



121st Met Amateur Championship
Friar's Head, Riverhead, NY
Thursday – Sunday, August 3 – August 6, 2023

MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

FORMAT

36-holes of stroke play on Thursday, August 3rd, 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). For purposes of determining places in the draw, ties in qualifying rounds will be decided by a blind draw, except that places of those participating in a play-off will be determined by the order of finish.

GENERAL

- The Golf Shop and Practice Range will open at 6:30 a.m. Range Balls will be provided courtesy of the MGA.
- The Locker Room will open at 6:30 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.

SPECTATORS

- Players are permitted to have two spectators at the Stroke Play portion of the Championship in addition to their caddie. If you would like to have any additional spectators beyond this number, they must be approved prior to the Championship by emailing Chris Gaffney at cgaffney@mgagolf.org.

CADDIES

- **Players are required to have a caddie for the Championship.** Players may reserve a club caddie or bring their own caddie.
- Friar's Head has a very strong caddie program. Players must contact Shane Richards, Caddie Manager, at srichard@friarshead.org to reserve a club caddie on a first-call basis. The caddie fee for a single bag for the Met Amateur Championship is \$160.00 including tip per round.
- Players may **not** carry their own bag and may **not** use a pull cart.
- Parking is limited so all players should carpool with their caddies if possible.

PRACTICE ROUND

Players have been accorded the courtesy of a practice round. Please see the [Practice Round Notice](#) in regard to making practice round arrangements.

DRESS

Proper attire is required while at Friar's Head. Gentlemen shall wear slacks or Bermuda-length shorts, and their shirts must have sleeves and collars and be tucked in at all times. Golf attire shall be permitted in the clubhouse at all times. Flip flops, denim, tank tops, tee shirts, swimwear, tennis apparel, cargo shorts or pants, jogging shorts and other athletic clothing shall not be considered proper attire at any time. Hats may not be worn backwards and gentlemen shall remove their hats while indoors. Spikeless or non-metal spiked shoes are required on the golf course and practice facilities.

FOOD SERVICE

- Continental Breakfast will be provided by the MGA from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on the Terrace.
- On Day One, luncheon service will be provided for players by the MGA from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Dining Room.
- All players should plan to pay (**cash only**) for caddie and guests' lunches on all days of the Championship.
- A special invitation is extended to all competitors to attend the player reception at Friar's Head immediately following the conclusion of the afternoon round on Thursday, August 3rd.
- Players will **not** be permitted to stop to eat between nines, the halfway house will be closed on Thursday.

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.
- Distance Measuring Devices are permitted (no slope).
- The Condition of Competition ("Groove Rule") will be in effect.
- The "One Ball Rule" will **NOT** be in effect.

CELL PHONE

Non-verbal use of your smartphone shall be permitted in the following areas: Locker Room, Billiard Room and Library on the second floor of the Clubhouse when these areas are not being used for general member functions and Phone Rooms.

Use of smartphones, including all of their functions (i.e., phone, email, text, PDA, camera, photo album, etc.), shall continue to be prohibited in all other areas of the club outside of your car, and they shall continue to be concealed from view at all times (not clipped on belt, etc.) outside of the permitted areas set forth above.

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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