

MARYLAND STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION

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2019 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP **SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019**

Enclosed is the **entry form** for the 2019 Team Championship of the Maryland State Golf Association which will begin on Saturday, March 30, with a Preliminary Round. The full 64 team field rounds will begin on Saturday, April 6. The complete schedule is as follows:

PRELIMINARY ROUND – SATURDAY, MARCH 30

FIRST ROUND – SATURDAY, APRIL 6

SECOND ROUND – SUNDAY, APRIL 7

THIRD ROUND – SATURDAY, APRIL 13

FOURTH ROUND – SUNDAY, APRIL 14

FIFTH ROUND – SATURDAY, APRIL 20

SIXTH ROUND – SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Teams will consist of eleven male amateur members of the club designated and a male professional employed by the same club as the eleven male amateur members. Scoring is Nassau System, three points on each match, best ball, no handicap. Each member of the team must be at least **twenty-one (21)** years of age on the date of the match. ***Each amateur member must have an up-to-date USGA handicap index at his member club and have viewable scores from playing at the member club. An up-to-date handicap index is a numerical value at the member club, not a recent transfer stating “none”.***

A player starting in this event as a member of one team may not compete as a member of any other team. **In case of a tie in points, 9 to 9, the number one teams, each of which must include the professional, will immediately play-off at sudden death at the course of the home team.**

All entries received by 4:00 pm on Monday, February 25, 2019 will be accepted. The entry fee for this tournament is \$300.00 per team. If the number of entries exceeds 64 the MSGA will conduct an additional round of matches on Saturday, March 30. The teams playing the Preliminary Round on March 30 will be picked by the MSGA office and will come from a pool of teams consisting of those entries with the latest postmarks, those clubs relatively new to the event, and by geography. The March 30th winners will become part of the 64 team bracket for play beginning on Saturday, April 6th. The number of teams playing on March 30th will be determined by the MSGA office and will be dictated by the total number of entries.

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Matches should begin at 12:30 pm. Any deviation from this standard policy must be pre-arranged by golf professional staffs/captains. The lineups for the teams should be submitted together in writing at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the matches.

In addition, the MSGA Board reminds all teams that in the “**spirit of the competition**” it is the intent of these matches that the makeup of each team is comprised of male amateur members who are **actively** involved with their respective Clubs and maintain up-to-date USGA handicap indexes at that Club.

USGA Rules govern all play. Officers in Charge are Brian Fitzgerald & Alexander Martin

Any violation of an eligibility issue (e.g., age, amateur status, handicap) will result in disqualification of the side involved and if the violation is egregious the whole 12 man team will be disqualified.

It has been brought to the MSGA Board’s attention that during past years matches there have been some issues at various host Clubs relative to whether or not visiting teams are required to pay for carts and/or are required to take and pay for caddies. MSGA tradition is that visiting players should not pay for carts, but we acknowledge this may conflict with policy at some participating clubs. **We strongly recommend that prior to each match the participating clubs’ professional staffs call each other to determine what the policy related to carts will be for that match.**

Immediately upon the completion of play, winning teams of each match should communicate the results to Kelly Newland, Director of Rules and Competitions, at (410) 215-5469. Results may also be emailed to knewland@msga.org. The MSGA needs the results as soon as possible to update the web site www.msga.org so that each team will be able to determine the opposing team in the next match.

By order of the

Board of Directors, MSGA