

# MGA Four-Ball Championship Conditions & Regulations

## ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to two-person teams of amateur golfers who both hold a membership at an MGA member club and have an up-to-date combined MGA/USGA GHIN Handicap Index not exceeding 6.0 (as determined by the April 1, 2009 Handicap Revision) or have completed their handicap certification as defined on the Entry Form.

The field is limited to 180 teams, including the low twenty (20) teams and ties from the 2008 MGA Four-Ball Championship and the last five (5) Four-Ball Champions (see Exemption section below). **Entries will be on a first come, first served basis.**

## EXEMPTIONS

1) Upon receipt of the Entry Form and fee, the low twenty (20) teams and ties in the 2008 MGA Four-Ball Championship and the last five (5) Four-Ball Champions are entered in the Championship if they are the same team and their combined handicap index does not exceed 6.0.

2) Special exemptions as selected by the MGA.

## ENTRY PROCEDURES

Teams shall apply on the MGA Entry Form attached. Entry fee of \$250.00 shall be paid by every team.

## Refund Policy:

Entry fee will be refunded, regardless of reason, if the MGA is notified in writing before the close of entries. After the close of entries, regardless of schedule changes, entry fee will be refunded only in the event of injury or illness, and if requested in writing by May 4, 2009, subject to MGA Championship Committee approval. Refunds will be issued, less a \$20.00 service charge, after completion of the Championship.

## Notice of Withdrawal:

If a team decides not to participate, they must notify the MGA office (1-800-356-2201) by phone promptly. Failure to comply may result in those team entries being rejected from future MGA competition.

Late or incomplete entries will not be accepted. Entries by telephone, e-mail or fax will not be accepted. Deadline for entry means time of receipt at MGA office - not time of postmark. Entry should be mailed early to allow ample time for delay.

Teams in the Championship will be notified by mail or e-mail of their starting times, course assignment, and availability of practice privileges. Courtesy practice privileges are at the discretion of the host clubs.

Alternate teams for the Championship will be notified of their playing status by the MGA office.

## SCHEDULE

### 1. Championship Proper

The field is limited to 180 teams. Competition will be 36 holes at Four-Ball Stroke Play.

#### Monday, May 4

First Round 18 Holes.

#### Tuesday, May 5

Second Round 18 Holes.

*Any tie for first place will be decided immediately by a hole-by-hole play off.*

## RULES OF GOLF

Play will be governed by the Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA. Questions shall be settled by the Committee in charge of the competition consisting of those officials assigned by the MGA, whose decision shall be final.

## CADDIES & AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Players may use caddies, pull carts and/or automotive transportation during play.

## CELLULAR TELEPHONES

The use of cellular telephones is prohibited.

## DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES

In this competition, a player may use devices that measure or gauge distance only (see the Note to Rule 14-3). However, the use of a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect a player's play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.) is not permitted regardless of whether such an additional function is used.

## DRESS CODE

Proper dress code for all stages of the competition will be strictly observed.

## GOLF SHOE POLICY

Shoes with traditionally-designed spikes (regardless of composition, i.e., ceramic, plastic, etc.) or spikes, regardless of design, comprised either entirely or partially of metal (if such metal may come in contact with the course) are prohibited. Penalty for breach of this condition: **Disqualification.**

## PRIZES

The Four-Ball Trophy will be presented to the Champions. Gold and Silver medals will also be awarded.

## CONDITIONS/SCHEDULES

The MGA Executive Committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions and schedules herein. The decision of the Executive Committee in any matter shall be final.

**ENTRY FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE MGA OFFICE BY 5:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2009**