



13th Women's Mid-Amateur Championship
Upper Montclair Country Club – Clifton, New Jersey
Wednesday – Friday, July 29-31, 2026

MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

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

**** PLAYERS MUST REPORT TO HER STARTING TEE 10 MINUTES BEFORE HER 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 their 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 NJ GOLF by phone (908-241-4653) or email (tournaments@njgolf.org).

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

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.**

****** New Jersey Golf strongly suggests that all players verify the conformance of their clubs well in advance of the competition. It is the player's responsibility, not NJ GOLF'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 NJ GOLF 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.
4. Spikeless shoes only are permitted on the course and practice areas. Spikeless shoes include Soft-spikes, golf shoes with rubber treads, and sneakers.

DRESS CODE

Players, caddies, and spectators must be dressed appropriately. The following are permitted: golf dresses, golf skorts or skirts, culottes, slacks, or Bermuda type (2-3 inches above the knee) shorts or at least overall length of 16 inches, with an appropriate golf shirt. Brief shorts/ skirts/ skorts, brief shirts, tank tops, warm-up suits, and jeans are not permitted. Hats with peaks should be worn with the peak in the front.

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).**

SPECTATORS

Spectators are welcome, provided they remain clear of play at all times. Spectator carts are NOT permitted.

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 NJ GOLF Local Rules & Terms of the Competition “Hard-Card” posted at www.njgolf.org.
3. Rule 25 Modifications for players with disabilities. Please refer to the below policy:
https://njgolf.org/media/championships/2025/rule_25_policy.pdf.

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CLUBHOUSE/LOCKER/PRACTICE FACILITIES

All facilities will open each morning at 6:30 a.m.

PACE OF PLAY

The NJ GOLF 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.

FORMAT & SCHEDULE

The Mid-Amateur Championship (age 25 and over) will consist of an eighteen (18) hole, Stroke Play qualifying round held on Day 1. The low 8 scorers will advance to two days (three rounds) of Match Play on Day 2 and 3. Two rounds of Match Play will be played on Day 2 and the finals will be played on Day 3.

SCORE CARDS

Official Scorecards will be distributed by the NJ GOLF starter on the starting tee. Upon completing the round, players must report directly to the scoring table where scores shall be checked for each hole and doubtful points settled with the committee. Both the Player and Marker MUST sign the 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. NJ GOLF will post stroke-play scores to each player's GHIN account.

TRANSPORTATION / CADDIES

A player must walk at all times; motorized transportation is prohibited. A player may bring her own caddie (subject to dress code), carry her own bag, or reserve a club caddie. **Pull Carts ARE NOT PERMITTED.** The club caddie rate is \$150 (includes tip) and players must reserve one in advance by contacting Nick DeMarco at 973-418-8028.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

There will be a light breakfast each day. On Day 1, a lunch will be available (included in each player's entry). Each player will receive a lunch ticket upon the completion of the round. During Match Play, lunch will be available on a cash/charge basis. Lunch, for non-contestants, will be available on a cash basis.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

New Jersey Golf will exhaust every effort to conduct the competition on the scheduled dates. 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 NJ GOLF web site: www.njgolf.org for information.

PRACTICE ROUND

The club has graciously agreed to allow players access to one (1) practice round prior to the championship. There is a mandatory fee of \$45 cart fee payable in the golf shop. Players may be paired up with other contestants, may only play ONE BALL, and must maintain a brisk pace of play. A reservation is required by calling the Golf Shop in advance. Practice facilities will be available only for a brief (30mins) warmup session on the day of a practice round. Players MUST NOT arrive more than 45 minutes prior to their designated tee time. **Guests, friends, parents, etc. are NOT permitted to accompany a player. Stroke Play will primarily be from the forward tees with some variation on par 3s and par 5s. The event will be on the South and West Nines.**

Practice round times/dates are:

Saturday, June 25 after 1:30pm

Sunday, June 26 after 1:30pm

Tuesday, June 28 between 11am – 2pm

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