



MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

FORMAT

54-holes of stroke play scheduled to be played on Tuesday, August 22nd through Thursday, August 24th. The field will be cut after the second round to the low 54 players plus ties.

Please note that a **shuttle** will be provided for the Practice Range and will be located behind the practice putting green.

GENERAL

- The Golf Shop and Practice Range will open at 6:00 a.m. Range Balls will be provided courtesy of Arcola.
- The Locker Room will open at 6:00 a.m. Players are encouraged to change their golf shoes in the Locker Room. Please do **not** change your golf shoes in the parking lot.
- The use of cellular phones is permitted **only** in the Locker Room and inside of your car in the parking lot.
- The MGA would appreciate the cooperation of players in reporting their scores via the MGA scoring app throughout the round.

REGISTRATION

- Upon arrival, please check-in at the Registration Tent.
- If you plan on bringing your own caddie, he or she will be required to wear an **MGA caddie bib** during the Met Open Championship. The caddie bibs will be distributed at the starting tee.

SPECTATORS

- Players are permitted to have spectators at the Championship. Club Parking is limited to players only so all spectators are encouraged to carpool with their players if possible.
- All spectators and caddies who will be driving to the Championship must park at 24 Paramus Road, Paramus New Jersey, on Tuesday & Wednesday due to parking limitations.

CADDIES

- Players must contact Billy Cambreleng at arcolacaddy@yahoo.com to reserve a club caddie on a first-call basis. The caddie fee for a single bag for the Met Open Championship is \$150.00 including tip per round.
- Players may bring their own caddie.
- Players may carry their own bag.
- Players are **not** permitted to use pull carts.
- Caddies are **strongly encouraged** to wear shoes without spikes or tread.

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. *Professionals are **not** required to wear pants.*

FOOD SERVICE

- A continental breakfast will be provided by the MGA from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- Luncheon service will be provided by the MGA for **players only** during the Championship from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Main Dining Area. The player badge will serve as your lunch ticket each day.

Reminder: Players should be prepared to pay for caddie and spectator lunches on each day of the Championship (**cash or sign back to club only**).

- Players will **not** be permitted to stop to eat between nines.
- A special invitation is extended to all competitors who make the cut to attend the awards reception immediately following the conclusion of the final round on Thursday, August 24th.

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 Condition of Competition ("Groove Rule") will be in effect.
- 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 MGA competitions. Chronic slow play takes away much of the enjoyment of the game of golf and we ask that you please be conscious 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 Chris Gaffney, Director, Championships at 516-732-9044.

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