MGA

MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS 124th U.S. Open Championship LQR (Darien)

Country Club of Darien, Darien, CT • Monday, May 13, 2024

FORMAT

This event is a one-day 18-hole stroke play qualifier at the Country Club of Darien. If necessary, to determine the qualifiers and/or alternates, there will be a sudden death playoff which will begin immediately at the conclusion of play. All players should keep informed as to the time and status of any playoff.

GENERAL

- The Golf Shop and Practice Range will open at 6:30 am. Range Balls will be provided courtesy of the Country Club of Darien
- Locker Room will open at 6:30 am.
- The use of cellular phones is permitted only in the Locker Room or Parking Lot.

REGISTRATION AND START OF PLAY

Players are requested to check in upon their arrival at the course. Contestants are to report to their assigned starting tees, ready to play, 10 minutes before their scheduled starting times. Caddie arrangements should be completed before players report. Caddie arrangements should be completed before players report.

PRACTICE ROUND

Click here for the Practice Round Notice

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

- A continental breakfast will be provided by the MGA from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on the Terrace.
- Lunch will be available for purchase from 11:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m. on the Terrace. The cost of Lunch is \$20.00 (Cash or Sign Back)
- Water will be available in coolers on the course.
- Players will <u>not</u> be permitted to stop to eat between nines.

CADDIES

- There is a strong supply of caddies available at Country Club of Darien. Players may reserve a club caddie by contacting Gary Penebre, Caddie Manager, at (203) 625-9729. The caddie fee for the 124th US Open Championship LQR is \$120.00 (including tip).
- Players may bring their own caddie.
- Players may carry their own bag.
- Players are **not** permitted to use push carts.
- Players are <u>not</u> permitted to use golf carts.
- Caddies are strongly encouraged to wear shoes without spikes or tread.

LOCAL RULES

- Please check at the starter's table for the Local Rules and the USGA website (<u>www.usga.org</u>) for a list of approved golf balls & drivers for the competition.
- The "One Ball Rule" will NOT be in effect.
- Distance Measuring Devices will be permitted.

"GROOVE AND PUNCH MARK SPECS" CONDITION

Clubs: Grooves – 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 – See Decision 4-1/1 and applicable championship entry for details.

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 Championships. 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 contact Sean Corriston at (551) 795-6965.

CLUB ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER

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