



114TH MGA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
INTERLACHEN COUNTRY CLUB
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MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, JULY 17-19, 2017



NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT: 54-holes, stroke play. (The Championship may be shortened as needed by the Committee in the event of inclement weather conditions). The Champion will be the contestant who returns the lowest 54-hole score. The Totton P. Heffelfinger Trophy will be presented to the Champion.

The 156 contestants will play 18-holes each of the first two days, Monday–Tuesday. The low 60 scores and ties qualify for Wednesday’s play. Wednesday tee times will begin from both the 1st and 10th tees at approximately 7:30 am with the leaders starting at 9:30 am. Tee times will be available on the MGA website after 8:00 pm on Tuesday – www.mngolf.org.

PLAYOFF: In the event there is a tie for the Championship, there will be a playoff immediately following the conclusion of play on a hole-by-hole basis. If necessary, the playoff will start on Hole 9 and, if still tied, continue to Hole 1 and continue playing 1 & 9 until a Champion is decided.

RULES OF PLAY: The USGA Rules of Golf, MGA Conditions of Competition, this Notice to Competitors, as well as any Local Rules established specifically for the Championship will govern play. Players will receive a Local Rules sheet daily at their starting hole. Players wanting a copy of the MGA Rules Card may find it on the MGA web site – www.mngolf.org – under the Tournament & Rules section.

PACE OF PLAY: The MGA Pace of Play Policy will be in effect and strictly enforced. The Pace of Play for the Championship can be found at the Championship home page on the MGA web site – www.mngolf.org. Players should make the effort to read the policy prior to the beginning of the Championship.

CHAMPIONSHIP FEE: There is an additional Championship fee of \$75 for all non-exempt players in the Championship field. If you entered electronically and your credit card information has been saved, the MGA will bill the card on file for this fee. Otherwise, if paying by a check, this should be paid in advance by sending a check to the MGA office. **Any player failing to pay this fee before his scheduled starting time will not be allowed to start play.**

PLAYER REGISTRATION: There will be a player registration area staffed on Monday. It will be located outside the Golf Shop and staffed from 6:30-9:30 am and 11:00-2:30 pm. Please take the time to register.

CHAMPIONSHIP PRACTICE ROUNDS: Players will be emailed specific practice round information.

STARTING TIMES: There will be no change in starting times other than by decision of the committee due to weather conditions. Starting times for Rounds 1 & 2 will be posted on the MGA website (www.mngolf.org) approximately five (5) days prior to the Championship.

LODGING: Lodging arrangements have NOT been made at area hotels. However, there are many hotels within a reasonable distance of Interlachen.

DIRECTIONS TO INTERLACHEN COUNTRY CLUB: Click [here](#) for a link.

DRESS CODE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP: AS STATED IN THE ENTRY FORM, 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. Shirts are expected to be tucked in unless specifically designed to be worn out. Examples of attire NOT ACCEPTABLE include the following: Cargo shorts, Short shorts, athletic shorts, tennis shorts, cut-offs, jeans, jean shorts, tank tops, t-shirts and sweat pants. The Committee will decide whether this requirement has been met and will withdraw the entry of a player who does not comply. **Caddies are expected to follow this dress code as well; players will be responsible for the dress of their caddies.**

FOOTWEAR POLICY: As stated in the official entry form, it is a condition of the competition that shoes with metal or traditionally designed spikes are prohibited. Penalty for breach of this condition: **Disqualification.**

CELL PHONE POLICY: The MGA prohibits the use of cell phones and other similar devices during play. Cell phones must be on silent mode at all times while at Interlachen. In the clubhouse, talking on cell phones is permitted near a land line station or in the locker room.

PRACTICE RANGE: The practice range will be open at 6:30 am daily during the Championship. Range balls are complimentary.

LOCKER ROOM: Please check with the Locker Room Attendant if you wish to use a locker. A limited number of guest lockers are available.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE: Food and beverage service will be available on a cash and charge basis all three days of the Championship. All food and beverages, except for that found at the 1st and 10th tees, are at the player's expense. Food and beverages found at the 1st and 10th tees are limited to the players and caddies only.

CADDIES AND CARTS: Interlachen **will** have caddies available. Call the Golf Shop by July 10 to reserve a caddie. Rate is \$80 including tip.

You may bring your own caddie if you wish to do so. Carrying your bag is permitted, as is the use of a pull cart (including motorized), but motorized riding carts are prohibited for players and caddies during the Championship. Players are responsible for the conduct and appearance of their caddies. **Caddies are expected to adhere to the previously mentioned dress code.**

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: A team will be comprised of three or four players from the same course. A player may not represent more than one club and will represent the first club stated on his application. Each club is limited to one team. The names of the team members **must be submitted** to an MGA Tournament Department staff member before the first player of the team starts play in his first round. If no such team list is submitted, the last four (4) players scheduled to start for the club shall make up the team.

The team score will be based on the total of the three lowest scores of the players on the team for each 18 holes of the first 36 holes of the Championship. Any tie will be broken by the USGA recommendation of a matching of scorecards found in Appendix I, Part C.

PRIZES: Trophies will be awarded to the Champion, Runner-up, and third place finishers for their permanent possession. Trophies will also be awarded to the members of the winning team. Merchandise prizes will be awarded as determined by the Tournament Committee.

POSTING SCORES: All scores from the competition will be entered in GHIN and identified as tournament ("T") scores by the MGA. Do **not** enter these scores yourself.

MGA PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINTS:

1 st :	250	6 th :	120	11 th :	70	16 th – 20 th :	20
2 nd :	200	7 th :	110	12 th :	60	21 st – 25 th :	10
3 rd :	175	8 th :	100	13 th :	50		
4 th :	150	9 th :	90	14 th :	40	Qualifiers:	5
5 th :	130	10 th :	80	15 th :	30		

COURSE SET-UP: Interlachen Country Club will be set up as follows for the Championship:

Hole	Yards	Par	Hole	Yards	Par	Totals	Yards	Par
1	500	4	10	347	4	18:	6,884	70
2	396	4	11	458	4	Course Rating:		74.2
3	172	3	12	557	5	Slope Rating:		141
4	575	5	13	190	3			
5	186	3	14	440	4			
6	345	4	15	414	4			
7	360	4	16	318	4			
8	455	4	17	225	3			
9	518	4	18	428	4			
Out	3,507	35	In	3,377	35			

CHAMPIONSHIP WEB SITES:

114th MGA Amateur Championship – http://www.mngolf.org/Tournament/114th_MGA_Amateur_Championship

Interlachen Country Club – <http://www.InterlachenCC.org>

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