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This event is a one-day 18-hole Four-Ball stroke play competition. There will be a sudden death playoff to determine the champion (1st Place Net). If necessary, all other prizes will be determined by a matching of cards, using the USGA's recommended method.

All contestants shall compete at 85% of their Course Handicap on a net better-ball basis. The USGA Rules for Four-Ball Stroke Play shall govern all play. Players should familiarize themselves with Rule 23 in the USGA Rules of Golf.

Handicap Indexes will be used as of the **September 11 revision**.

HANDICAPS

Under Rule 3.3, it is the player's responsibility to know his correct current Handicap Index. You will not play with your Home Course Handicap and it is not necessary to know the Slope Rating for your home course - just your USGA Handicap Index. The MGA will convert your USGA Handicap Index into a Course Handicap for the competition using the Salem Golf Club Handicap Table. If you have any questions regarding handicaps, please call the MGA Championship Department.

GENERAL

- The Golf Shop & Practice Range will open at 9:00 a.m. Range balls will be provided courtesy of the MGA.
- The Locker Room will open at 9:00 a.m.
- The use of cellular phones is permitted **only** in the parking lot and locker room.

REGISTRATION AND START OF PLAY

Players are requested to check in upon their arrival at the course. Contestants are to report to their carts, ready to play, 15 minutes before their scheduled starting time.

PRACTICE ROUND

Click [here](#) for Practice Round Notice

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 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- All competitors will be guests of the MGA and MetLife for a luncheon service and awards reception immediately following play from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Players will **not** be permitted to stop to eat between nines.

CARTS/CADDIES

- Players are required to use a motorized golf cart. The golf cart fee for the MGA/MetLife Four-Ball Championship is \$39.02 per player. An invoice will be emailed to all participants on Monday, October 7th. All cart payments must be paid in advance via the link in the Golf Genius email.
- There is no caddie program at Salem Golf Club.
- Players may bring their own caddie.
- 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 "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. 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 Salem Golf Shop at (914) 669-5551 with a request that the message be immediately relayed to the MGA official-in-charge.

CLUB ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER

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