



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**85th Annual Men's Fall Championship
4th Annual Women's Championship
October 19-21, 2019**

Date: September 24, 2019
To: Coaches and Players
From: Mike Serijan, Executive Director
Subject: Tournament Information

Enclosed you will find the following information regarding the **85th Annual NEIGA Men's Championship** and **4th Annual NEIGA Women's Championship** to be held on October 19-21, 2019, at The Captains Golf Course, in Brewster, MA. **Cleveland Golf Company** will again be serving as the "Presenting Sponsor."

1. Tournament Information (this letter)
2. Schedule of Events
3. List of Participating Teams
4. Directions to the Doubletree By Hilton Cape Cod, Holiday Inn Cape Cod – Hyannis and to The Captains Golf Course in Brewster.
5. Player Registration Form (***HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO EMAIL AHEAD TO MIKE@NEIGA.ORG or YOU CAN TURN IN AT COACHES MEETING ON SATURDAY***)

Each team will be responsible for checking in at their respective hotel between 3:00 – 7:00 pm. You will be given your tournament gifts and your business meeting packet at the hotel desk when you check in. **If you have any questions or issues, my cell phone number is 508-847-8700.**

Attendance at the business meeting is strongly encouraged and will be held at 5:30pm on Saturday at The Doubletree By Hilton. Voting for new NEIGA Board Members will take place at this meeting.

EACH TEAM MUST BE REPRESENTED BY THE GOLF COACH OR OFFICIAL APPOINTED BY THE SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND BE REPRESENTED BY AT LEAST FOUR (4) PLAYERS TO COMPETE FOR THE NEIGA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP. SCHOOLS WITH LESS THAN FOUR (4) PLAYERS CAN COMPETE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

BANQUET

On Saturday evening, we will hold a dinner banquet at The Doubletree by Hilton Cape Cod for the Men's and Women's teams and coaches at 7:30pm. **SHIRT AND TIE MANDATORY FOR MEN (Jacket optional) AND APPROPRIATE ATTIRE FOR WOMEN.** We will present the Guy Tedesco, Gordon McCullough and George A. Jacobson Special Recognition Awards.

Tournament Package

Your entry fee includes the following: Use of the grass practice range Saturday through Monday across from the Captains; (2) Tournament rounds of golf per team for five players on Sunday and Monday; Player's/coach's gift package; A dinner banquet on Saturday night; drinks and snacks on the course on Sunday and Monday.

If a team brings more than one coach, an additional \$50 is to be paid prior to the first round on Sunday October 21st if you have not already paid in advance. Please let Mike Serijan know in advance if you will be bringing an assistant coach.

Room Registration

Each hotel will attempt to make sure you have at least one room ready by 3:00pm. Each coach **MUST LEAVE A MAJOR CREDIT CARD ON FILE** as teams are responsible for any damages to rooms and for any extra expenses incurred.

Driving Range Practice

The GRASS range, located ¼ mile from the Captains Golf Course, will be open to teams at approximately 1:30pm on Saturday (**Get free tokens at Captains Course Pro Shop**). On Sunday and Monday you proceed directly to the range which will open at 7:30 am. We will assign a 45-minute block time for each team to hit balls prior to your scheduled tee times. Please use 2 bays per team and go in waves (ie. Players 5 & 4 warm up first, followed by 3, 2, & 1. Adhering to the block times will give each team equal access to the range.

Practice Rounds

You may call The Captains Course directly to book a practice round. Note that tee times are based on availability and there is no guarantee that times will be available. Mention you are playing in the NEIGA Championship and get \$10 off the posted rate.

Awards Presentations

The **Guy Tedesco (player) Award, Gordon McCullough Award, and George A. Jacobson Award** will be presented at the banquet on Saturday night at The Doubletree By Hilton Cape Cod. All other awards (team and individual champions, All-New England Teams, Top 18) will be presented at the Captains Course after the final round.

Dress Code and Misconduct

Appropriate golf attire must be worn at the practice range and during the two playing rounds (**NO JEANS BY PLAYERS OR COACHES**). A player or team will be subject to disqualification if this is violated. The Tournament Committee may (1) reprimand a player/team publicly or privately; and/or (2) disqualify the player/team from future participation in championships; and/or (3) ban player from participation in subsequent championship competition for a student-athlete or a representative of an institution who is guilty of misconduct occurring at or any time preceding, during or subsequent to the competition during official dates of the championship. "Misconduct" shall mean any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct in practice or competition or breach of law that tends to discredit the championship and intercollegiate athletics and may be found upon an informal hearing granted to the student-athlete or representative involved.

Caddies

No caddies will be allowed.

Golf Shoes

Non-metal spikes only.

Starters and Officials

The Massachusetts Golf Association (MGA) officials will be starters on both courses and will be available throughout for official rulings. Members of the Captains Golf Course will serve as volunteer marshals on the course. **Make sure your players are aware that The Captains' volunteers are there to help as spotters, not rules officials. They should be treated with the utmost respect.**

Coaches

Coaches are asked to be available to help the starters during their team's wave of tee times and following the round to direct players to the MGA scorer's room.

Two-coach rule is in effect.

Players

Players will be responsible for turning in their own scorecard to the MGA officials in the clubhouse immediately after their round.

Spectators

While we encourage family and friends to come as spectators and root on the players, all spectators shall remain on cart paths or in the rough and at least 15 yards from the players. Spectators cannot communicate with the players after the start of the round. Under NO circumstances will carts be provided for spectators. If a coach wants to drive a spectator around they may. Please let them know in advance of the Championship.

Violation/Penalties:

First – Warning

Second – Spectator will be removed from the course for the remainder of the day

Third – Spectators will be removed from course for the remainder of the competition

Electronic Measuring Devices

Electronic measuring devices calculating distance only are permitted for use during both the practice rounds and the competition rounds. Devices that measure other variables (e.g. slope) are not permissible and may not be used even if the particular feature may be turned off.

Snacks

There will be snacks (granola bars, crackers, fruit) and drinks (water) on the course both days. Teams are on their own for lunch.

Team Championship

This is a 36-hole stroke play championship. Each team will count their top 4 out of 5 scores each day to determine their total score. In the event of a tie, we will use the USGA Recommended Tie Break of final 9 holes, final 6, final 3 and last hole. Only the four players whose score was used to make up the final round total will be used in this tiebreaker. If still tied, co-champions will be declared and awards will be presented to both teams.

Individual Championship

The competitor with the lowest 36-hole total will be declared the individual champion. In the event of a tie, there will be a sudden-death playoff immediately following on the Starboard Course.

Golfstat

Just a reminder that this tournament will be scored using Golfstat's LIVE SCORING software.

Prizes

- Individual:
- *Men's Individual Champion will have name inscribed on the Oakley Cup and will receive an individual trophy
 - *Women's Individual Champion will receive an individual trophy
 - *Pin Flags for the top 18 and ties for men and top 9 for women
- Team:
- *Overall Winning team receives a Championship Plaque
 - *Team Champions will receive a team plaque and 6 individual plaques.