



102nd Met Open Championship

Presented by Callaway

Hollywood Golf Club, Deal, N.J.
Tuesday – Thursday, August 22-24, 2017

MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

FORMAT

54-holes of stroke play scheduled to be played on Tuesday, August 22nd through Thursday, August 24th. The field will be cut after the second round to the low 54 players plus ties.

GENERAL

- The Golf Shop and Practice Range will open at 6:30 a.m. Range Balls will be provided courtesy of the MGA.
- 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, Scoreboard area and Parking Lot.
- **Shuttle service** will be available to players starting on the 10th tee for each round of the championship. Please be prepared to depart 15 minutes prior to your tee time.
- The MGA would appreciate the cooperation of players in reporting their scores at scoring stations set-up throughout the 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 have been accorded the courtesy of a practice round. Please see the **Practice Notice** in regards to making practice round arrangements.

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. in the Locker Room.
- Luncheon service will be provided by the MGA for **players only** during the Championship from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Patio/Dining Room. **Reminder:** Players should be prepared to pay for caddie and guests' lunches on each day of the Championship (**cash or sign only**).
- Players will **not** be permitted to stop to eat between nines.

AWARDS RECEPTION

A special invitation is extended to all qualifiers to attend the awards reception at Hollywood Golf Club immediately following the final round on Thursday, August 24th.

CADDIES

- Each caddie will be **required** to wear an **MGA caddie bib** during the Met Open Championship. Bibs will be available at the Starting Tee(s).
- There is a strong supply of caddies at Hollywood Golf Club. Players must contact Billy Turkot, Caddie Manager, at (732) 531-3996 to reserve a club caddie on a first-call basis. The caddie fee for the Met Open Championship is \$100.00 plus tip per player per round.
- Players may bring their own caddie.
- Players may carry their own bag.
- Pull carts are **not** permitted.

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 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 Chris Gaffney, Director of Championships at (516) 732-9044.

CLUB ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER

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