



## 121<sup>st</sup> U.S. Open Local Qualifying Round (Fairfield)

The Patterson Club, Fairfield, CT

Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

# MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

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### **COVID-19 GUIDELINES**

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, the MGA has released Guidelines for MGA-Sanctioned events. That all competitors are required to follow. Please reference this document before arriving to the event. [CLICK HERE](#) for the MGA COVID-19 Guidelines.

### **FORMAT**

This event is a one-day 18-hole stroke play competition. If necessary, to determine the qualifiers and/or alternates, there will be a sudden death playoff, which will begin immediately at the conclusion of play. All players should keep informed as to the time and status of any playoff.

### **GENERAL**

- All players are required to have their own face mask/ covering while they are on property and face masks must always be worn indoors and outdoors except when, sitting at a table eating/drinking, during their round, or while practicing.
- The Golf Shop and Practice Range (**250 yard max**) will open at 6:30 a.m. Range Balls will be provided courtesy of The Patterson Club.
- The Locker Room will open at 6:30 a.m.

### **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.

### **SCORECARDS**

Players will be provided physical scorecards for the qualifier. Hole by Hole scores **must** be certified by the player and marker at the scorecard collection area at the conclusion of the round. Players **must** wear a mask at the scorecard collection area and **should** use hand sanitizer/disinfectant after leaving the scorecard collection area.

### **PRACTICE ROUND**

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

- Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

Players **must** call the Golf Shop at (203) 255-2121 to make arrangements on a first-call basis. The cost of a practice round is \$40.00 (**Cash Only**) which includes the use of a motorized golf cart. Limited availability and **no** guests allowed. Standard club policies apply.

Players are **only** permitted to use the practice facilities of The Patterson Club on the day of their scheduled practice round **and** arrive no earlier than 30 minutes 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 9:30a.m. on the main patio.
- Luncheon service will be available for purchase (**cash or sign**) from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse.
- Players will **not** be permitted to stop to eat between nines.

## **CADDIES**

- There is a **limited supply** of caddies at The Patterson Club. Players must contact the Golf Shop at, (203) 255-2121 in advance to reserve a club caddie on a first-call basis. The caddie fee is \$80.00 (plus tip).
- Players may bring their own caddie.
- Players may carry their own bag.
- It is **strongly recommended** that caddies wear shoes without spikes or tread.
- Players are permitted to use pull carts.

## **LOCAL RULES**

- The MGA has released COVID-19 Guidelines for the 2021 Championship Season. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the most up to date guidelines.
- 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.
- The "One Ball Rule" will be **in effect**.
- Distance Measures Devices are permitted under Rule 4.3a(1).

## **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 and USGA 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 The Patterson Club Golf Shop at (203) 255-2121, with a request that the message be immediately relayed to the MGA Staff-in-Charge.

## **CLUB ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER**

**The Patterson Club**  
**1118 Cross Highway, Fairfield, CT 06824**  
**Golf Shop – (203) 255-2121**

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