

NJSGA



92nd Four-Ball Championship – Qualifying Round The Legacy Club – Cherry Hill, New Jersey Monday, April 29, 2024

NOTICE TO PLAYERS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

**** PLAYERS MUST CHECK IN AT REGISTRATION UPON THEIR ARRIVAL ****

**** PLAYERS MUST REPORT TO THEIR STARTING TEE 10 MINUTES BEFORE THEIR STARTING TIME ****

TIME OF STARTING

Rule 5.3a states: “The player must be ready to play at the starting time and starting point set by the Committee.”
Penalty for breach: The player arrives at starting point, ready to play, no more than (5) five minutes late: The player gets the general penalty (2 strokes) applied to his or her first hole. Otherwise, the penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification.

WITHDRAWAL

PRIOR TO EVENT: Notify the NJSGA by phone (908-241-4653) or email (bradb@njsga.org).

DAY OF EVENT: A player must call the pro shop at the club and ask that a message is forwarded to the NJSGA.

No-shows will be suspended from competitions for one year.

EQUIPMENT

1. **The USGA Groove and Punch Mark Specifications (effective Jan. 1, 2010) are in effect for this competition.**

** The NJSGA strongly suggests that all players verify the conformance of their clubs well in advance of the competition. It is the player’s responsibility, not the NJSGA’s responsibility to ensure that all clubs conform. Waiting until the day of the competition is the fault of the player. The Committee is under no obligation to test the club, nor will testing mechanism(s) be available at NJSGA competitions. The competitor may play. However, if it is later determined that the club is non-conforming, including after the competition has closed, the player will be disqualified.**

2. Only brands of golf balls on the USGA’s latest list of conforming golf balls may be used.

3. Only drivers on the current USGA’s Conforming driver-head list will be permitted.

DRESS CODE

Players and caddies must be dressed appropriately. Those not dressed appropriately will not be permitted to remain on the premises. The following applies: Cargo shorts/pants, denim, t-shirts, undershirts, flip-flops, and sandals are **not** permitted. Appropriate dress includes: A Collared Dress Shirt, Golf or Polo Shirt (tucked in). Hats/visors must be worn forward and removed when inside.

CONDUCT & COURTESY

1. Exemplary conduct is expected of all players, caddies, and spectators. Conduct deemed to be inappropriate may result in disqualification and/or future rejection of entries.

2. **The use of cell phones is PROHIBITED on the golf course (except for mobile scoring).**

LOCAL RULES

1. The Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA and R&A govern play. Local Rules will be provided onsite.

2. Please refer to the NJSGA Local Rules & Terms of the Competition “Hard-Card” posted at www.njsga.org.

3. Rule 25 Modifications for players with disabilities. Please refer to the below policy:

https://www.njsga.org/media/championships/2023/rule_25_policy.pdf.

SCORECARDS & SCORING RULES

Official Scorecards will be distributed by the NJSGA starter on the starting tee. When recording scores, refer to Rule 23.2b which states: **Side's Responsibility: Each score on the scorecard must be identified as the score of the individual partner who made it; if this is not done, the side is DISQUALIFIED.** Upon completing the round, teams must report directly to the scoring table where scores shall be checked for each hole and doubtful points settled with the committee. Both teams MUST sign each scorecard. The starter will give each group their GGID to allow them to enter hole-by-hole scores for "live scoring" and check the leaderboard through the Golf Genius app.

CLUBHOUSE/LOCKER/PRACTICE FACILITIES

All facilities (clubhouse, locker room, driving range, putting green) will open at 7 a.m.

PACE OF PLAY

The NJSGA's "Checkpoint" Pace of play system will be in effect; [see separate notice](#). Timing guidelines (per hole) will be indicated on each player's official scorecard. Pace of play will be monitored and penalized if necessary. **Be advised that pace of play guidelines in Four-Ball, Stroke Play are based upon the expectation that all players will play ready golf, and that ONLY the low scorer, per side, will hole-out. A player whose score cannot count toward the team's total is expected to pick-up in this scenario.**

FORMAT & SCHEDULE

The format for this qualifying round is 18-Holes, Four-Ball Stroke Play. The number of teams that will qualify for the championship proper (including ties for the final place) will be announced on-site.

TRANSPORTATION / CADDIES

Motorized transportation is PERMITTED in this competition. The cart fee is \$35 (per player) payable in the golf shop prior to the round. If both partners are riding, they must share a cart. A player may walk; he may carry his bag or bring a caddie (subject to dress code). **Pull carts are permitted in this qualifier, players must bring their own.**

FOOD & BEVERAGE

There will be no breakfast. Lunch is included in each player's entry fee and will be available from 11:30am-3:30pm. Players in the afternoon wave must eat prior to their round.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

The NJSGA will exhaust every effort to conduct the competition on its scheduled date. Play would only be disrupted in the case of lightning or unplayable course conditions. Anyone in doubt as to whether play might be delayed, suspended, or cancelled should check the NJSGA web site: www.njsga.org for information.

PRACTICE ROUND

Legacy Club has graciously agreed to allow each player in the field one (1) practice round. The fee for a practice round is \$50 dollars payable in the golf shop and includes the use of a cart. Players must call the shop to reserve a time. Practice rounds are available:

Mondays after 1pm (not available 4/22)

Tuesdays all day

Wednesdays after 1:30pm

Thursdays after 1:30pm