



## MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

### 100th Long Island Open Championship SQR #1

Bethpage State Park Golf Course - Red Course, Farmingdale, NY • Thursday, May 9, 2024

#### **FORMAT**

This event is a one day, 18-hole stroke play qualifying round. In the event of a tie for the last remaining qualifying position(s), all ties will qualify.

#### **ALTERNATE POLICY**

Players who miss qualifying by 1-2 strokes will be added to an alternates list for the Long Island Open Championship. Alternates will be selected beginning with those who missed the cut by one stroke and continuing to those who missed by two strokes if necessary. Alternates will only be selected prior to the release of the Championship pairings if the Championship field size is below the minimum of 132 players. If the field is above 132 players, alternates will only be selected to ensure all pairings are full or to replace a withdraw that was already in the field.

Alternates will be selected in order starting with the 1<sup>st</sup> alternate at Bethpage, followed by the 1<sup>st</sup> alternate at Indian Hills, continuing until the field is filled. The tie breaker among alternates with the same qualifying score will be determined via USGA Match of Cards. If a spot becomes available in the Championship, alternates will be contacted directly by the staff. The cutoff date for alternate selection is Friday, May 31. On-site alternates will not be permitted.

#### **GENERAL**

- The Golf Shop and Practice Range (**no drivers**) will open at 6:30 a.m. Range Balls will be available for purchase for \$7.00 payable in the Golf Shop.

#### **REGISTRATION AND START OF PLAY**

Players are requested to check in upon their arrival at the course. Players are to report to their assigned starting tees, ready to play, immediately after the prior tee time has left the teeing area. Caddie arrangements should be completed before players report.

#### **PRACTICE ROUND**

Players may schedule a practice round by using the park's [online reservation system](#).

#### **DRESS**

Players must be neat in appearance with respect to clothing and personal grooming. Players and caddies must wear collared shirts. The wearing of jeans, cargo shorts, and cargo pants is prohibited. The Committee in charge decides whether this requirement has been met and has authority to withdraw the entry of a player who does not comply.

#### **FOOD SERVICE**

- Breakfast will be available to purchase (**cash or credit card only**) in the Clubhouse Restaurant.
- Luncheon service will be available for purchase (**cash or credit card only**) in the Clubhouse Restaurant.
- Players will **not** be permitted to stop to eat between nines.

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## **CARTS/CADDIES**

- Players are **permitted** to use a golf cart. Carts will be available for purchase in the Golf Shop for \$30.00 (single rider).
- There is a limited supply of caddies at Bethpage State Park Golf Course. Players must contact Jack Miller, Caddie Manager at (516) 965-1557, at least two (2) days in advance to reserve a club caddie on a first-call basis. The caddie fee for the LI Open SQR is \$140.00 per player (tip included).
- Players may bring their own caddie.
- Players may carry their own bag.
- Players are permitted to use pull carts including battery-powered pull carts. Pull cart rentals are available for rental inside the Golf Shop for \$7.00.

## **LOCAL RULES**

- Please check at the starter's table for the Local Rules and the USGA website ([www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org)) for a list of approved golf balls & drivers for the competition.
- The "One Ball Rule" **will not be in effect.**

## **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 LIGA Qualifiers. 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](#).

## **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 or text Tom Roden at (631) 707-0081.

## **CLUB ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER**

### **BETHPAGE STATE PARK GOLF COURSE**

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