



NOTICE TO PLAYERS

FORMAT

This event is a one-day 17-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 regular play. All players should keep informed as to the time and status of any playoff.

GENERAL

- Please be aware that this Qualifier will be played as a 17-hole stipulated round due to agronomic issues on the 4th Putting Green. Participants **WILL NOT** play the 4th Hole during the competition.
- The Golf Shop and Practice Range (**no drivers**) will open at 6:00 a.m. Range Balls will be available for purchase for \$8.00 (small) and \$10.00 (large) (**cash only**) payable at the Practice Range.
- The Locker Room will open at 6:00 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 Clubhouse and parking lot.

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 on:

- Wednesday, May 6th from 10:04 a.m. – 11:56 a.m.
- Friday, May 8th from 1:00 p.m. – 2:52 p.m.
- Sunday, May 10th from 11:08 a.m. – 12:52 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 13th from 10:04 a.m. – 12:52 p.m.

Players must call Suzanne Friedrichs at (516) 249-0701, extension 107, or Barbara Monogioudis at (516) 249-0701, extension 127, to make arrangements on a first-call basis. Any un-booked tee-times will be open to the public beginning at 10:00 a.m. the day before the scheduled practice round. The cost of a practice round is \$43.00 during the week and \$48.00 on the weekend. Players may **not** bring their own caddie. Limited availability and **no** guests allowed. Standard club policies apply.

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

- Coffee "and" will be provided by the MGA from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse Grab and Go Station.
- Luncheon service will be available for purchase (**cash or credit card only**) in the Clubhouse Restaurant.
- Players will **not** be permitted to stop to eat between nines.

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CADDIES

- There is a limited supply of caddies at Bethpage State Park Golf Course. Players may contact Jimmy Lee, Assistant Golf Professional, at (516) 249-4040, extension 5, to reserve a club caddie on a first-call basis. The club caddie fee per player is \$110.00 plus tip.
- 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 "One Ball Rule" will be in effect.
- The Condition of Competition ("Groove Rule") will be in effect (see Condition Section below).
- The Local Rule allowing Electronic Measuring Devices will **not** be in effect (See App. I-B-9).

"GROOVE AND PUNCH MARK SPECS" CONDITION

In Local and Sectional qualifying and in the Championship proper, 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.

*PENALTY FOR CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB OR CLUBS IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – four strokes. If a breach is discovered between the play of two holes, it is deemed to have been discovered during play of the next hole, and the penalty must be applied accordingly.

*Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to his marker or a fellow-competitor in stroke play immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, he is disqualified.

PENALTY FOR MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification.

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 Bethpage State Park Golf Course Golf Shop at (516) 249-4040, with a request that the message be immediately relayed to the MGA official-in-charge.

CLUB ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER

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