



118th U.S. Amateur Championship SQR (NJ)

Echo Lake Country Club, Westfield, NJ

Monday, July 16, 2018

MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

FORMAT

This event is a one-day 36-hole stroke play competition. As authorized by the USGA, the field will be cut after the morning round. The cut will include the low 25 players plus ties **and** anyone within eight (8) strokes of the last available qualifying place from the first round. Tee times for the afternoon round will be announced as players conclude their morning rounds. Players who fail to make the cut will **not** be permitted to play in the afternoon.

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 Practice Range will open at 6:00 a.m. Range Balls will be provided courtesy of Echo Lake Country Club.
- The Locker Room and Golf Shop 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 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.

PRACTICE ROUND

Players have been accorded the courtesy of a practice round **after 3:00 p.m.** on:

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| - Tuesday, June 12 th | - Tuesday, June 19 th | - Tuesday, July 3 rd |
| - Wednesday, June 13 th | - Wednesday, June 20 th | - Wednesday, July 4 th |
| - Thursday, June 14 th | - Thursday, June 21 st | - Thursday, July 5 th |

Players must contact Daniel Pintauro, Outside Operations Manager, at daniel.pintauro@echolakecc.org to make arrangements on a first-call basis. Players may carry their own bag or take a club caddie for \$70.00 (plus tip). Limited availability and **no** guests allowed. Standard club policies apply.

Players may request the use of a motorized golf cart during their Practice Round for the fee of \$42.00 per player **(check or sign)**.

Players are **only** permitted to use the practice facilities of Country Club on the day of their scheduled practice round **and** one hour before/after their scheduled practice round.

Players traveling from out of town may call the golf shop at (908) 232-4288 to request special arrangements for a practice round.

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 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the Clubhouse Patio.
- Luncheon service will be available for purchase (**cash only**) from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on the Clubhouse Patio.
- Players will **not** be permitted to stop to eat between nines.

CADDIES

- There is a limited supply of caddies at Echo Lake Country Club. Players may contact Daniel Pintauro at daniel.pintauro@echolakecc.org to reserve a club caddie on a first-call basis. The caddie fee for the U.S. Amateur SQR is \$70.00 (plus tip).
- Players may bring their own caddie.
- Players may 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 Condition of Competition ("Groove Rule") will be in effect.
- The "One Ball Rule" will be **in effect**.
- The Local Rule **allowing** Distance Measuring Devices will be **be in effect** (See App. I-A-7).
- The Local Rule for Accidental Movement of a Ball on the Putting Green will 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 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 call Sean Murphy, Manager, Championship Operations at (828) 399-0341.

CLUB ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER

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