

# MGA Father & Son Championship Conditions & Regulations

## ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to any amateur Father and Son team who both hold a membership at an MGA member club and have an up-to-date combined MGA/USGA GHIN **Handicap Index not exceeding 15.0** (as determined by the June 24, 2009 Handicap Revision) or have completed their handicap certification as defined on the Entry Form.

The field is limited to 120 teams. A father may only play one round, with one son in the Championship. **Entries will be on a first come, first served basis.**

## EXEMPTIONS

1) Upon receipt of the Entry Form and fee, the top fifteen (15) teams plus ties from the 2008 Championship are entered into the Championship if they are the same team and their combined handicap index does not exceed 15.0.

2) Special exemptions as selected by the MGA.

## ENTRY PROCEDURES

Entrants shall apply on the MGA Entry Form attached. Entry fee of \$125.00 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 August 4, 2009, subject to MGA Championship Committee approval. Refunds will be issued, less a \$20.00 service charge, after completion of the Championship.

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.

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

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

## NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

In the event of a withdrawal by either member of the team, the team is deemed to have withdrawn. A player who decides not to participate must notify the MGA office (1-800-356-2201) by phone promptly. Failure to comply may result in a team's entry being rejected from future MGA competition.

## SCHEDULE

The Championship will be split into two divisions. The Junior Division will be comprised of teams with son's who will not reach their 18th birthday by midnight August 4, 2009. The Senior Division will be comprised of teams with sons who are 18 and older as of midnight August 4, 2009. Competition will be 18 Holes at Foursomes Stroke Play (selected drive-alternate shot).

## **Teams will be notified which day they will be competing after entries close.**

The field is limited to 60 teams per day.

### **Tuesday, August 4**

18 Holes, 60 Teams

*In each division, any team leading after Day 1 will be responsible for a hole-by-hole play off on Wednesday, August 5.*

### **Wednesday, August 5**

18 Holes, 60 Teams

*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.

## DRESS CODE

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

## 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.

## 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 Lester and Peter Oppenheim Trophy will be presented to the winners. Gold and Silver medals will 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, JULY 2, 2009**