



41st Mid-Amateur Championship Union League National Golf Club – Swainton, NJ Tuesday – Thursday, June 4-6, 2024

MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

** PLAYERS MUST CHECK IN AT REGISTRATION UPON THEIR ARRIVAL ** <u>** PLAYERS MUST REPORT TO THEIR STARTING TEE 10 MINUTES BEFORE THEIR STARTING TIME **</u>

<u>TIME OF STARTING</u>

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.

<u>WITHDRAWAL</u>

<u>PRIOR TO EVENT</u>: Notify the NJSGA by phone (908-241-4653) or email (<u>bradb@njsga.org</u>). <u>DAY OF EVENT</u>: A player must call the pro shop at the club and ask that a message is forwarded to the NJSGA. **No-shows will be suspended from competitions for one year**.

<u>EQUIPMENT</u>

- 1. <u>The USGA Groove and Punch Mark Specifications (effective Jan. 1, 2010)</u> 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.

<u>DRESS CODE</u>

<u>Players and caddies must be dressed appropriately</u>. 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 <u>not</u> permitted. Appropriate dress includes: A Collared Dress Shirt, Golf or Polo Shirt (tucked in). Hats/visors must be worn forward and removed when inside.

<u>CONDUCT & COURTESY</u>

- 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. The use of cell phones is PROHIBITED on the golf course (except for mobile scoring).

<u>LOCAL RULES</u>

- 1. The Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA and R&A govern play. Local Rules will be provided onsite.
- 2. Please refer to the NJSGA Local Rules & Terms of the Competition "Hard-Card" posted at <u>www.njsga.org</u>.
- 3. Rule 25 Modifications for players with disabilities. Please refer to the below policy: https://njsga.org/ media/2024 tournament uploads/rule 25 policy.pdf.

<u>SCORECARDS & SCORING RULES</u>

Official Scorecards will be distributed by the NJSGA starter on the starting tee. Upon completing the round, players must report directly to the scoring table where scores shall be checked for each hole and doubtful points settled with the committee. Both the Player and Marker MUST sign the scorecard. The starter will give each group their GGID to allow them to enter hole-by-hole scores for "live scoring" and check the leaderboard through the Golf Genius app.

<u>CLUBHOUSE/LOCKER/PRACTICE FACILITIES</u>

All facilities (clubhouse, locker room, driving range, putting green) will open at 6:30 a.m.

<u>PACE OF PLAY</u>

The NJSGA's "Checkpoint" Pace of play system will be in effect; <u>see separate notice</u>. Timing guidelines (per hole) will be indicated on each player's official scorecard. Pace of play will be monitored and penalized if necessary.

<u>FORMAT & SCHEDULE</u>

Tues. June 4: 18-Holes, Stroke-Play Qualifying. The low 16 scorers advance to match play on day 2 and 3. If there is a tie for final qualifying place(s), a hole-by-hole playoff will be held upon the conclusion of stroke play.
Weds. June 5: Match Play; Round of 16 Morning; quarterfinals to follow. Morning play begins at 7:30 a.m.
Thurs. June 6: Semifinals in morning; final match to follow. A player who wins his morning match should be prepared to play his afternoon match 35-45 minutes after the match concludes. The champion will be awarded the Gigi Carnevale Championship Trophy; prizes are awarded to the champion, runner-up, and semifinalists.

<u>TRANSPORTATION / CADDIES</u>

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 caddie. The club caddie rate, per player, is \$100 per bag (includes tip). Caddies are limited and must be reserved in advance by contacting Tim Becker, Caddie Master at <u>BeckerT@unionleague.org</u>. **Pull carts are PERMITTED.**

<u>FOOD & BEVERAGE</u>

On day 1, continental breakfast and lunch are included in each player's entry fee and will be available from 11:00a.m. – 3:30p.m. Players will receive a lunch ticket upon completing their round or at the registration table. Lunch (for nonplayers) may be purchased for \$20.00. Players will be on their own to purchase lunch on day 2 and 3. Drinking water will be available on the golf course.

<u>INCLEMENT WEATHER</u>

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: <u>www.njsga.org</u> for information.

<u>ACCOMODATIONS</u>

The NJSGA has teamed up with Book Your Block for easy hotel bookings. Choose from two options: a discounted Headquarters Hotel, or a huge selection of nearby hotels at discounted supplier rates. Access the hotel dashboard by <u>Clicking Here</u>. Questions? Reach out to Book Your Block at guestdocs@bookyourblock.com or call (973) 814-4317.

<u>PRACTICE ROUND</u>

The club has graciously offered each player one (1) practice round. There is a mandatory \$50 fee (includes cart) per player payable in the golf shop. Players must call the golf shop in advance to arrange a practice round. Practice round dates are as follows:

-Available Friday to Sunday after 4pm with the exception of Memorial Day weekend, no practice rounds that weekend. -**Unavailable** practice round dates: May 13,15,17,21,30, June 1,2,3 - All other days are open.

No guests, friends, etc. Club policies apply. Appropriate conduct is required.

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