



121ST MGA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

MINNESOTA VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB

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MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, JULY 15-17, 2024

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 7:30-8:00 am with the leaders starting at 9:30 am. Tee times will be available on the MGA website Tuesday evening – 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 1 and, if still tied, continue to Hole 18 and continue that loop until a Champion is decided.

RULES OF PLAY: The Rules of Golf, MGA Terms of Competition, this Notice to Competitors, as well as any Local Rules established specifically for the Championship will govern play. All information will be available on the Championship and/or MGA website. Players should make the effort to download and review all of the above information.

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 \$125 for all non-exempt players in the Championship field. Qualifying players will be added to the Championship so that they may enter and pay the fee online. Deadline for submitting the fee is 12 pm, Friday, July 12. **Any player failing to pay this fee by this deadline may not be allowed to play.**

PLAYER REGISTRATION: There will be a Player Registration and Information Tent staffed on Monday. It will be located on the grass adjacent to the parking lot on the west side of the clubhouse. It will be staffed from 6:00-9:30 am and 11:00-2:30 pm. Please take the time to register.

CHAMPIONSHIP PRACTICE ROUNDS: We are fortunate to have Minnesota Valley Country Club as the host site for this year's Championship! The MVCC Board has decided that practice rounds will be available for players only at Minnesota Valley Country Club according to the schedule below. Contact the Minnesota Valley Golf Shop (952/884-1744) and identify yourself as an MGA Amateur contestant. The fee is \$70+tax (walking) and a cart is \$28+tax per person. Players will be paired with other contestants. Availability:

- July 11 - 3:00-5:00 pm (52 spots)
- July 12 - 3:00-5:00 pm (52 spots)
- July 13 - 3:00-5:00 pm (52 spots)
- July 14 - 3:30-4:00 pm (16 spots)

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.

PRACTICE RANGE: The practice range will be open at 6:30 am daily during the Championship. The range is limited to **IRONS ONLY!!** Range balls are complimentary. Range balls will NOT be available after a player's round. Both ends of the range will be used with a shuttle available to/from the North end. Plan your time accordingly.

LODGING: A special rate has been established at the [Hilton Garden Inn – Bloomington West](#). Please see the information posted on the Championship webpage.

CELL PHONE POLICY: The MGA prohibits the use of cell phones and other telecommunications devices during play for communications purposes.

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.**

Gentlemen are expected to remove their hats upon entering the clubhouse.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE: Food and beverage service will be available all three days of the Championship on a CHARGE ONLY basis (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and club reciprocal charges; NO CASH). 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: Caddies **ARE PERMITTED** in the Championship. Carrying your bag is permitted, as is the use of a pull cart (including motorized), but motorized riding carts are prohibited for players during the Championship. Participating players who have a condition covered by the ADA may apply for use of a cart.

PRIZES: Trophies will be awarded to the Champion, Runner-up, and third place finishers for their permanent possession. 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 :	15
3 rd :	175	8 th :	100	13 th :	50	26 th – Cut	10
4 th :	150	9 th :	90	14 th :	40	Qualifiers:	5
5 th :	130	10 th :	80	15 th :	30		

COURSE SET-UP: Here is the anticipated set up for the Championship. Exact yardages may change each day of the competition.

Hole	Yards	Par	Hole	Yards	Par	Totals	Yards	Par
1	504	5	10	507	5	18:	7,004	73
2	206	3	11	225	3	Course Rating:		73.3
3	448	4	12	149	3	Slope Rating:		133
4	379	4	13	418	4			
5	553	5	14	428	4			
6	360	4	15	553	5			
7	160	3	16	335	4			
8	297	4	17	434	4			
9	448	4	18	600	5			
Out	3,355	36	In	3,649	37			

CHAMPIONSHIP WEB SITES:

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