



87th NJ Public Links Championship – Qualifying Round
Francis Byrne Golf Course – West Orange, New Jersey
Thursday, August 5, 2021

MEMORANDUM 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 6:30 a.m. on 8/5: Notify the NJSGA by phone (908-241-4653) or email (bradb@njsga.org).

AFTER 6:30 a.m. on 8/5: A player must call the Francis Byrne Golf Shop at (973) 736-2306 and ask that a message is forwarded to the NJSGA. **No-shows will be suspended from competitions for one year.**

EQUIPMENT

1. Only brands of golf balls on the USGA’s latest list of conforming golf balls may be used.
2. Only drivers on the current USGA’s Conforming driver-head list will be permitted.
3. Distance Measuring Devices are permitted (Rule 4.3a).
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 and caddies. 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.
2. Please refer to the NJSGA Local Rules & Terms of the Competition “Hard-Card” posted at www.njsga.org.

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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.

- A paper scorecard will be available on the first tee if a player wants to track their own scores by hand, however, they will need to bring their own writing utensil.
- 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.

CLUBHOUSE/LOCKER/PRACTICE FACILITIES

All facilities (clubhouse, locker room, putting green) will open at 6:00 a.m. Players SHOULD NOT arrive more than **45 minutes** before their starting time. There is no practice range at Francis Byrne, only a chipping and putting green.

PACE OF PLAY

The NJSGA’s “Checkpoint” Pace of play system will be in effect; see separate notice. Timing guidelines (per hole) will be indicated on each player’s official scorecard. Pace of play will be monitored and penalized if necessary.

FORMAT & SCHEDULE

The format for this qualifying round is 18-Holes, Stroke Play. The number of players that will qualify for the championship proper (to include ties for the final place) will be announced on-site.

TRANSPORTATION / CADDIES

Motorized transportation is permitted in this competition. A player may also walk, employ a caddie, or use a pull/push cart. The fee for a motorized golf cart is payable in the golf shop prior to a player’s round.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

The snack bar will open. Food/beverage will be available on a cash/credit card basis.

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 for information.

PRACTICE ROUND

Tee times can be made at Francis Byrne Golf Course on their website by [clicking here](#). Regular rates apply.

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