



43rd MGA SENIOR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Burl Oaks Golf Club, Minnetrista, MN
Tuesday-Wednesday, September 26-27, 2017



Notice To Competitors

CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

For 2017, the Championship will be conducted in the following three divisions:

- *Championship Division* – Team handicap Index cannot exceed 18.4. 36 holes gross, four-ball stroke play.
- *Master Division* – Team handicap Index cannot exceed 24.4. 36 holes gross, four-ball stroke play (ages 65 & over)
- *Net Division* – Team handicap cannot exceed 36.4. 36 holes net, four-ball stroke play (all teams are eligible)

Teams must declare the division in which they wish to play. In order to be eligible for the Championship title, teams must play in the Championship Division.

UNFORESEEN CONDITIONS

In the event conditions, such as severe weather, do not permit the total completion of the Championship, the Committee reserves the right to cut the field after the first round to the low 12 teams plus ties in each division for play in the second round. No Refunds will be given.

PLAY-OFF

In the event there is a tie for the Championship Division, there will be a play-off immediately following the conclusion of play on a hole-by-hole basis until a Champion is determined. Any tie for first place within the Master and Net Divisions will be determined by a scorecard playoff that follows the USGA recommendation of matching scorecards, found in Appendix I of the Rules of Golf book.

COURSE SETUP

The Championship Division will play from the BLUE/WHITE COMBO tee markers (6,585 yards). The Master and Net Divisions will play from the WHITE tee markers (6,297 yards).

STARTING TIMES

There will be no change in starting times other than by decision of the Committee due to weather conditions.

HANDICAPS – NET DIVISION

Each competitor has a current USGA handicap index computed by GHIN, which was checked at the time of entry. Handicaps are updated as of the September 15th revision to determine the handicaps to be used in the Net Division for the Championship. Your handicap index will be converted to a Burl Oaks GC course handicap. Ninety percent (90%) of that number will be used to get your handicap for the Championship.

RULE 31

Four-Ball Stroke Play is in effect. According to Rule 31-4, hole scores recorded on the teams Official Scorecard MUST be INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE. *All players should read the rule in preparation for the event!*

LUNCH

A meal and drink tickets (2) will be provided to all competitors *FOLLOWING* their *DAY 2* round.

PRACTICE ROUND

Please call the Burl Oaks GC Golf Shop to arrange a starting time at (952-472-7017). When calling, please identify yourself as a Senior Four-Ball participant. The practice range will open at 7:15 am each day of the Championship. Range balls will be provided.

CADDIES & CARTS

There are no caddies available at Burl Oaks GC. You may bring your own caddie if you wish to do so, carry your own bag or use a pull cart. In addition, players may use motorized riding carts.

DRESS CODE

THE DRESS CODE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. For all MGA competitions, players must be neat in appearance with respect to personal grooming and clothing. All males are required to wear shirts with collars and sleeves, and either golf slacks or Bermuda shorts, which measure no higher than 2 inches above their knees. Examples of attire NOT ACCEPTABLE includes the following: short shorts, athletic shorts, tennis shorts, cut-offs, jeans, jean shorts, tank tops, t-shirts, and sweat pants. The committee in charge shall decide whether this requirement has been met and will withdraw the entry of the player who does not comply.

POSTING OF TOURNAMENT SCORES

Tournament scores *WILL* be posted for handicapping purposes. When entering scores on the official score card for a player who fails to complete a hole, please put the score the player most likely would have made and an "X" had the player completed the hole – for example, "7x".

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

ARE now permitted in all MGA Championships, as long as they are *ONLY* used to measure *DISTANCE*.