



MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

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 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. Handicap Indexes will be used as of the **September 15th revision**.

HANDICAPS

Under Rule 3.3, it is the player's responsibility to know his correct current Handicap Index. Please check at your club on or after September 15th 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 Panther Valley Handicap Table. If you have any questions regarding handicaps, please call the MGA Championship Department.

GENERAL

- The Golf Shop and Practice Range (**Irons Only**) will open at 7:00 a.m.
- The Locker Room will be open at 7:00 a.m.

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 at Panther Valley. Practice Rounds are available on the following dates **after 1:30 p.m.:**

- Saturday, September 16th
- Sunday, September 17th

Players **must** contact the Golf Shop at (908) 852- 6120 to make arrangements on a first-call basis. The cost for the practice round is \$30.00 per person (**cash preferred**) which includes the mandatory use of a motorized cart. Limited availability and **no** guests allowed. Standard club policies apply.

Players are **only** permitted to use the practice facilities of Panther Valley Golf & Country Club on the day of their scheduled practice round **and** arrive no earlier than one hour before their scheduled 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 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. outside the Clubhouse.
- Players will not be permitted to stop to eat between nines.
- There will be **no** lunch service available.

CARTS/CADDIES

- Players are **required** to use a motorized golf cart. The golf cart fee is **\$35 per person**, payable in the Golf Shop (**cash preferred**).
- There will be **no** caddies available at Panther Valley.
- Players may bring their own forecaddie; the caddie may not drive the cart for the players during the round.
- 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 Panther Valley Golf Shop at (908) 852- 6120, with a request that the message be immediately relayed to the MGA official-in-charge.

CLUB ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER

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