



59th MGA/WMGA Mixed Pinehurst Championship

Watchung Valley Golf Club, Watchung, NJ
Monday, October 9th, 2023

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 gross score will be the Champions. In the event of a tie at the completion of play, all ties will be decided by USGA Match of Cards. Prizes will be awarded to the low teams (Gross & Net) and the low Professional team.

HANDICAPS

- Under Rule 3.3, it is the player's responsibility to know their correct current Handicap Index.
- The handicaps used to determine prizes in the net competition will be as of the registration deadline, October 4th.
- The MGA will convert your USGA Handicap Index into a Course Handicap for the competition using the Watchung Valley Handicap Table.
- Net scores will be derived by calculating 40% of the team's combined Course Handicaps.
- The "Pro 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 and Locker Room will open at 7:00 a.m.
- The Practice Range (**225 yard limit**) will open at 7:00 a.m. Range Balls will be available courtesy of the MGA.

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.

PRACTICE ROUND

There are **no** scheduled practice rounds for the Championship.

DRESS

Players and spectators 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 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse.
- Luncheon service will be provided by the MGA from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. off a limited menu in the Clubhouse.
- Players will **not** be permitted to stop to eat between nines.

CADDIES

- Players are **required** to use a motorized golf cart. The fee of the golf cart was included in the entry fee.
- Players may bring their own caddie. The caddie is **not** allowed to drive the golf cart.
- 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 Condition of Competition ("Groove Rule") will be in effect.
- 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 and USGA qualifiers. 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 Watchung Valley Golf Shop at (908) 403-4779, with a request that the message be immediately relayed to the MGA official-in-charge.

CLUB ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER

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