



MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS
102nd Westchester Open Championship SQR (W #1)
Rockland Country Club, Sparkill, NY • Wednesday, May 1, 2024

FORMAT

This event is a one-day 18-hole stroke play competition. In the event of a tie for the last qualifying position(s), all ties will qualify.

GENERAL

- The Golf Shop and Practice Range will open at 6:30 a.m. Range balls will be provided courtesy of Rockland Country Club.
- The Locker Room will open at 6:30 a.m.
- The verbal 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

There will be **no** practice rounds available.

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. Breakfast will be located in the Clubhouse.
- Luncheon service will be available for purchase from their full menu **(Cash only)** from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Garden Room.
- Players will **not** be permitted to stop and eat between nines.

CADDIES

- There is a **limited** supply of caddies at Rockland Country Club. To reserve a caddie, contact the Golf Shop at **(845) 359-9702** and ask for Bobby or Tommy. The cost of a caddie is **\$120 (Cash)**.
- Players will have the option to utilize a motorized golf cart, based on availability. The cost of renting a motorized golf cart is **\$40 (Cash or Card)** payable in the Golf Shop.
- Players may bring their own caddie.
- Players may carry their own bag.
- Players are permitted to use pull carts.
- It is **strongly recommended** that caddies wear shoes without spikes or tread.

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.**
- Distance Measuring Devices will **be permitted.**

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 the Rockland Country Club Golf Shop at (845) 359-9702 with a request that the message be immediately relayed to the MGA official-in-charge.

CLUB ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER

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