

NEGA Championship Conditions & Regulations

Eligibility

Entries are open to amateur golfers who will have reached their 55th birthday by September 8, 2008, hold membership in a club belonging to one of the six New England State Golf Associations and have an up-to-date USGA/GHIN Handicap Index not exceeding 7.5 (for ages 55-64) and 9.4 (for ages 65 and up). Each State Association may use a limit of less than 9.4 if the number of applicants exceeds that State's number of allotted entries. The field is limited to 120 players.

Each State Association shall determine which entries it shall accept, up to and including the number allotted to it as shown below:

Connecticut	28
Maine	15
Massachusetts	37
New Hampshire	20
Rhode Island	10
Vermont	10

Entries are subject to rejection at any time (including during the tournament) by NEGA. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct.

Entry Procedures

Entrants shall apply on the NEGA Entry Form attached. Entry fee of \$250 shall be paid by every player. Fee must accompany application. Entries must be sent to each entrant's State Association **only**.^{*} Any entry sent directly to the New England Golf Association **will not** be accepted and will be returned to the sender.

Refund Policy: Entry fee will be refunded, regardless of reason, if the NEGA is notified **before** the **close** of entries. **After** the **close** of entries, entry fee will be refunded if the tournament is full or in the event of injury or illness, and if requested in writing. No refunds will be given after the start of the tournament. Refunds will be issued, less a 20% service charge, after completion of the Championship.

Entry forms must be received at the State Association Office by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday August 7, 2008.

Late or incomplete entries will not be accepted. Entries by telephone, telegraph or fax will not be accepted. Deadline for entry means time of receipt at State Association office - **not time of postmark**. Entry should be mailed early to allow ample time for delay.

Entrants in the Championship will be notified by mail or e-mail of their starting time, and availability of practice privileges. Courtesy practice privileges are at the discretion of the host club.

Notice of Withdrawal

If you decide not to participate, notify either the NEGA office (774-430-9100) or your State Association by phone promptly. Failure to comply may result in a player being disqualified from future NEGA competition.

Schedule

Competition will be 36 Holes at Stroke Play:

Monday, September 8

Player Practice Rounds

Tuesday, September 9

First Round, 18 Holes.

Wednesday, September 10

Second Round, 18 Holes.

Lowest scorer for 36 holes will be Champion. There will be winners in Senior and Super Senior divisions. If a tie for first place occurs, play will immediately continue hole-by-hole until a winner is determined. If ties for other positions occur, duplicate merchandise certificates will be awarded.

If the Championship course is declared unplayable and as a result it is not possible to complete 36 holes of play in the period in which the Championship is scheduled, the Championship will not be extended beyond the last scheduled day and the winner shall be the individual who returns the lowest score for the number of stipulated rounds played. The Committee may institute a cut in order to play the last stipulated round.

Rules of Golf

Play will be governed by the Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA. Questions shall be settled by the Committee in charge of the competition consisting of those officials assigned by the NEGA, whose decision shall be final.

Caddies & Automotive

Transportation

Players may use caddies and/or automotive transportation during play. Clubs hosting the event may require the use of carts and/or caddies affiliated with their club. Cart fees are included in the entry.

Dress Code

Proper dress code for all stages of the competition will be strictly observed.

Cellular Telephones

The use of cellular telephones is prohibited.

Distance Devices

The use of distance measuring devices is prohibited. Penalty for breach of this condition:

Disqualification.

Golf Shoe Policy

Footwear: The NEGA prohibits the use of shoes with traditionally-designed spikes (regardless of composition, i.e., ceramic, plastic, etc.) or spikes, regardless of design, comprised either entirely or partially of metal (when such metal comes in contact with the surface of the putting green). Penalty for breach of this condition: **Disqualification.**

The NEGA assumes no liability to players for this condition of the competition. By submitting this entry form and subsequently playing in this competition, players agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the NEGA and its respective affiliates, directors, officers, employees, agents, and assigns from and against any and all claims, damages, liabilities and losses, including without limitation reasonable attorney's fees and costs and expenses of litigation, arising out of any negligent act or omission of the indemnifying party in connection with the wearing of "spikeless" shoes.

Prizes

The Harry B. McCracken Senior Amateur Trophy will be presented to the Champion. Merchandise certificates, in each division, will also be awarded.

Players Dinner

The NEGA cordially invites all players to a reception and dinner on Tuesday, September 9. You may bring a guest at your own expense. Please indicate your interest in attending on the NEGA entry form. It is requested that jackets and ties be worn to the reception and dinner.

Conditions/Schedules

The New England Golf Association reserves the right to alter any of the conditions and schedules herein.

Harry B. McCracken, Jr., Sec'y-Tres

**See State Association address on back page.*