



MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

10:30am SHOTGUN

FORMAT

This event is a one-day 18-hole Four-Ball Stroke Play competition. There will be a sudden death playoff to determine the champion (1st Place Net). If necessary, all other prizes will be determined by a matching of cards, using the USGA's recommended method.

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 **October 1st 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 October 1st 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 Spring Brook 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 8:00 a.m. Range balls will be provided courtesy of the MGA.
- The Locker Room will open at 8:00 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 and locker room.

REGISTRATION AND START OF PLAY

Players are requested to check in upon their arrival at the course. Contestants are to report to their carts, ready to play, 15 minutes before the scheduled starting time.

PRACTICE ROUND

Players have been accorded the courtesy of a practice round **after 2:00 p.m.**:

- Wednesday, October 10th
- Thursday, October 11th

Players must call the Golf Shop at least one week ahead at (973) 539-6660 to make arrangements on a first-call basis. Limited availability and **no** guests allowed. Standard club policies apply.

Players are **only** permitted to use the practice facilities of Spring Brook 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.

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FOOD SERVICE

- A continental breakfast will be provided by the MGA from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Grill Room.
- All competitors will be guests of the MGA and MetLife for a luncheon service and awards reception immediately following play in the Dining Room, which will feature a cash bar (**cash, credit or sign**).
- Players will **not** be permitted to stop to eat between nines.

CARTS/CADDIES

- Players are **required** to use a motorized golf cart. The golf cart fee for the MGA/MetLife Four-Ball Championship is \$40.00 (**cash or sign**) per player.
- Players will be able to reserve one club forecaddie per group. The club forecaddie fee for the MGA/MetLife Four-Ball Championship is \$40.00 (including tip) per player. Players may reserve a club forecaddie by contacting Chris McAndrew, Caddie Manager, at (973) 539-6660.
- Players may **not** 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) 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-A-7).
- The New Local Rule for Accidental Movement of a Ball on the Putting Green will 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 Spring Brook Golf Shop at (973) 539-6660 with a request that the message be immediately relayed to the MGA official-in-charge.

CLUB ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER

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