



50th MGA SENIOR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Eagle Creek Golf Club, Willmar, MN 56201

Tuesday-Wednesday, September 12-13, 2023

Notice to Competitors



CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

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 partial refunds will be given in the event this occurs.

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.

COURSE SETUP

Check the website for specific hole yardages.

The **Championship** Division will play the **MGA BLUE MARKERS** (6,368 yards; 71.0/131).

The **Master & Net** Divisions will play the **MGA WHITE MARKERS** (5,957 yards; 69.1/129).

STARTING TIMES

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

Starting times:	Championship Division	AM with a few PM starting times Day 1, Pm with a few AM starting times Day 2
	Masters Division	PM Day 1, AM Day 2
	Net Division	PM Day 1, AM Day 2

HANDICAPS – NET DIVISION

Each competitor has a current USGA handicap index computed by GHIN, which was checked at the time of entry. The Revision date the day prior to the start of the event will be used to compute the Net Division. Your handicap index will be converted to Eagle Creek Golf Club course handicap, and then eighty-five percent (85%) of that number will be used to get your handicap for the Championship.

RULE 23.2b

Electronic scoring will be used for the entirety of the event. According to Rule 23.2b, hole scores recorded on the teams Official Scorecard MUST be INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE. **All players should read the rule in preparation for the event! If you are out of the hole please record a score you would likely have received if the player finished or mark the score as an "X".**

LUNCH

A meal and drink ticket (1) will be provided to all competitors **FOLLOWING** their **SECOND ROUND**.

PRACTICE ROUND

Please call Eagle Creek Club Golf Shop to arrange a starting time at (320) 235-1166. When calling, please identify yourself as a Senior Four-Ball participant. The rate is \$32 Weekday and \$35 Weekend + tax riding cart option \$24, pull cart \$5. Practice rounds available on a first come basis.

PRACTICE FACILITIES

The practice range will open at least 60 minutes prior to play both days of the Championship. Range balls will be provided.

CADDIES & CARTS

You may carry your own bag or use a pull/push cart. In addition, players may use motorized riding carts. If you will need a cart but did not prepay for one at the time of entry, you may add it to your entry up to the entry deadline. If you do not prepay for your cart, you will NOT be guaranteed one on either day. Cart rate is \$96 Shared Team Cart (for both days). There is not an option for a single rider cart.

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. 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. Players are responsible for the attire of their caddy. A caddy should comply with the dress code set for players.