



# MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

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## **FORMAT**

This event is a one-day 18-hole stroke play competition. If necessary to determine the qualifiers and/or alternates, there will be a sudden death playoff which will begin immediately at the conclusion of regular play. All players should keep informed as to the time and status of any playoff.

## **GENERAL**

- The Golf Shop and Practice Range will open at 6:30 a.m. Range balls will be available for purchase for \$5.00 (**cash only**) at the Practice Range.
- 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 or 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 1:00 p.m.** on:

- Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>

Players must call the Golf Shop at (908) 852-6120 to make arrangements on a first-call basis. The cost of a practice round is \$35.00 (**cash or credit**) which includes the **mandatory** use of a motorized golf cart as well as range balls. Limited availability and **no** guests allowed. Standard club policies apply.

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

- Continental Breakfast will be provided by the MGA from 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. outside the Locker Room.
- Luncheon service will be available for purchase from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the Patio.
- Players will **not** be permitted to stop to eat between nines.

## **CARTS/CADDIES**

- There is a “strong” supply of caddies at Panther Valley. Players must contact Daniel Warnock, Caddie Manager, at (908) 852-6120 to reserve a club caddie on a first-call basis. The caddie fees for the U.S. Senior Amateur Sectional Qualifying Round are \$60.00 (tip not included) for a single bag and \$25.00 (tip not included) for a single putter.
- Players **may use** a motorized golf cart. The golf cart fee is \$30.00 plus tax (**cash or credit**) per person payable in the Golf Shop.
- Players may bring their own caddie.
- Players may carry their own bag.
- Pull carts are **not** permitted.

## **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 Condition of Competition (“Groove Rule”) will be in effect (see Condition Section Below).
- The “One Ball Rule” will be **in effect**.
- The New Local Rule for Accidental Movement of a Ball on the Putting Green will be **in effect**.
- The Local Rule **allowing** Distance Measuring Devices will be **in effect** (See App. I-B-9).

## **“GROOVE AND PUNCH MARK SPECS” CONDITION**

**Clubs:** Grooves – The player’s clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010 – See Decision 4-1/1 and applicable championship entry for details.

## **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.

## **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 competitions. 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](#).

## **CLUB ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER**

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