



MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

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 regulation play. All players should keep informed as to the time and status of any playoff.

GENERAL

- The Golf Shop and Practice Range will open at 6:00 a.m. Range Balls will be available courtesy of Essex County Country Club
- 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 Locker Room and inside a car in the 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. Please see the ***Practice Round Notice*** in regards to making practice round arrangements.

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 6:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. in the Dining Room.
- Luncheon service will be available for purchase (**cash only**) from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on the Back Pavilion.
- Players will **not** be permitted to stop to eat between nines.

CADDIES

- Players may contact Kenny Cooke, Caddie Manager, by phone at (330) 840-9645 to reserve a club caddie on a first-call basis. The caddie fee for a single bag in the U.S. Open LQR is \$80.00 not including tip.
- Players may bring their own caddie.
- Players may carry their own bag.
- Players are **NOT** permitted to use pull carts.
- It is **strongly recommended** that caddies wear shoes without spikes or tread.

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 be **in effect**.
- The Local Rule **allowing** Distance Measuring Devices will **NOT** be in effect (See App. I-A-7).
- The Local Rule for Accidental Movement of a ball on the Putting Green 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 Essex County Country Club at (973) 731-9764 with a request that the message be immediately relayed to the MGA official-in-charge.

CLUB ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER

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