



**116<sup>th</sup> Met Amateur Championship**  
Arcola Country Club, Paramus, N.J.  
Thursday – Sunday, August 2 – August 5, 2018

# MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

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## **FORMAT**

36-holes of stroke play on Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, followed by match play for 16 qualifiers (tie for onsite medalist prize will be determined by low p.m. round, then USGA matching of cards).

## **GENERAL**

- The Golf Shop and Practice Range will open at 6:00 a.m. Range Balls will be provided courtesy of the MGA.
- 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 at scoring stations set-up throughout the golf course during the stroke play rounds.

## **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 Amateur Championship. The caddie bibs will be distributed at the starting tee.

## **PRACTICE ROUND**

Players have been accorded the courtesy of a practice round. Please see the **Special Practice Round Notice** in regards to making practice round arrangements.

## **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.

## **CADDIES**

- There is a strong supply of caddies at Arcola Country Club. Players must contact Billy Vambreleng at (201) 291-0642, or at [arcolacaddy@yahoo.com](mailto:arcolacaddy@yahoo.com) to reserve a club caddie on a first-call basis. The caddie fee for a single bag for the Met Amateur Championship is \$100.00 including tip per round.
- Players may bring their own caddie.
- Players may carry their own bag.
- Players are **not** permitted to use pull carts.

## **FOOD SERVICE**

- Continental Breakfast will be provided by the MGA from 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on the Lower Terrace.
- On Day One, luncheon service will be provided for players by the MGA from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the Lower Terrace.
- All players should plan to pay (**cash or sign only**) for caddie and guests' lunches on both days of the Championship.
- A special invitation is extended to all competitors to attend the player reception at Laurel Links Country Club immediately following the conclusion of the afternoon round on Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Players will **not** be permitted to stop to eat between nines.

## **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 Condition of Competition ("Groove Rule") will be in effect (see Condition Section Below).
- The "One Ball Rule" will be **in effect**.
- The New Local Rule for Accidental Movement of a Ball on the Putting Green will be **in effect**.
- The Local Rule **allowing** Distance Measuring Devices will be **in effect** (See App. I-B-9).

## **"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 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 of Championships at 516-732-9044.

## **CLUB ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER**

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