



25th Massachusetts Mid-Amateur Championship

ENTRY DEADLINE

July 31, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

Sept. 15-17, 2008 Berkshire Hills Country Club Pittsfeild, MA

Entry Fee:

\$125.00

PLEASE PRINT. Please complete this form in its entirety or the entry will be rejected. Entry fee of \$125 per player payable to **M.G.A., Inc.** must accompany this entry form. Do not mail cash.

Qualifying Sites:

Please circle your choice for a qualifying site. Assignments will be made based on the order applications are received. If a site is full, assignments will be made based on availability.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ Office Phone () _____

Club Affiliation (Exact Name) _____

Date of Birth Month/ Day/ Year/ Age (as of September 15, 2008): _____

Monday, August 18

- Plymouth CC, Plymouth
- Renaissance GC, Haverhill
- Twin Hills CC, Longmeadow

Wednesday, August 20

- Pocasset GC, Pocasset
- William J. Devine GC, Dorchester

Thursday, August 21

- Haverhill CC, Haverhill

EXEMPTION CATEGORY claimed (If Applicable): _____

*MGA/GHIN # is _____ My Current Handicap Index Is: _____

Email _____

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

If an entrant in the Sectional Qualifying fails to return an 18-hole score within 10 strokes of the last qualifying place on the course played, the entrant may not be considered a player of Mid-Amateur Championship caliber. An entry filed in a future year will be subject to close scrutiny and may be declined by the MGA Executive Committee in its discretion.

Entry Deadline:

Completely executed entry and payment must arrive by **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 31, 2008.**

Massachusetts Golf Association
300 Arnold Palmer Blvd.
Norton, MA 02766
(774) 430-9100

I agree to the Championship regulations attached hereto. I agree to the assignment of the Sectional Qualifying event. I agree this entry is subject to approval or rejection at any time by the MGA Executive Committee in its discretion. All contestants must abide by the rules of the host club.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Signature _____ Date _____

MGA Mid-Amateur Championship Conditions & Regulations

ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to amateur golfers who have reached their 25th birthday by September 15, 2008, who hold membership in an MGA member club and have an up-to-date MGA/USGA GHIN Handicap Index not exceeding 5.4 (as determined by the July 23, 2008 Handicap Revision), or who have completed their handicap certification as defined on the Entry Form.

EXEMPTIONS

Upon receipt of the Entry Form and fee, the players in the following categories are exempt from Sectional Qualifying:

1. MGA Mid-Amateur Champions of the last five (5) years, if eligible.
2. Fifteen (15) lowest scorers and ties in the 2007 Massachusetts Mid-Amateur Championship, if eligible.
3. MGA State Amateur Champions the last five (5) years, if eligible.
4. 2007 MGA Senior and Public Links Champions, if eligible.
5. Top fifteen (15) finishers and ties in the 2007 MGA Player of the Year standings, if eligible.
6. 2007 MGA Player of the Year and Senior Player of the Year, if eligible.
7. 2007 MGA State Amateur Quarterfinalists, if eligible.
8. Special exemptions as selected by the MGA.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

Entrants shall apply on the MGA Entry Form attached. Entry fee of \$125.00 shall be paid by every player. **Refund Policy:** Entry fee will be refunded, regardless of reason, if the MGA is notified in writing before the close of entries. After the close of entries, regardless of schedule changes, entry fee will be refunded only in the event of injury or illness, and if requested in writing by August 18, 2008, subject to MGA Championship Committee approval. Refunds will be issued, less a \$20.00 service charge, after completion of the Championship.

Entry forms must be received by the MGA Office by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 31, 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 MGA office - **not time of postmark.** Entry should be mailed early to allow ample time for delay.

Entrants in the Sectional Qualifying and Championship Proper will be notified by mail or email of their starting time, course assignment, and availability of practice privileges. If a qualifying location has more players than can be accommodated, some players will be transferred to another location. Transfers are final. Courtesy practice privileges are at the discretion of the host club.

A tie for last place or an alternate's place in Sectional Qualifying shall be decided by a hole-by-hole play-off whenever possible. Alternates for the Championship Proper will be notified of their playing status by the MGA office.

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

If you decide not to participate, notify either the MGA office (1-800-356-2201) or the MGA Official-In-Charge by phone promptly. Failure to comply may result in a player being disqualified from future MGA competition.

SCHEDULE

Competition will be in two (2) stages at Stroke Play:

1. Sectional Qualifying - 18 Holes
For all except Exempt entrants.

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- Plymouth CC, Plymouth
- Renaissance GC, Haverhill
- Twin Hills CC, Longmeadow

Wednesday, August 20

- Pocasset GC, Pocasset
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2. Championship Proper - 54 Holes.

The field is limited to 120 players.

Monday, September 15

First Round, 18 Holes.

Tuesday, September 16

Second Round, 18 Holes.

The low 30 scorers and ties or anyone within 5 strokes of the lead will continue play on Wednesday, September 17

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Final Round, 18 Holes.

Any tie for first place will be decided immediately by a hole-by-hole play-off.

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 MGA, whose decision shall be final.

Caddies & Automotive Transportation

Sectional Qualifying - Players may use caddies and/or automotive transportation during play. Pull carts are permitted.

Championship Proper - Players shall not use automotive transportation or pull carts during play.

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: It is a condition of the competition that 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) are prohibited. Penalty for breach of this condition: **Disqualification.**

The MGA 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 MGA 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 Ted Bishop Cup will be awarded to the Champion. Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals will also be awarded.

CONDITIONS/SCHEDULES

The MGA Executive Committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions and schedules herein. The decision of the Executive Committee in any matter shall be final.