

78th MINNESOTA STATE JUNIOR GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP

Emerald Greens Golf Club - GOLD, Hastings, MN &



Hastings Golf Club, Hastings, MN Tuesday-Thursday, July 24-26, 2023

## **Local Rules and Information Sheet**

**RULES OF PLAY**: All play is governed by the Rules of Golf, the MGA Terms of Competition, MGA Model Local Rules, Notice to Competitors, Entry Blank, and the following local rules.

**TEES**: All competitors in the Championship will play from the **WHITE MGA Tee Markers** (EG- 5,876 yards, Hastings GC- 6,024 yards). Players in the Flights will play from the **RED MGA Tee Markers** (EG- 5,507 yards).

**FORMAT**: 54 Holes, stroke play, with the lowest scorer being declared the champion. The Championship may be shortened, or a cut made if weather conditions do not allow for the entire Championship to be played. A cut to the low 24 players + ties will be made after the 2<sup>nd</sup> round for the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of play.

**PLAYOFFS:** A tie for the Championship will be decided by a playoff on the course immediately following completion of the final round. Holes: TBD. In case of a tie in a "flight", will be settled as suggested by the USGA using a scorecard playoff. Please refer to the "Official Guide to the Rules of Golf" pages 402-404. If still tied, a coin flip.

**PRACTICE PUTTING:** Is **NOT** permitted on the putting green of the hole last played per MGA Policy. **Penalty:** Two strokes at the next hole.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR: In addition to areas circled by white lines, the following are ground under repair:

- (1) All cultivated flower and shrubbery beds are **No Play Zones.**
- (2) Hastings GC- "Native grass" areas whether white lined or not, are considered "General Area". You must play the ball as it lies or proceed under Rule 18 (ball lost) or Rule 19 (unplayable ball). No free relief.
- (3) Emerald Greens: All flower beds and garden areas containing wood chips are No Play Zones.

**OBSTRUCTIONS:** The following conditions are in effect:

- 1) Any artificial object *except* for integral objects and boundary objects.
- 2) All cart paths whether artificially surfaced or dirt.

**PENALTY AREAS:** Penalty Areas are defined by lines and identified by stakes. If a portion of a penalty area is not marked by painted lines, the mow line will define the edge of the red penalty area.

**DROPPING ZONES:** Local Rule E-1.1: There are no dropping zones in use for the championship.

**OUT OF BOUNDS:** Defined by white stakes and/or white lines and boundary fences bordering the course. At Hastings GC – if a ball crosses over the public roadway on hole #17 and comes to rest on another part of the golf course, the ball is still out of bounds. The small wood stakes with the wire strung between the stakes on holes #3, #7, and #8 is a boundary fence.

PACE OF PLAY: The Pace of Play Policy published on the Championship website.

**POSTING OF SCORES:** The MGA *will be* posting scores to GHIN for handicap purposes.

**STARTING TIMES:** 1<sup>st</sup> round starting times are decided by random draw. 2<sup>nd</sup> round starting times will be decided in equity based on first round starting times. i.e., morning day 1 to afternoon day 2, afternoon day 1 to morning day 2. Play will be starting on holes #1 and #10. 3<sup>rd</sup> round starting times will be decided by the cumulative total of the first and second rounds, with the leaders going out last. All play will start on hole #1 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> round at Hastings Golf Club.

## SEVERE WEATHER COURSE EVACUATION PLAN:

Signals: One (1) long blast = Discontinue play immediately.

Two (2) short blasts = Resume pay.

Three (3) short blasts = Discontinue play for darkness.

In the event of severe weather, go to the clubhouse or one of the shelters. If a player believes she is in danger from lightning, she may discontinue play without permission from the Committee but must report to the Committee as soon as possible (Rule 5.7).

**TUESDAY STARTING TIMES:** Starting times will be announced approximately an hour after the play is concluded for day one. Please check <u>www.mngolf.org</u> for Day Two's starting times. A link will be placed on the Championship webpage to the Starting Times for Day Two. A text message and email will be sent out to participants. Please check with event staff to ensure correct information is included in your event profile.

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