



46th MGA/MetLife Men's Four-Ball Championship

Deal Golf & Country Club, Deal, N.J.

Monday, October 23, 2023

MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

10:30 SHOTGUN

FORMAT

This event is a one-day 18-hole Four-Ball Stroke Play competition. There will be a sudden death playoff to determine the champion (1st Place Net). If necessary, all other prizes will be determined by a matching of cards, using the USGA's recommended method. All contestants shall compete at 85% of their current Course Handicap on a net better-ball basis. The USGA Rules for Four-Ball Stroke Play shall govern all play. Players should familiarize themselves with Rule 23 in the USGA Rules of Golf.

HANDICAPS

Under Rule 3.3, there is no requirement for a player's handicap to be shown on the scorecard or for players to add up their own scores. If the player returns a scorecard on which they have made a mistake in showing or applying a handicap, or on which they have made a mistake in adding up the scores, there is no penalty. The MGA will convert your USGA Handicap Index into a Course Handicap for the competition using the Deal Golf & Country Club Handicap Table. If you have any questions regarding handicaps, please call the MGA Championships Department. Handicap Indexes will be established on **Wednesday, October 18th**.

GENERAL

- The Golf Shop and Practice Range (**250 yard maximum**) will be open at 9:00 a.m. Range balls will be provided courtesy of Deal Country Club.

REGISTRATION AND START OF PLAY

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. Players are requested to check in upon their arrival at the course. Contestants are to report to their carts, ready to play, 20 minutes before the scheduled starting time.

DRESS

Players must be neat in appearance with respect to clothing and personal grooming. Players and caddies must wear collared shirts. Jeans, cargo shorts, and cargo pants are 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 meet this expectation.

PRACTICE ROUNDS

Players have been accorded the courtesy of a practice round at Deal Golf & Country Club on weekdays after 2:00 p.m. Players **must** use a motorized golf cart for their practice round. The fee is \$35 (**cash only**) payable in the Golf Shop.

Players must contact the Golf Shop at golfshop@dealcountryclub.com to make arrangements on a first-serve basis. Limited availability and **no** guest allowed. Standard club policies apply.

Players are **only** permitted to use the practice facilities of Deal Golf & Country Club on the day of their scheduled practice round **and** arrive no earlier than one hour before their scheduled practice round.

Deal Golf & Country Club provides numerous teeing areas, and the setup will range from 6,063 yards – 6,365 yards.

FOOD SERVICE

- A continental breakfast will be provided by the MGA from 9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.
- All competitors will be guests of the MGA for a luncheon service and awards reception immediately following the conclusion of play.
- The halfway house is closed, and players will **not** be permitted to stop to eat between nines.

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CARTS/CADDIES

- Players are **required** to use a motorized golf cart. The golf cart fee is **\$35.00 per player**. An invoice will be emailed to all participants on Wednesday, October 18th. All cart payments must be paid in advance via the link in the Golf Genius email.
- There is a limited supply of caddies at Deal Golf & Country Club. Players must contact Mike Harmatz at (732) 710-5618 in advance to reserve a club caddie on a first-call basis.
- Players **may** bring their own caddie.
- Players may **not** carry their own bag.
- Players are **not** permitted to use pull carts.

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 "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 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 Deal Golf Shop at (732) 531-1190, with a request that the message be immediately relayed to the MGA official-in-charge.

CLUB ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER

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