



## MGA/MetLife Four-Ball Championships SQR (LI)

Timber Point Golf Course (Red & Blue), Great River, N.Y.

Thursday, September 7th, 2023

# 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 **August 30th 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 August 30 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 Timber Point Handicap Table. If you have any questions regarding handicaps, please call the MGA Championship Department.

## **GENERAL**

- **The format for the qualifier will be a shotgun start at 8:00am.**
- The qualifier will be played on the Red Course (Front 9) and Blue Course (Back 9).
- The Golf Shop and Practice Range (**225-yard max**) will open at 6:30 a.m. Range Balls will be provided by Timber Point Golf Course.

## **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 may click [here](#) to attempt to schedule a 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. Professionals are **not** required to wear pants.

## **FOOD SERVICE**

- The Grill Room will be open for players to purchase [breakfast](#) and [lunch](#) from the linked menus.

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## **CARTS/CADDIES**

- Players are **required** to use a motorized golf cart. The golf cart fee is \$20.00 per person, payable in the Golf Shop (cash or credit).
- There is no caddie program at Timber Point.
- 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](http://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 Timber Point Golf Shop at (631) 581-2401, with a request that the message be immediately relayed to the MGA official-in-charge.

## **CLUB ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER**

**Timber Point Golf Course**  
**398 Great River Rd, Great River, NY 11739**  
**Golf Shop - (631) 581-2401**

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