NOTICE TO PLAYERS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

** PLAYERS MUST CHECK IN AT REGISTRATION UPON THEIR ARRIVAL **

** PLAYERS MUST REPORT TO THEIR STARTING TEE 10 MINUTES BEFORE THEIR STARTING TIME **

** TIME OF STARTING **

Rule 5.3a states: “The player must be ready to play at the starting time and starting point set by the Committee.” Penalty for breach: The player arrives at starting point, ready to play, no more than (5) five minutes late: The player gets the general penalty (2 strokes) applied to his or her first hole. Otherwise, the penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification.

** WITHDRAWAL **

PRIOR TO 7:30 a.m. on 10/27: Notify the NJSGA by phone (908-241-4653) or email (bradb@njsga.org).

AFTER 7:30 a.m. on 10/27: A player must call Manasquan River Golf Club at (732) 528-9678 and ask that a message is forwarded to the NJSGA. No-shows will be suspended from competitions for one year.

** EQUIPMENT **

1. ** The USGA Groove and Punch Mark Specifications (effective Jan. 1, 2010) are in effect for this competition. **
   ** The NJSGA strongly suggests that all players verify the conformance of their clubs well in advance of the competition. It is the player's responsibility, not the NJSGA's responsibility to ensure that all clubs conform. Waiting until the day of the competition is the fault of the player. The Committee is under no obligation to test the club, nor will testing mechanism(s) be available at NJSGA competitions. The competitor may play. However, if it is later determined that the club is non-conforming, including after the competition has closed, the player will be disqualified.**

2. Only brands of golf balls on the USGA’s latest list of conforming golf balls may be used.
3. Only drivers on the current USGA’s Conforming driver-head list will be permitted.
4. Spikeless shoes only are permitted on the course and practice areas. Spikeless shoes include Soft-spikes, golf shoes with rubber treads, and sneakers.

** DRESS CODE **

Players and caddies must be dressed appropriately. Those not dressed appropriately will not be permitted to remain on the premises. The following applies: Cargo shorts/pants, denim, t-shirts, undershirts, flip-flops, and sandals are not permitted. Appropriate dress includes: A Collared Dress Shirt, Golf or Polo Shirt (tucked in). Hats/visors must be worn forward and removed when inside.

** CONDUCT & COURTESY **

1. Exemplary conduct is expected of all players, caddies, and spectators. Conduct deemed to be inappropriate may result in disqualification and/or future rejection of entries.
2. Players may change their shoes in the parking lot.
3. The use of cell phones is PROHIBITED on the golf course (except for mobile scoring).
4. Players must abide by the NJSGA COVID-19 Policies at all times. Click here to view.

** LOCAL RULES **

1. The Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA and R&A govern play. Local Rules will be posted at www.njsga.org.
**SCORECARDS & SCORING RULES**

All scoring will be done electronically; players are strongly encouraged to download the *USGA Tournament Management app* to score for their group. The starter will give each group their GGID to allow them to enter hole-by-hole scores and check the leaderboard.

- Paper scorecards will be available at the starting tee if a player wants to track their own scores by hand, however, they will need to bring their own pencil.
- Upon completion of the round, ONE group at a time will be allowed to enter the "scoring area". Players must maintain at least 6 feet of distance between themselves and the scoring official, and verbally agree to their hole-by-hole scores.
- After verbally verifying scores and leaving the scoring area, a player's scorecard is deemed returned.

When recording scores, refer to Rule 23.2b which states: *Side’s Responsibility: Each score on the scorecard must be identified as the score of the individual partner who made it; if this is not done, the side is DISQUALIFIED.*

**CLUBHOUSE/LOCKER/PRACTICE FACILITIES**

All facilities (clubhouse, locker room, driving range, putting green) will open at 7:30 a.m.

**PACE OF PLAY**

The NJSGA’s “Checkpoint” Pace of play system will be in effect; see separate notice. An aggressive time par will be used given that there is less daylight in late October. Teams will be required to play under these time guidelines and penalties will be applied to groups that are out of position. Timing guidelines (per hole) will be indicated on each player's official scorecard. Pace of play will be monitored and penalized if necessary. *Be advised that pace of play guidelines in Four-Ball, Stroke Play are based upon the expectation that all players will play ready golf, and that ONLY the low scorer, per side, will hole-out. A player whose score cannot count toward the team’s total is expected to pick-up in this scenario.*

**FORMAT & SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, October 27:** 18-Holes, Four Ball Stroke-Play qualifying round. The low 16 teams will advance to match play. In the event of a tie for any qualifying place(s), a hole by hole playoff will be held immediately upon the conclusion of Tuesday's play. **The Round of 16 will begin immediately after the stroke play round and as much golf will be played as possible that evening.**

**Wednesday, October 28:** Match play; round of 16 will resume in the morning and the quarterfinals will be played Wednesday afternoon; **teams that win their first match must be prepared to play their afternoon match 30 minutes after their morning match concludes.**

**Thursday, October 29:** Match play; semifinal matches beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the 1st tee. The final match will be held Thursday afternoon. All matches are 18 holes; should a match remain all-square after 18 holes, it will continue on the hole where it began until a winner is decided.

**TRANSPORTATION / CADDIES**

Motorized transportation is PROHIBITED in this competition. A player must walk; he may carry his bag, bring his own caddie (subject to dress code), or reserve a Manasquan River caddie. The club caddie rate, per player, is $100 per bag (plus tip). Caddies are limited and must be reserved in advance by calling Sean McPhearson at 732-533-8036. Pull carts are **NOT PERMITTED** in this competition.

**FOOD & BEVERAGE**

There will be no set arrangements for food and beverage. Players are on their own to purchase items at the club. On Tuesday, a grill or halfway house service will be available on a **CASH or CLUB CHARGE** basis. All food service will be out of the halfway house on Wednesday and Thursday for purchase. Drinking water will be available on the golf course.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

The NJSGA will exhaust every effort to conduct the competition on its scheduled date. Play would only be disrupted in the case of lightning or unplayable course conditions. Anyone in doubt as to whether play might be delayed, suspended, or cancelled should check the NJSGA web site: [www.njsga.org](http://www.njsga.org) for information.

**PRACTICE ROUND**

There are no designated practice rounds for this championship.

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