



MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

FORMAT

The WMGA/MGA Women's Public Links Championship is an 18-hole stroke play event for gross and net prizes. In the event of a tie at the completion of play, the Championship will be decided by a sudden death playoff which will begin immediately at the conclusion of regular play. All players should keep informed as to the time and status of any playoff. Ties for second and third place will be decided by a match of cards.

GENERAL

- The Golf Shop and Practice Range (**no drivers**) will open at 6:30 a.m. Range Balls will be available for purchase for \$8.00 (small) and \$10.00 (large) (**cash only**) payable at the Practice Range.

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.

PRACTICE ROUND

Players may schedule a practice round by using the club'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 in the Clubhouse Restaurant.
- Luncheon service will be available for purchase in the Clubhouse Restaurant.
- Players will **not** be permitted to stop to eat between nines.

CARTS/CADDIES

- Players have the option of purchasing a motorized golf cart in the Golf Shop.
- There is a limited supply of caddies at Bethpage State Park Golf Course. Players must contact the Golf Shop at (516) 249-4040, at least two (2) days in advance to reserve a club caddie on a first-call basis. The caddie fee is \$120.00 per player (tip included).
- Players may bring their own caddie.
- Players may **not** carry their own bag.
- Players are permitted to use pull carts. Players may bring their own or rent from Bethpage State Park for \$5.00.

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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 be **in effect**.
- The 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-A-7).

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 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 call the Bethpage State Park Golf Shop at (516) 249-4040, with a request that the message be immediately relayed to the MGA official-in-charge.

CLUB ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER

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