



**102<sup>nd</sup> Met Open Championship**  
**presented by Callaway SQR (CT)**  
Silver Spring Country Club, Ridgefield, CT  
Monday, August 7, 2017

# MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

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## **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 Silver Spring 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 Locker Room and inside a car 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. 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:

- Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>
- Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

Players must contact the Silver Spring Golf Shop at (203) 438-2671 to make arrangements on a first-call basis. Players may carry their own bag at no cost, or take a motorized golf cart for \$30.00 (**cash or credit**). Limited availability and **no** guests allowed. Standard club policies apply.

Players are **only** permitted to use the practice facilities of Silver Spring 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 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the Patio.
- Luncheon service will be available for purchase (**cash only**) from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on the Patio.
- Players will **not** be permitted to stop to eat between nines.

## **CADDIES**

- There is no caddie program at Silver Spring Country Club.
- 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](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 Local Rule **allowing** Distance Measuring Devices will be **in effect** (See App. I-B-9).
- The New Local Rule for Accidental Movement of a ball on the Putting Green will be **in effect**.

## **"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.

## **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 Silver Spring Golf Shop at (203) 438-2671 with a request that the message be immediately relayed to the MGA official-in-charge.

## **CLUB ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER**

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