



## 2017 Amendments Memorandum

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**Several amendments to the Metropolitan Golf Associations (MGA) Championships will go into effect Jan. 1, 2017 and the following is a summary of the key changes:**

### **TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY/FORMAT:**

#### Mid-Amateur Championship

- Beginning in 2017, the eligible age for the MGA Mid-Amateur Championship is thirty-years (30) old as of the first day of the Championship.

#### Met Open Championship

- The cut at the Met Open is being reduced from 60 & ties to 54 & ties. This change is effective for the 2017 Met Open Championship.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP EXEMPTIONS**

- Top 500 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR) at time of entry are now exempt into the; Ike, Amateur, Junior & Open, if otherwise eligible.

### **NEW LOCAL RULE ADOPTED FOR ALL MGA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- The new Local Rule "Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green" is in effect for **ALL** MGA Championships and Qualifying Rounds beginning in 2017. For additional information on the Local Rule, [click here](#).

### **MEN'S & WOMEN'S FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- The Men's and Women's Four-Ball Championships, as well as their respective qualifying rounds, were previously held at different courses, which requires the support of many host clubs. In order to minimize the requests to member clubs, the MGA Rules & Competitions Committee has voted to jointly hold the Men's and Women's Four Ball Championships and qualifying rounds at the same courses on the same days in 2017. More information to follow on this announcement.

### **WGA & MGA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- The WGA and MGA will be integrating services to host the WGA Junior & Boys Championships concurrently with the Met Junior/Boys qualifying round for the second year in a row. The WGA Public Links Championship will also run concurrently with the MGA Public Links qualifying round. Participants can compete for the WGA titles while at the same time earn a place in the field for the MGA Championships.

**This memo is not intended to be an exhaustive list of every MGA change for 2017, but rather a summary of key changes. For further information or should you have any questions regarding the 2017 amendments, please contact the MGA Championship Department at [championships@mgagolf.org](mailto:championships@mgagolf.org).**