



# MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

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## **FORMAT**

This event is a one-day 18-hole Four-Ball Stroke Play competition. There will be no playoff to determine the last qualifying position. If the number of "and ties" goes over the announced limit, there will be a matching of cards to determine the qualifiers up to the limit. Teams may qualify on either a gross or net basis.

All male contestants shall compete at 90% of their current Course Handicap on a net better-ball basis; all female contestants shall compete at 95% 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 31 in the USGA Rules of Golf. Handicap Indexes will be used as of the **September 15<sup>th</sup> revision**.

## **HANDICAPS**

Under Rule 6-2, it is the player's responsibility to know his correct current Handicap Index. Please check at your club on or after September 15<sup>th</sup> to determine your current USGA Handicap Index (the decimal number). You will not play with your Home Course Handicap and it is not necessary to know the Slope Rating for your home course - just your USGA Handicap Index. The MGA will convert your USGA Handicap Index into a Course Handicap for the competition using the Lawrence Yacht & Country Club Handicap Table. If you have any questions regarding handicaps, please call the MGA Championship Department.

## **GENERAL**

- The Golf Shop and Practice Range will open at 6:30 a.m. Range balls will be provided courtesy of Lawrence Yacht & Country Club.
- 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 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.

## **PRACTICE ROUND**

Players must call the Lawrence Golf Shop at (516) 239-8263 to make arrangements on a first-call basis.

## **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 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the Grill Room.
- Luncheon service will be available for purchase (**cash or credit**) from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Grill Room.
- 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 \$30.00 (**cash or credit**) per person payable in the Golf Shop.
- There is a limited supply of caddies at Lawrence Yacht & Country Club. Players must call Vincent Biondo, Caddie Manager, at (516) 668-6458 in advance to make arrangements. The caddie fee for the MGA/MetLife Four-Ball Championship SQR is \$25.00 per putter.
- 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](http://www.usga.org)) for a list of approved golf balls & drivers for the competition.
- The "One Ball Rule" will **not** be in effect.
- The Local Rule **allowing** Electronic Measuring Devices will be **in effect** (See App. I-B-9).

## **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 Lawrence Golf Shop at (516) 239-8263 with a request that the message be immediately relayed to the MGA official-in-charge.

## **CLUB ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER**

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