

**5th RUSSELL C. PALMER CUP**  
**May 19 & 20, 2008**  
**The Country Club of Waterbury**

**May 7, 2008**

**LETTER TO CONTESTANTS**

**Gentlemen:**

Welcome to the 5<sup>th</sup> Russell C. Palmer Cup. This letter will acknowledge receipt and acceptance of your application. Your starting time & pairings are enclosed.

The following are items of information concerning this tournament and are part of the Conditions of Competition:

**FORMAT:** 36 hole stroke play Championship. All contestants will play 18 holes on Monday & Tuesday. Tuesday's pairings will be based on first round scores. The player with the lowest 36 hole score will be The Champion. In the case of a tie for the Championship, there will be a hole-by-hole play-off immediately following the last stipulated round on Tuesday.

**PRIZES:** At a reception immediately following play, the winner & runner-up will receive trophies. In addition, the winner will have his name engraved on the permanent, Russell C. Palmer Cup, which has been donated by the late Russ Palmer. Also, the low 7 scores will receive credit for merchandise at the Golf Shop of The Country Club of Waterbury.

**REGISTRATION:** When you arrive at the Club, please check in at the reception table located in front of the golf shop.

**LOCKER ROOM:** The locker room will be available for your use at 6:30 AM.

**CADDIES & TRANSPORTATION:** Contestants & caddies must walk at all times. You may carry your own bag, bring your own caddie or have a caddie supplied by the host club. If you wish to reserve a caddie, please call the golf shop (203)-756-6644. Costs will be \$45.00 per round per bag, including tip.

**FOOTWEAR:** It is a condition of this 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 (if such metal may come in contact with the course) are prohibited during the stipulated round. Penalty for breach of this condition: **DISQUALIFICATION.**

**PRACTICE ROUNDS:** A practice round will be available. Please call the Golf Shop for arrangements (203)-756-6644. Golf carts for practice round only cost \$21.00 per person. Greens fees are the courtesy of the Country Club of Waterbury.

**PRACTICE RANGE:** The range will be open at 6:30AM. Cost of range balls are courtesy of The CSGA. The range is 5 minutes away. There will be carts available to & from the range. Please allow enough time to go back & forth. Being late for your tee time due to being at the range will not be an excuse.

**CELLULAR PHONES:** Use of a cellular phone or similar device by a contestant or caddie during the stipulated round is strictly **PROHIBITED.** In addition, your host Club limits the use of such devices to the parking lot or near any landline in the clubhouse. Please honor their wishes.

**FOOD & BEVERAGES:** Each day, The CSGA will provide a lunch on the terrace between 11:00Am & 4:00PM. Non-contestants may pay cash. Also, the snack bar, located near the 5<sup>th</sup> green & 12<sup>th</sup> tee, will be open for you on a cash basis.

**DRESS CODE:** Contestants & caddies are required to adhere to the following:

- Shorts must be Bermuda length
- Shirts must have a collar & be tucked in at all times
- Jeans are not allowed

-- Hats are to be worn in a traditional manner

We look forward to seeing you on May 19th.

Best regards,

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Director, Rules & Competitions

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**SEE ATTACHED FOR PACE OF PLAY AND DIRECTIONS**

## **DIRECTIONS**

### **From NY, Danbury, and Points West**

1. Follow I-84 East Toward Waterbury/Hartford
2. Use Exit 18 (Chase Parkway), turning Right at end of exit
3. Continue Straight through the first Traffic Light
4. Turn Left onto Oronoke Road (this will be your first Left)
5. The Club Entrance is on your Right (just 1/4 mile)

### **From Hartford Area & Points East**

1. Follow I-84 West Toward Waterbury
2. Use Exit 18 (Chase Parkway/Highland Ave), Stay Left
3. At end of Exit, Turn Left at Traffic Light
4. Travel 1/4 mile, Turn Left at next Traffic Light onto Bridge
5. At End of Bridge, Turn Right onto Country Club Road
6. Turn Left onto Oronoke Road (this will be your first Left)
7. The Club Entrance is on your Right (just 1/4 mile)

### **From Torrington, Western Massachusetts, & Points North**

1. Follow CT Route-8 South Toward Waterbury
2. Merge onto I-84 W via exit number 33 toward DANBURY.
3. Use Exit 18 (Chase Parkway/Highland Avenue), Stay Left
4. Turn Left onto West Main Street
5. Turn Left onto Chase Parkway
6. Turn Right onto Country Club Road
7. Turn slight Left onto Oronoke Road
8. The Club Entrance is on your Right (just 1/4 mile)

### **From the CT Shoreline, Fairfield County & Points South**

1. Follow CT Route-8 North Toward Waterbury
2. Merge onto I-84 West via exit number 33/32 on the left toward Danbury.
3. Pick-up Directions from Torrington at Step 3

## Connecticut State Golf Association Pace of Play Policy

*adopted April 6, 2006  
amended April 12, 2007*

The CSGA Pace of Play policy has been implemented to make contestants aware of their position on the golf course. The objective of this policy is to eliminate groups playing five-hour rounds. In no way is this policy meant to penalize players on the course. Players understanding the policy will become aware of their groups position on the course and over time begin to fix their own problems without an official putting the group on the clock.

**Time of Starting:** The CSGA directs that players should report to the starter ten minutes prior to their starting time to receive competition and course information. Rule 6-3a provides: “The player shall start at the time laid down by the Committee.” The penalty for breach of Rule 6-3a is disqualification. However, it is a condition of the competition that, if the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play within five minutes after his starting time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty of failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole in stroke play or loss of first hole in match play instead of disqualification.

**Allotted Time:** Allotted time is the amount of time a group has to complete a measured number of holes. All CSGA scorecards will have the pace of play identified on them. The time to complete 18 holes will be approximately 4 hours & 24 minutes, but will vary for each course. The OIC for each event will be responsible for communicating to the office any need for change in the basic pace of play schedule.

### **Out of Position:**

**FIRST GROUP ONLY:** If you are behind your allotted time at any timing station.

**ALL OTHER GROUPS:** Subsequent groups will not be considered “out of position” if any previous groups has caused the field to fall behind their allotted time. Any subsequent groups must remain within 14 minutes of the group in front of them. This is measured by having the flagstick in the hole within 14 minutes of the group in front of you.

### **TIMING CARDS**

There will be timing stations located at the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> hole of both nines and the possibility at the 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> hole. Groups will be timed at these stations and will be shown a card.

- Green card: The group is in position.
- Yellow card: The group has fallen “out of position” or is behind their allotted time and needs to catch up.
- Red card: The group has fallen “out of position” and behind their allotted time & will be subject to be put on the clock.

In lieu of a manned timing station, there may be just a clock for the players to compare their pace with the expected pace set forth on the scorecards.

### **ON THE CLOCK**

A group may be monitored or timed for compliance with this pace of play guideline if it is “out of position” and behind their allotted time. When a group is “out of position” every player in the group is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds.

The timing of a player’s stroke will begin when he has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he can play without interference or distraction.

Except on the putting green, if a player has reached his ball, it is his turn to play and there are no distractions, timing will begin after he has reasonable time to select his club. Time spent walking backward or forward for determining yardages will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on his line of putt and remove loose impediments on his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

NOTE: A player is permitted 40 seconds to play a stroke. An extra 10 seconds (for a total of 50 seconds) will be allowed for:

- a) The first player to play a stroke on a par-3 hole.
- b) The first player to play a second stroke on a par-4 or par-5 hole.
- c) The first player to play a third stroke on a par-5 hole.
- d) The first player to play a stroke around the putting green.
- e) The first player to play a stroke on the putting green.

## **PENALTIES**

Once a group has received a red card and put on the clock, the following policy will go into effect for each player:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bad Time - Warning from the official
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bad Time - 1 Stroke Penalty
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bad Time - 2 Additional Strokes Penalty
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bad Time - Disqualification

Players are responsible for knowing their position on the golf course relative to their allotted time as well as the groups around them. Players should monitor and speak to individuals causing slow play. Players may ask for the group to be monitored without identifying an individual causing slow play.