



94th Four-Ball Championship – Qualifying Round
Francis Byrne Golf Course – West Orange, New Jersey
Thursday, April 23, 2026

PLAYER INFORMATION SHEET – 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 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 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.

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 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

SCORECARDS & SCORING RULES

Official Scorecards will be distributed by the NJ GOLF 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, putting green) will open at 7:00 a.m. **There is no Driving Range, however there are warmup bays to hit balls.**

PACE OF PLAY

New Jersey Golf's Pace of play policy 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 \$25 (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; and may carry their bag or bring a caddie (subject to dress code). There will not be local caddies available. **Pull carts are PERMITTED in this qualifier.**

FOOD & BEVERAGE

There will be no arrangements for Food and Beverage at the club. There is a restaurant that players can purchase items.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

NJ GOLF 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 NJ GOLF web site: www.njgolf.org for information.

PRACTICE ROUND

Francis Byrne is a public facility. Players can book tee times online here: <https://essexcountyparks.org/golf/francis-byrne-golf-course>. The club has blocked off (county rate) times on Monday, April 20 and Tuesday, April 21 from 1:36-3:00pm as additional times for this field. Unused tee times will be released to the public at 5pm on April 17. Players can contact Zach Ebel zebel@parks.essexcountynj.org to book a tee time in that block.

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