

MGA JUNIOR DIVISION 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 14th birthday and will not reach their 18th birthday by midnight July 29, 2010.

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. 2009 MGA Champions of the Junior, Pre-Junior, and Boys divisions, if eligible.
2. Any previous Overall MGA Junior Amateur Champion, if eligible.
3. Any Massachusetts Junior player who qualified for the 2009 USGA Junior Amateur Championship, if eligible.
4. The top fifteen (15) finishers and ties from the 2009 MGA Junior Player of the Year standings, if eligible.
5. From the 2009 MGA Junior Amateur Championship, the top five (5) finishers and ties from the Boys division, the top ten (10) finishers and ties from the Pre-Junior division, and the top twenty (20) finishers and ties from the Junior division, if eligible.
6. The top ten (10) finishers and ties from the 2009 MIAA Division 1, 2 & 3 State Championships, if eligible.
7. The top eight (8) finishers and ties from the 2010 ISL Kingman Bowl Tournament, if eligible.
8. The top ten (10) finishers and ties from the 2009 US Challenge Cup, NEPGA and CT-PGA Player of the Year standings, if eligible.
9. Special exemptions as selected by the MGA.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

Entrants shall apply on the MGA Entry Form attached. Entry fee of \$50.00 for Junior Division competitors 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 28, 2010, 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. **Courtesy practice privileges are at the discretion of the host club(s).** If a qualifying location has more players than can be accommodated, some players will be transferred to another location. Transfers are final. 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 28

- The Blandford Club, Blandford
- Harmon Golf & Fitness Club, Rockland

Tuesday, June 29

- CC of Billerica, Billerica

Wednesday, June 30

- Tatnuck CC, Worcester

Thursday, July 1

- The Ledges GC, South Hadley

2. Championship Proper –

Junior Division: 54 Holes
The Field is limited to 120 players in the Junior Division.

Tuesday, July 27

First Round, 18 Holes.

Wednesday, July 28

Second Round, 18 Holes.

The 50 lowest scorers and ties in the Junior Division continue play on Thursday, July 29.

****If there are no 14-15 year old competitors who fall within the 50 lowest scorers and ties in the Junior Division, the Pre-Junior Champion will be determined based on the 36-hole scores. In the event of a tie, Co-Champions will be designated.*

Thursday, July 29

Final Round, 18 Holes.

The MGA Junior Amateur Champion will be the low scorer for 54 holes from the Junior Division (14-17). Any tie for first place will be decided immediately by a hole-by-hole playoff.

****The 14-15 year old low scorer, in the Junior Division, will be the Pre-Junior Champion. Any tie for first place (after 54 holes) will be decided immediately by a hole-by-hole playoff.*

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.**

SPECTATOR/PARENT POLICY

Please adhere to the MGA Junior Spectator/Parent Policy.

PRIZES

The Junior Amateur Champion (14-17) will be presented the Charles E. Mason Trophy. The Pre-Junior Champion (14-15) will be presented the Joseph M. Batchelder 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.