

## **MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS**

# 47th MGA/MetLife Men's Four-Ball Championship SQR

Westchester Hills Golf Club, White Plains, NY • Monday, October 21, 2024

## **FORMAT**

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 current 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.

## **HANIDCAPS**

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 Centennial Golf Club Handicap Table. If you have any questions regarding handicaps, please call the MGA Championship Department.

## **GENERAL**

- The Golf Shop, Locker Room, and Practice Range will open at 8:30 a.m. Range Balls will be provided courtesy of Westchester Hills.
- 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 assigned starting tees, ready to play, 10 minutes before their scheduled starting times. Caddie arrangements should be completed before players report.

## PRACTICE ROUND

There are **no** MGA administered Practice Rounds.

#### 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 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- All competitors will be guests of the MGA and MetLife for a luncheon service and awards reception immediately following play from 2:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
- Players will **not** be permitted to stop to eat between nines.



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## **CADDIES**

- Players are **required** to use a motorized golf cart. The cost of the cart is included in the entry fee.
- There is a limited supply of caddies at Westchester Hills Golf Club. Players may reserve a club caddie by contacting Eddie at (914) 426- 6888 or evaldovinos@troon.com.
- Players may <u>not</u> bring their own caddie.
- 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 (<a href="www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>) for a list of approved golf balls & drivers for the competition.
- The "One Ball Rule" is not 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 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 <a href="MGA Pace of Play Policy">MGA Pace of Play Policy</a>.

### **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 Westchester Hills Golf Club at (914) 948-5020, with a request that the message be immediately relayed to the MGA official-in-charge.

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