



# MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

## **FORMAT – PINEHURST (18 HOLES, STROKE PLAY)**

Both partners tee off from their assigned tee and then each plays a second shot with the other's ball. After the second shot, a choice is made regarding the ball with which the hole will be completed. Alternating shots will be continued until the hole is completed. On par three holes, the choice must be made after the tee shots.

The team with the lowest net score will be the Champions. In event of a tie at the completion of play, all ties will be decided by the USGA Match of Cards.

Prizes will be awarded to the low net teams in 2 divisions: Amateur and Open.

## **HANIDCAPS**

- Under Rules 3.3, it is the player's responsibility to know his correct current Handicap Index.
- The handicaps used to determine prizes in the net competition will be as of the registration deadline, July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The MGA will convert your USGA Handicap Index into a Course Handicap for the competition using the White Plains Golf Club Handicap Table.
- Net Scores will be derived by calculating 60% of the team's low Course Handicap plus 40% of the team's high Course Handicap.
- The "Open Division" may include any combination of Professional and Amateur golfers. The Professional will play at a "scratch" handicap while Amateurs will play at their Course Handicap.
- If you have any questions regarding handicaps, please call the MGA office.

## **GENERAL**

- The Golf Shop, Locker Room, and Practice Range will open at 6:30 a.m. The Practice Range will open at 6:30 a.m. **(155 yard maximum)**

## **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 are **no** MGA administered Practice Rounds.

## **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 9:30 a.m.
- Luncheon service will be provided by the MGA from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Players will **not** be permitted to stop to eat between nines.

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## **CADDIES**

- Players are **required** to use a motorized golf cart. The cost of the cart was included in the entry fee.
- There are **no** caddies at Westchester Hills Golf Club.
- Players may bring their own caddie.
- 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 "One Ball Rule" is **not 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 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](#).

## **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 Westchester Hills Golf Club at (914) 948-5020, with a request that the message be immediately relayed to the MGA official-in-charge.

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