



METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

98th Met Open Championship

Old Westbury Golf & Country Club, Old Westbury, N.Y.
Tuesday - Thursday, August 20 - 22, 2013

NOTICE TO PLAYERS

FORMAT

54-holes of stroke play beginning on Tuesday, August 20th through Thursday, August 22nd. The field will be cut after the second round to the low 60 players plus ties and anyone within 8 strokes of the leader.

GENERAL

- Championship Flagsticks are embedded with reflectors compatible with measuring devices.
- Old Westbury Golf & Country Club has been measured for GPS (see Local Rules).
- **Please be aware** that the Met Open Championship will be contested over Old Westbury Golf & Country Club's **Overlook (Front) and Woods (Back) Courses**.
- The Golf Shop and Practice Range will open at 6:15 a.m. Range Balls will be provided courtesy of the MGA.
- The Locker Room will open at 6:15 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 parking lot.
- The MGA would appreciate the cooperation of players in reporting their scores during their rounds. An MGA representative will be collecting **9-hole Scoring Cards** at the turn during the first two rounds of the Met Open Championship. During the final round, each group will be accompanied by a **Live Scorer** who will be recording players' scores hole-by-hole.

PRACTICE ROUND

Players have been accorded the courtesy of a practice round. Please see the **Special Notice** in regards to making practice round arrangements.

DRESS

No jeans, cargo pants, cargo shorts, cut-offs, mock shirts or t-shirts. Players and caddies must wear collared shirts. Caddies are encouraged not to wear shoes with spikes or hard sole shoes.

GOLF SHOES

Shoes with traditionally designed spikes (regardless of composition, i.e., ceramic, plastic, etc.) or spikes, regardless of design, comprised either or partially of metal (when such metal comes in contact with the surface of the putting green) are **prohibited**. Penalty for breach of this condition: **Disqualification**.

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 Local Rule **allowing** Electronic Measuring Devices **will be** in effect (See App. I-B-9).

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CADDIES

- Each caddie will be **required** to wear an **MGA caddie bib** during the Met Open Championship. Players will be required to put down a deposit of: 1) A valid driver's license and a valid and current credit card; or 2) \$30.00. If the MGA-issued caddie bib is not returned, the deposit will be withheld.
- There is a very strong supply of caddies at Old Westbury Golf & Country Club. Players may contact Kevin Shinnick, Caddie Master, at (516) 626-1810, extension 261 & 262, to reserve a club caddie on a first-call basis. The club caddie fee for a single bag is \$80.00 plus tip per round.
- Players may bring their own caddie.
- Players may carry their own bag.
- Players are **not** permitted to use pull carts or motorized golf carts.

FOOD SERVICE

- Coffee "and" will be provided by the MGA during the Championship from 6:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the Dining 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 Dining Room/Patio.
- **Reminder:** Players should be prepared to pay for caddie and guests' lunches on each day of the Championship (cash or sign to club).
- 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 Old Westbury Golf & Country Club immediately following the final round on Thursday, August 22nd.

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 Brian Mahoney, Director of Rules and Competitions, at (914) 760-2719.

DIRECTIONS

OLD WESTBURY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
270 Wheatley Road, Old Westbury, NY 11568
Golf Shop & Club - (516) 626-1810

- L.I. Expressway East to Exit 39 (Glen Cove Road).
- Stay on Service Road of Expressway to second cross-over bridge (Wheatley Road), turn left.
- Follow Wheatley Road to T-formation, turn left (still Wheatley Road)
- Proceed 0.5 miles to blinking light, turn left into Club.

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