

June 8, 2010

To: Contestants

Re: 5<sup>th</sup> Tournament of Champions, Presented by Mastercard  
Tuesday, June 15, 2010  
Bull's Bridge Golf Club  
South Kent, CT

Gentlemen:

Congratulations on winning your Club's Men's Club Championship & Senior Club Championship. As your Club's Champion, we would like to invite you to play in the CSGA's 5<sup>th</sup> Tournament of Champions, presented by Mastercard, to be held at Bull's Bridge Golf Club in South Kent, CT on Tuesday, June 15, 2010. Your starting time and pairings are enclosed.

**WARNING: PLEASE ALLOW AMPLE TIME TO ARRIVE AT THE COURSE.  
TRAFFIC IS VERY HEAVY IN THE MORNING ON ROUTE # 7.**

**Following are items of information concerning this event and are part of the Conditions of the Competition:**

**FORMAT:** 18 holes stroke play. Prizes will be awarded for the winner and runner-up in both divisions. Also, the top 4 places will receive merchandise credit. In case of a tie for either of the championships, there will be a play-off beginning immediately after the last stipulated round is complete beginning on Hole #1 and, if necessary, continuing on Holes 2, 8, 9 and 10. In all other cases, ties will be determined by the USGA regression method.

**REGISTRATION:** When you arrive at the club, please check in at the reception table, located outside the Clubhouse.

**LOCKER ROOM:** The locker room will be open at 7AM.

**TRANSPORTATION & CADDIES:** The use of golf carts is mandatory. Cost of golf cart is courtesy of the CSGA.

**PRACTICE ROUNDS:** Will be available after 3:00 PM on June 8, 9 & 10. Players MUST call the Pro Shop (860) 927-7135 for arrangements.. Green fees are courtesy of Bull's Bridge Golf Club. Cart fee, for practice round is \$35.00. The club will accept checks ONLY. Please - NO CASH or CREDIT CARD.

**DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** Devices that measure distance only will be permitted during this event.

**PRACTICE RANGE:** The practice range will be open for your use at 7:00 AM. Bucket of balls will be courtesy of the Bull's Bridge Golf Club. The range will NOT be available for the practice round.

**FOOD & BEVERAGE:** A buffet lunch will be available for contestants courtesy of Mastercard from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Those teeing off late should eat before they play.

**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**

**CELLULAR PHONES:** Use of a cellular phone or similar devices by a contestant during the stipulated round is strictly **PROHIBITED**. Also, your host club restricts use of these devices to inside your car ONLY. Please honor their request.

**DRESS CODE:** Contestants are required to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Shorts must be Bermuda length and cargo shorts are not allowed
- Shirts must have collars & be tucked in at all times (mock turtlenecks are allowed)
- Jeans are not allowed
- Hats must be worn in a traditional manner
- No cargo pants or shorts

Directions to Bull's Bridge Golf Club are attached. We look forward to seeing you on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Good luck!

Best regards,

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## Connecticut State Golf Association Policies and Procedures

### Policy #8 Pace of Play

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. 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 five minutes prior to their starting time to receive competition and course information. Rule 6-3a provides: “The player must start at the time established by the Committee.” The penalty for breach of Rule 6-3a is disqualification. However, as a condition of the competition, the Committee has adopted the Note to Rule 6-3a, which states: “ 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 loss of the first hole in match play or two strokes in stroke play. Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is 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 for threesomes, but will vary for each course and group size. The Official In Charge (OIC) for each event will be responsible for determining and communicating 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 the completion of any hole.

**ALL OTHER GROUPS:** Subsequent groups will not be considered “out of position” if any previous group 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 your having the flagstick in the hole within 14 minutes of the group in front of you.

#### TIMING

All CSGA officials will be given a spreadsheet with every pairing group’s expected time of completion for each hole. In the event that an official notices a group out of position or behind time they will inform the roving rules official and/or OIC of that group’s status. At this time the roving rules official and/or OIC will inform the group of their position and that the group needs to speed up their pace. This group is also subject to be put on the clock without further notice.

In match play events players will be allotted 12.5 minutes per hole.

#### 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 time”. When a group is “on the clock” a 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/or been 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.

## **DIRECTIONS**

Bulls Bridge Golf Club  
71 Bull's Bridge Rd.  
South Kent, CT 06785

### **From New York City**

Henry Hudson Parkway to Cross Country East to Hutchinson Parkway onto I-684 North towards Brewster. Go approx. 30 miles to I-84 east to Danbury. Travel 10 miles to exit 7 (left hand exit) onto route 7, a four lane hwy. Hwy ends at light; go right onto rte 7 north. Travel approx. 22 miles, go through New Milford and Gaylordsville. At traffic light in Kent, go right onto Bull's Bridge Road for 2.4 miles. Turn right onto Old Stone Road. Entrance to club is 500 feet on the right.

### **Alternate Route From New York City**

Major Deegan (New York State Thruway) I-87 north. Just below I-287 (exit 7A), get on Saw Mill River Parkway, merge onto I-684 north. I-684 eventually becomes route 22 north, heading to Pawling. Just past Harlem Valley/Wingdale train station, turn right onto rte 55 east. Go 8 miles to route 7 in CT. Turn left on rte 7. Travel approx. 4 miles to traffic light in Kent, follow directions as above.

### **From Westchester County**

Directions are the same as above from Hutchinson River or Saw Mill River Parkways.

### **From Fairfield County**

Pick up rte 7 off I-95 on Merit Parkway in Norwalk area. Follow roughly 40 miles north through New Milford and Gaylordsville. Follow directions as above.

### **From Westport**

Turn onto CT 33/Wilton Road. Continue to follow CT-33 to US-7. Stay on US-7 to I-84 take I-84 towards Hartford to exit 7 (Brookfield/New Milford) to US-7. Follow US-7 through New Milford towards Kent to Bull's Bridge Road. Turn Right at traffic light onto Bulls Bridge Road. Follow Bulls Bridge Road to Old Stone Road and make a right. This is the entrance to the club.