

ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to amateur golfers who hold membership at an MGA member club, who have reached their 55th birthday by September 24, 2012 and have an up-to-date MGA/USGA GHIN Handicap Index not exceeding 8.0 (as determined by the July 15, 2012 Handicap Revision) or have completed their handicap certification as defined on the Entry Form.

EXEMPTIONS

Upon receipt of the Entry Form and fee, players in the following categories are entered in the Championship if their Handicap Index does not exceed 8.0 and if they are eligible.

1. MGA Senior Amateur Champions of the last five (5) years.
2. The low forty (40) scorers and ties in the 2011 MGA Senior Amateur Championship.
3. The low thirty (30) MGA-affiliated scorers and ties in the 2011 NEGA Senior Amateur Championship, if eligible.
4. Top thirty (30) finishers and ties in the 2011 MGA George M. Cohen Senior Player of the Year standings.
5. Any past Champions of the MGA Amateur, Open, Mid-Amateur, or Amateur Public Links Championships are exempt for their first year of eligibility (age 55).
6. Any age eligible player (55 and over) who is exempt for the 2012 Amateur, Open, Mid-Amateur or Amateur Public Links Championships.
7. Special exemptions as selected by the MGA.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

Players shall apply on the MGA Entry Form attached. Entry fee of \$175.00 shall be paid by every player. **Entry fee includes a luncheon for all players on September 24 and cart fees for Championship rounds. Players who do not advance to Championship Proper will receive a refund of \$25.**

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 22, 2012, 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).** Alternates for the Championship 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.

2. Championship Proper - 36 Holes

The field is limited to 120 players.

Monday, September 24

First Round, 18 Holes.

Tuesday, September 25

Final Round, 18 Holes.

Any tie for first place in the Senior and Super Senior Divisions 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

Cart fee is included for Championship Proper in entry fee. Players may use caddies, pull carts and/or automotive transportation during Sectional Qualifying and Championship Proper at the host club(s) discretion.

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.

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.

CELLULAR TELEPHONES

The use of cellular telephones is prohibited.

PRIZES

The Frederick J. Wright Memorial Trophy will be presented to the Champion. A Gold medal will also be awarded. A trophy will be awarded to the Super Senior Division Champion, which comprises players who have reached their 65th birthday by September 24, 2012. Merchandise certificates (for each division) will be awarded and are only redeemable at the host 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.

PLAYER'S LUNCHEON

A complimentary luncheon will be offered for all players on September 24, 2012.