METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

68th Ike MGA Stroke Play Championship SQR (LI #1)

Westhampton Country Club, Westhampton Beach, NY Monday, May 15, 2023

MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

FORMAT

This event is a one-day 18-hole stroke play competition. In the event of a tie for the last qualifying position(s), all ties will qualify.

GENERAL

- The Golf Shop and Practice Range will open at 6:30 a.m. Range Balls will be provided courtesy of Westhampton Country Club. Please be courteous to the distance limit on the driving range, balls must not be hit over the fence.
- The Locker Room will open at 6:30 a.m. Players are encouraged to change their golf shoes in the 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

Players have been accorded the courtesy of one practice round on the following days after 1:00pm:

- Tuesday, May 9
- Wednesday, May 10

There is <u>limited availability</u> - players must contact Phil Dougherty at (631) 288-2361 to make arrangements. There will be no cost for the practice round; players may take a motorized golf cart at no cost, or take a club caddie (caddie fee is \$140 including tip). Pull carts are <u>not permitted</u>. Guests and outside caddies are <u>not permitted</u>.

Players are <u>only</u> permitted to use the practice facilities of Westhampton Country Club on the day of their scheduled practice round <u>and</u> arrive no earlier than one hour before their scheduled practice round.

Please note that Westhampton Country Club provides numerous teeing areas, and the setup will range from 6,500 – 6,600 yards. Yardage books are available to purchase in the Golf Shop.

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 6:30 9:30 a.m. in the Grill Room.
- Luncheon service will be available to purchase (<u>cash or sign back</u>) from 11:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. on the Patio.
- Players will **not** be permitted to stop to eat between nines.

CADDIES

- There is a limited supply of club caddies at Westhampton Country Club. Players may contact Phil Dougherty, Starter/Caddie Manager at (631) 288-2361 to reserve a club caddie on a first-call basis. The caddie fee for the Ike Championship SQR is \$140.00 (including tip).
- This is a walking only event.
- 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 (<u>www.usga.org</u>) 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 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 Westhampton Golf Shop at (631) 288-1110, with a request that the message be immediately relayed to the MGA official-in-charge.

CLUB ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER

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