline Dates
    - 1. October 18<sup>th</sup> November 12<sup>th</sup> (SUITE CLIENTS ONLY)-One-on-one client calls with PEI
    - October 30<sup>th</sup> Vendor payment setup requirements due to PEI (if applicable for suite clients only)
    - October November (SUITE CLIENTS ONLY) Meet with Ridgewells Client Success
       Producer

- December 31<sup>st</sup> Catering Agreement and Credit Card Authorization Form due to Ridgewells
- 5. January 12<sup>th</sup> Clients receive Culinary Selections Book
- January 21<sup>st</sup> (SUITE CLIENTS ONLY) Clients receive design deck, floor plans, & budget from PEI
- 7. January 24<sup>th</sup> Corporate Update Session
- 8. February 1<sup>st</sup> -Catering Payment Due
- 9. February 1<sup>st</sup> Final Payment for Hospitality Package Due
  - a. Invoice contact: Katie Grouss; 908.230.0006; kgrouss@usga.org
- 10. February 15<sup>th</sup>- Forms due to MSG Promotions
  - a. Ticket Distribution & Parking Pass Shipment Form
  - i. Contact Information for Digital Ticket Distribution
    - Please indicate the contact information for the representative who will be managing your company's digital ticket distribution.
    - The representative listed will receive instructions on how to access your digital tickets in the spring of 2022.
    - i. Shipping Information for VIP Parking Passes
      - Please indicate the name and address to whom the parking passes should be sent.
      - The package will be sent approximately 4-6 weeks prior to the championship and cannot be sent to a P.O. Box.
      - Note: The USGA will not release any tickets or parking passes until they are in receipt of your fully executed hospitality agreement, certificate of insurance, and all payments due on your hospitality package.
  - b. Corporate Sign Form
    - i. Specify exactly how you want your company name to appear on the corporate identification sign posted at the entrance to your suite.
    - ii. The USGA will produce the corporate signs which will include only the 2022U.S. Senior Open logo and the name of your company. All signs will be uniform in color, typeface, and size.

- iii. Be VERY SPECIFIC regarding capitalization, spacing, punctuation, abbreviations, etc. Signs can accommodate no more than 20 characters per line and a maximum of three lines.
- iv. For companies sharing, please note that all partner's names will be printed on one sign. Please submit one form for the entire sharing group.
- v. Your company name will also be listed on the locator board at the entrance of your hospitality facility. The locator board will display a layout of the facility and a list of all companies located within that area and their corresponding suite/table number.
- vi. No other signs or displays are permitted on the exterior of your suite during championship week.
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> (SUITE CLIENTS ONLY) Deadline for final approval of décor, signed budget/service agreement, and 50% deposit due to PEI.
- 12. March 18<sup>th</sup>- Corporate Update Session
- 13. April 29<sup>th</sup>- Corporate Update Session
- B. Become Familiar with your Hospitality Package
- C. Understand where your hospitality area is located in relation to the course
- D. Understand the amenities included in your hospitality package

Hospitality Package	Package Tickets	Staff Tickets	Gallery Tickets	VIP Parking	Additional Parking (Lot L)	19th Hole Access
Open-Air Suites	20	1	8	Lot G - 6	7	Yes
Dining Room Tables	12	1	6	Lot G - 4	4	Yes
Champions Pavilion Tables	10	1	4	Lot D - 3	3	Yes

- 1. 19th Hole Presented by Lehigh Valley Health Network
  - The 19th Hole is an outdoor festival-like setting located in the middle of the three finishing holes (16, 17 & 18) of the championship Old Course. This unique area includes various interactive activities such as golf simulators, a 9,000 sq. ft. putting green, live music in the late afternoons during practice rounds (Tuesday and Wednesday), a jumbotron and TVs to watch all the action, and a variety of

lawn games such as corn hole, giant Jenga games, and more. 19th Hole ticket holders will have access to a sports bar and a wide variety of food and beverage options within the 19th Hole as well as executive restrooms (food and beverage will be available at an additional cost.)

- G. Invitation Process
  - a. Develop your "A", "B" and "C" guest lists as soon as possible. The invitation process always takes much longer than expected.
  - b. Determine which guests will be invited on which days.
  - c. Consider the different invitation options available through the Corporate Merchandise Program– electronic templates or printed notecards.
- H. Finalize Your Décor Plans (Suites Only)
  - 1. Provide feedback to PEI as soon as possible
  - 2. Final approval and 50% deposit due to PEI by March 2<sup>nd</sup>

XI. CORPORATE MERCHANDISE – Ryan Hutchison, Manager, Corporate Merchandise (Webinar time 1:20:01-END)

- A. Benefits of the U.S. Senior Open Corporate Merchandise Program
  - Exclusive opportunity to purchase co-branded merchandise reserved only for U.S. Senior Open corporate clients
  - 2. Extends your investment in the U.S. Senior Open and generates excitement for your company
  - 3. Provides your guests with memorable items from their time at the championship
- B. Co-branded merchandise can only be ordered through the USGA. Co-branded merchandise CANNOT be ordered through ad specialty companies, directly from vendors or from local pro shops.
- C. The Process
  - 1. Plan your budget
    - a. A number of products are available at a variety of price points.
    - b. Invitations are available in both printed and digital forms.
    - c. Determine how many people you plan on purchasing gifts for and how/when you plan to distribute the gifts.

- i. Sending a gift with tickets
- ii. Gifting in your hospitality space
- 2. Browse the products
  - **a.** The 2022 offerings are now available on the Corporate Merchandise website:

https://corporatemerch.usga.org

- 3. Provide your logo
  - a. A .DST file is required for embroidery orders (i.e., apparel, headwear, etc.)
  - b. An .EPS or .JPG file is required for screen printed orders (i.e., lanyards, clear bags)

#### D. Invitation Options

- 1. Custom Digital Invitations
  - a. A set of four web-based templates with customizable text for a one-time fee of \$400
    - i. Each template is also available on an individual basis for \$150 per template.
    - 2. Only way to include the 2022 U.S. Senior Open logo and course imagery in digital invitations
    - 3. Includes your company logo at the bottom of each template
    - 4. A co-branded email header is also available for \$100 to be used in your own webbased email.
- 3. Custom Printed Invitations
  - Printed notecards on 100 lb. heavy white paper featuring the 2022 U.S. Senior Open logo on the front and your company logo and customizable messaging on the inside.
  - 2. Only way to include the 2022 U.S. Senior Open logo in your invitations/marketing
  - 3. \$3.00 per card (includes envelope)
  - 4. Addressing included for individual delivery
- E. Deadline to Order Co-Branded Merchandise April 15, 2022
- XII. DÉCOR OPTIONS PRODUCTION ELEMENTS, INC. Deja Gagner, Senior Account Manager/Head Designer, Lauren Connell Portal, Events Assistant
  - A. Standard Décor Elements:
    - 1. 20 TICKET OPEN-AIR SUITES
      - a. (1) 24" Glass Highboy with (4) White Bar Stools

- b. (1) 8' Drink Rail with (4) White Bar Stools
- c. (2) 8' Drink Rail with (4) White Folding Chairs Each
- d. (1) 40" Exterior TV
- e. Graphite Turf
- f. Total Seating: 16
- B. Upgrade Opportunities- (SUITES ONLY)
  - PEI can transform your space using different textures, graphics, furniture, décor elements, etc. They will help step by step during the décor planning process to create a space that works for each company's specific brand.
- C. Next Steps- (SUITES ONLY)
  - Complete the questionnaire and return to Lauren Connell Portal (<u>lauren@productionelements.com</u>) as soon as possible.
  - 2. PEI contacted all companies to set up an initial call to discuss the décor in your space.
  - 3. Once you have discussed your design feedback and direction with PEI, they will create a design deck, floor plan, and budget based on your requirements. These materials will serve as a starting point to further develop additional ideas you would like PEI to execute on your behalf.
- D. Décor Process Milestone Dates- (SUITES ONLY)
  - 1. October 22<sup>nd</sup> Questionnaire was due to PEI
  - 2. October 18<sup>th</sup> November 12<sup>th</sup> One-on-one client calls to kick-off décor discussions
  - December 22<sup>nd</sup> PEI to receive vendor payment setup requirements (if any) to ensure all accounts payable requirements are met
  - January 21<sup>st</sup> Target date for clients to receive design deck, floor plan, budget, and invoice agreement from PEI
  - 5. March 2<sup>nd</sup> 50% deposit due and deadline for final approval of décor and signed budget/'service agreement
    a. Decisions/changes made after March 2<sup>nd</sup> are subject to a 20% rush fee
  - 6. March 18<sup>th</sup> Graphic files due to PEI
    - a. Graphic files received after March 18<sup>th</sup> are subject to a 20% rush fee
  - 7. April 8<sup>th</sup> Final décor payment due to PEI
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