



31st MGA NET CHAMPIONSHIPS
THE PRESERVE AND THE PINES AT GRAND VIEW LODGE
SEPTEMBER 5-6, 2023



NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

FORM OF PLAY: All teams entered in the Championship will play 18 holes on Tuesday, September 5 at The Pines Golf Course (Lakes to Woods), and Wednesday, September 6 at The Preserve Golf Course, teams will be divided into two squads of two players. Players 1 & 2 will be squad A and players 3 & 4 will be squad B. The low net score for each squad will be added together for each hole. Each of the two-person squads will be paired with another two-person squad of fellow competitors from a different team to ensure integrity of scoring.

WEATHER DELAYS: In the event conditions will not permit the total completion of the second round, the Committee reserves the right to cut the field after the first round to the **low 12** teams plus ties and any team within four (4) strokes of the overall lead, for play in the second round.
No refunds will be given.

PRACTICE ROUND: Championship practice rounds are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Monday, September 4th they are just \$40 including cart and range balls! Please call early enough in advance to reserve your tee time. Call The Pines at 218/963-8755 and The Preserve at 218/568-4944 for reservations.

CHAMPIONSHIP TEES: Men will play the white tees or optional green tees and women will play the majority of the red tees during the Championship. However, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to modify any hole to be played prior to the Championship.
Men – notify bob@mngolf.org if you would like to play the green tees.

SUBSTITUTION OF TEAM MEMBERS: Teams entered in the Championship may substitute up to **two (2)** team members *no later than the Friday (September 1)* prior to the Championship. Teams must notify the MGA office in writing (e-mail bob@mngolf.org) as soon as possible.

PLAYERS' BAR B Q: All members of teams playing in the Championship are invited to a Players Bar B Q hosted by the MGA on Tuesday, September 5 at the Pines Golf Course. We have room to accommodate extra people. Dinner is free for all players and \$50 for all non-players. So, if you wish to bring someone not participating in the event, you must contact the MGA and let us know by Friday, September 1, as this will be on a first come first serve basis. We will not accept additional people during the Bar BQ.

FACILITIES: The golf shop, clubhouse and practice areas will be open at least 60 minutes before the first starting time each day.

HANDICAPS: As prescribed by the USGA Handicap System, 75% of men's handicaps and 75% of women's handicaps will be used. Women's handicaps will also be adjusted for the difference in men's and women's course ratings. The lowest handicap index for each player from the previous year will be used. We will calculate this after the close of entries.

MGA DRESS CODE: 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. All females are required to wear slacks, shorts, or golf skirts that are of appropriate length, and golf tops (sleeveless tops are permitted). Examples of attire NOT ACCEPTABLE include the following: short shorts, athletic shorts, tennis shorts, cut-offs, jeans, jean shorts, tank tops, t-shirts, sweatpants. The committee in charge shall decide whether this requirement has been met and will withdraw the entry of a player who does not comply.

CADDIES AND CARTS: Caddies are allowed. Contestants may carry their own clubs or use pull carts for the Championship. Motorized carts are permitted. Only motorized carts of the host clubs may be used. The cost for such rental is the responsibility of the players. Carts will only be guaranteed if prepaid. Because of the limitations on the number of carts, players will be asked to share a cart with a teammate.

PLAYOFF: All ties will be determined by a scorecard playoff using the team score for the 2nd round in accordance with USGA Rules of Golf. If this does not determine a winner, the same procedure will be applied to the 1st round scores. Scorecard playoff will also be used to award trophy places. Gift cards will be evenly split except for 1st place.

ETIQUETTE: Be sure to replace divots and fix all ball marks on greens.

PRACTICE PUTTING: The "no practice putting rule" is NOT in effect for the Championship.

PACE OF PLAY: The MGA Pace of Play Policy will be in effect for this championship.

LOCAL RULES AND INFORMATION: A Local Rules Sheet will be available at the starting tee each day. In addition, players are expected to know and abide by the standard *MGA Rules of Play and Information Sheet*. This may be found at www.mngolf.org.

STARTING TIMES: You are asked to arrive at your starting tee at least **7 minutes** before your scheduled time to receive the local rules and to be ready to hit your tee shot at your scheduled time. We hope you will cooperate in this respect and avoid penalty by arriving in plenty of time. Official starting times will be available at www.mngolf.org approximately one week before the event.

LODGING: Guests are to call Grand View Lodge Reservations at 1-866-801-2951. Room rates are based on availability and guest needs.

DAY 1 Starting Times – 11:00AM -1:00PM PM at The Pines (Lakes to Woods)

NOTE: emergency 9 after your event round (on the Lakes course) times are available from the Golf Shop at the Pines. \$25/person includes green fee w/cart. Call for Reservations.

DAY 2 Starting Times – 8:30-10:30 AM at The Preserve

****The Marsh course is closed for renovations.**