

NJSGA



41st Mid-Amateur Championship – Qualifying Round
Westlake Golf & Country Club – Jackson, New Jersey
Monday, May 20, 2024

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 EVENT: Notify the NJSGA by phone (908-241-4653) or email (bradb@njsga.org).

DAY OF EVENT: 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.

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.

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

LOCAL RULES

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 www.njsga.org.

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.

SCORECARDS & SCORING RULES

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.

CLUBHOUSE/LOCKER/PRACTICE FACILITIES

All facilities (clubhouse, locker room, putting green) will open at 7:30 a.m. There is no practice range at Westlake, just hitting bays.

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. The cart fee is \$35 (per player) payable in the golf shop prior to the round. A player may walk; he may carry his bag or bring a caddie (subject to dress code). **Pull carts are NOT PERMITTED in this qualifier.**

FOOD & BEVERAGE

There will be no breakfast. Lunch is included in each player's entry fee and will be available from 11:30am-3:00pm. Players in the afternoon wave must eat prior to their round.

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

The club has graciously agreed to allow each player in the field one (1) practice round. The fee for a practice round is \$50 dollars payable in the golf shop and plus \$10.67 cart fee paid with credit card. Players must call the shop to reserve a time. Practice rounds are available:

Saturday or Sunday after 12pm

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