



89th U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship SQR (NJ)
Neshanic Valley Golf Course, Neshanic Station, N.J.
Tuesday, June 17, 2014

NOTICE TO PLAYERS

FORMAT

This event is a one-day 36-hole stroke play competition. If necessary to determine the qualifiers and/or alternates, there will be a sudden death playoff which will begin immediately at the conclusion of regular play. All players should keep informed as to the time and status of any playoff.

GENERAL

- Please report directly to the check-in area immediately upon arrival.
- Players are **required** to pay \$55.00 (cash or major credit card accepted) for both rounds upon check-in.
- The Golf Shop and Practice Range will open at 6:00 a.m. Range balls are complimentary of Neshanic Valley Golf Course.
- There is **no** locker room at Neshanic Valley Golf Course.
- The use of cellular phones is permitted **only** in the Clubhouse or parking lot.

PRACTICE ROUND

Players have been accorded the courtesy of a practice round from **June 6 – June 16**:

- Monday – Thursday **before 3:00 p.m.** - \$55.00 with a golf cart.
- Monday – Thursday **after 3:00 p.m.** - \$40.00 with a golf cart.
- Friday – Sunday **after 3:00 p.m.** - \$45.00 with a golf cart.

Players must contact Al Conover or Jorge Diaz in the Golf Shop at (908) 369-8200 and identify themselves as participants in the U.S. Amateur Public Links SQR (NJ) to make arrangements on a first-call basis. Caddies may play with their players for the same rate. These rates are available for one round per player and caddie. Standard club policies apply.

DRESS

No jeans, cargo pants, cargo shorts, cut-offs, or t-shirts. Players and caddies may wear collared shirts or mock t-shirts.

GOLF SHOES

Shoes with traditionally designed spikes (regardless of composition, i.e., ceramic, plastic, etc.) or spikes, regardless of design, comprised either or partially of metal (when such metal comes in contact with the surface of the putting green) are **prohibited**. Penalty for breach of this condition: **Disqualification**.

FOOD SERVICE

- Coffee "and" will be available for purchase from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the Grill Room.
- Luncheon service will be available for purchase from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Grill Room.
- Players will **not** be permitted to stop to eat between nines.

CADDIES

- There are **no** club caddies available at Neshanic Valley Golf Course.
- Players may bring their own caddie.
- Players may carry their own bag.
- Players are permitted to use pull carts but none are available at Neshanic Valley Golf Course.
- **Please note:** players are **not** permitted to use automotive transportation nor have their caddies drive a golf cart.

LOCAL RULES

- Please check at the starter's table for the Local Rules and the USGA website (www.usga.org) for a list of approved golf balls & drivers for the competition.
- The "One Ball Rule" will be in effect.
- The Condition of Competition ("Groove Rule") will be in effect (see Condition Section below).
- The Local Rule **allowing** Distance Measuring Devices ('DMD') will be **in effect** (See D14-3/0.5).

"GROOVE AND PUNCH MARK SPECS" CONDITION

4-1/1 Groove and Punch Mark Specifications Effective January 1, 2010 Including Condition of Competition

"The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010.

*PENALTY FOR CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING STROKE WITH, CLUB OR CLUBS IN BREACH OF CONDITION:

Stroke play – Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – Four strokes.

– If a breach is discovered between the play of two holes, it is deemed to have been discovered during play of the next hole, and the penalty must be applied accordingly.

*Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to his opponent in match play or his marker or a fellow-competitor in stroke play immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, he is disqualified.

PENALTY FOR MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification.

Exception: Ping Eye2 irons manufactured before March 31, 1990 with a groove spacing to groove width ratio of 2.3 to 1 are permitted for play under the Rules of Golf, even in certain competitions when the Condition Requiring Clubs Conforming with Groove and Punch Mark Specifications Effective January 1, 2010 is in effect. It is the player's responsibility to refer to the condition of competition posted for the specific competition in which the player is playing to ensure compliance with the above exception and to provide proof of the date on which the club was manufactured. If the player cannot provide such proof, the club must conform with specifications described in Appendix II, 5c(i).

PACE OF PLAY

It is a condition of the competition that "the Player shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play (POP) guidelines that the Committee may establish" and with the prescribed penalties for slow play. The MGA will be closely monitoring the POP at all MGA and USGA events. Chronic slow play takes away much of the enjoyment of the game of golf and we ask that you please be courteous of your pace. We appreciate your cooperation with the [MGA Pace of Play Policy](#).

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IMPORTANT REMINDER

- If it becomes necessary to withdraw prior to the date of the competition, please contact the MGA Championship Department at (914) 347-4653.
- If you must withdraw on the day of the event, please call the Neshanic Valley Golf Course Golf Shop at (908) 369-8200 with a request that the message be immediately relayed to the MGA official-in-charge.

CLUB ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER

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