New Jersey State Golf Association
88th Four-Ball Championship – Match Play
Manasquan River Golf Club – Wednesday-Thursday, October 28-29, 2020

The Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA and R&A govern play. The following local rules supplement those on the NJSGA Terms of the Competition ‘Hard Card’. Local rules on a club scorecard and back of the official card should be disregarded.

1. **FORMAT**: 18-Holes, Four-Ball, Match Play. Play will be from the WHITE NJSGA TEE MARKERS. All matches are 18-holes; if a match remains tied after 18-holes, it will continue hole by hole on the hole where it originally began until a winner is decided. **Teams that win their morning match must be prepared to play their afternoon match 30-45 minutes after the morning match concludes.**

2. **TIME OF STARTING** – Rule 5.3a in effect. (Refer to penalty statement for details.)

3. **PACE OF PLAY**: Pace of play guidelines have been established by the committee and are indicated on each score card. Pace of play will be monitored; chronic slow play will be penalized per the NJSGA Four-Ball Match Play pace of play policy.

4. **CONCESSIONS**: Refer to Rule 3.2b.

5. The USGA Groove and Punch Mark Specifications (effective Jan. 1, 2010) ARE IN EFFECT for this competition.

6. **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES ARE PERMITTED** (RULE 4.3).

7. **GROUND UNDER REPAIR** is defined with white lines.
   a. Unusual damage, i.e. tire ruts, when not marked is Ground Under Repair only when declared so by a Rules Official.
   b. Cut turf/Sod Seams: Through the green, seams of cut turf (not the turf itself) are GUR. If a ball lies in or touches the seam, or the seam interferes with the area of intended swing, a player may take relief under.

8. Out of Bounds is defined by white stakes, white lines, and boundary fences (i.e. chain link, stockade, etc.).
   a. Where a boundary fence defines O/B, it does so at the inside (course side) edges of the fence posts at ground level. There is no relief (without penalty) from a boundary fence.
   b. **Riverview Drive is Out of Bounds.** See NJSGA “Hard Card” for clarification on a ball crossing public road.
   c. **HOLE 1**: O/B is also defined by the edge of the Belgian block curbing and the course-side edge of the paved path.
   d. **HOLES 2 & 7**: The maintenance area is out of bounds, defined by the fence.
   e. **HOLE 5**: Out of bounds (right) is defined by white stakes, a white line, and fencing.
   f. **HOLES 8 & 9**: The parking lot, clubhouse, and adjacent paved area is out of bounds defined by white stakes, a white line, and the inside (course side) edge of the Belgian block curbing.
   g. **HOLE 11**: Out of bounds right is also defined by fences and stone walls. O/B behind the putting green is defined by the fence.
   h. **HOLES 12 & 17**: Out of bounds (right) is defined by white stakes and fences.

9. **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS** (Rule 16.1) include:
   a. ARTIFICALLY SURFACED ROADS / PATHS (INCLUDING CURBING).
   b. WHITE-LINED AREAS WHICH TIE INTO THESE ROADS / PATHS are part of the road/path.
   c. Crushed stone cart paths are part of the General Area.

10. **INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE GOLF COURSE** (relief, without penalty NOT permitted from):
    a. **PERMANENT STRUCTURES**, i.e. bridges and retaining walls, within the margin of water/lateral hazards.

11. **HOLES 15 & 16**: The large sandy area between the holes and to the right of 16th green is part of the General Area.

12. **No Play Zones**: All cultivated flowerbeds are No Play Zones that are to be treated as Abnormal Course Conditions.

13. **DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY** – Rule 6-8 and the note in Appendix 1 are in effect. Practice areas are closed during suspension of play for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open; a player using a practice area is subject to disqualification. In the event of suspension, a dangerous situation will be signaled by a siren blast. All other suspensions will be signaled by three short air horn notes and players will be verbally informed by the Committee of a non-dangerous situation. Resumption of play signaled by a siren blast.