

# MGA Junior Amateur Championship Conditions & Regulations

## ELIGIBILITY

**Junior Division:** Entries are open to amateur golfers from an MGA Member Club or full-time Massachusetts residents who have reached their 16th birthday and will not reach their 18th birthday by midnight July 29, 2009.

**Pre-Junior Division:** Entries are open to amateur golfers from an MGA Member Club or full-time Massachusetts residents who have reached their 14th birthday and will not reach their 16th birthday by midnight July 29, 2009.

**Boys Division:** Entries are open to amateur golfers from an MGA Member Club or full-time Massachusetts residents who will not reach their 14th birthday by midnight July 29, 2009.

## EXEMPTIONS

Upon receipt of the Entry Form and fee, the players in the following categories are exempt from Sectional Qualifying:

1. 2008 MGA Champions of the Junior, Pre-Junior, and Boys divisions, if eligible.
2. Any previous Overall MGA Junior Champion, if eligible.
3. Any Massachusetts Junior player that qualified for the 2008 USGA Junior Amateur Championship, if eligible.
4. 2008 MGA Junior Player of the Year, if eligible.
5. From the 2008 MGA Junior, the low 3 scorers and ties from the Boys division, the low 5 scorers and ties from the Pre-Junior division, and the low 10 scorers and ties from the Junior division, if eligible.
6. Special exemptions as selected by the MGA.

## ENTRY PROCEDURES

Entrants shall apply on the MGA Entry Form attached. Entry fee of \$50.00 shall be paid by every player. 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 June 29, 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 Sectional Qualifying and Championship Proper will be notified by mail or e-mail of their starting time, course assignment, and availability of practice privileges. If a qualifying location has more players than can be accommodated, some players will be transferred to another location. Transfers are final. Courtesy practice privileges are at the discretion of the host club. A tie for last place or an alternate's place in Sectional Qualifying shall be decided by a hole-by-hole play-off whenever possible. Alternates for the Championship Proper will be notified of their playing status by the MGA office.

## NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

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 player's entry being rejected from future MGA competition.

## SCHEDULE

Competition will be in two (2) stages at Stroke Play:

### 1. Sectional Qualifying - 18 Holes

For all except Exempt entrants.

#### Monday, June 29

- Egremont CC, Great Barrington
- Hopedale CC, Hopedale
- Southers Marsh GC, Plymouth

#### Tuesday, June 30

- CC of Billerica, Billerica
- Monoosnock CC, Leominster

### 2. Championship Proper - 54 Holes.

*The Field is limited to 120 players (60 players in the Junior Division, 40 players in the Pre-Junior Division and 20 players in the Boys Division.)*

#### Monday, July 27

First Round, 18 Holes.

#### Tuesday, July 28

Second Round, 18 Holes.

*The 30 lowest scorers and ties in the Junior Division, the 20 lowest scorers and ties in the Pre-Junior Division and the 10 lowest scorers and ties in the Boys Division continue play on Wednesday July 29.*

#### Wednesday, July 29

Final Round, 18 Holes.

*The MGA Junior Champion will be the low scorer for 54 holes from either the Junior or Pre-Junior Divisions. Any tie for first place (overall championship or divisional championship) will be decided immediately by a hole-by-hole playoff.*

## AJGA PERFORMANCE BASED ENTRY SYSTEM

The overall junior champion receives two (2) exemptions to AJGA events, top ten finishers receive one (1).

## 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 shall not use caddies, pull carts, or automotive transportation during Sectional Qualifying or Championship Proper.

## 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

The use of distance-measuring devices is prohibited. Penalty for breach of this condition: Disqualification.

## 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 overall Junior Champion will be presented the Charles E. Mason Trophy. The Pre-Junior champion will be presented the Joseph M. Batchelder Memorial Trophy. The Boys Champion will be presented the John W. Goodrich Memorial Trophy. Gold and Silver medals as well as merchandise certificates will also be awarded, on site.

## 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, JUNE 4, 2009**