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### MTA Long Island Rail Road Is the Best Way for Fans to See Pros Play at ‘The Barclays’ PGA Tourney at Bethpage Black

MTA Long Island Rail Road is the best way to get to Bethpage State Park in Farmingdale to see the world’s greatest golfers compete in the The Barclays/PGA Golf Tournament, the annual event getting underway today, Wednesday, August 23 through Sunday, August 28 at the Bethpage Black golf course.

The LIRR is providing plenty of train service to Farmingdale Station where the PGA will be running free shuttle buses for the short trip to nearby Bethpage State Park and the Bethpage Black course.

No Parking at Bethpage State Park Tournament officials are urging fans to use the Long Island Rail Road since there will no public parking at Bethpage State Park for the event. The closest off-site parking is at the Nassau Coliseum where buses will be provided for the trip to the golf course.

“Clearly, the LIRR is the best way to get to The Barclays venue quickly and conveniently and at our regular fares for travel to Farmingdale Station.” said LIRR President Patrick A. Nowakowski.

Nowakowski said the LIRR expects to carry about 35,000 spectators or 20% of the tournament gate to The Barclays, where the top 125 players on the PGA Tour’s FedExCup Points Race compete. The LIRR brochure: “Take the LIRR to The Barclays,” which follows this press release, provides a schedule of weekday and weekend trains to The Barclays, travel tips and other tournament information. Copies are also available at LIRR terminals and stations or online at the following link: [http://web.mta.info/lirr/barclays/LIRR\\_BarclaysBro\\_Sched\\_8-9.pdf](http://web.mta.info/lirr/barclays/LIRR_BarclaysBro_Sched_8-9.pdf)

The Barclays/PGA Tour Event Train Service Pre-tournament practice rounds begin on Tuesday, August 23, followed by a pro-am event on Wednesday, August 24. The tournament will take place Thursday, August 25 through Sunday, August 28 with service as follows:

#### Eastbound

Eastbound LIRR train service to Farmingdale will depart from Penn Station, Woodside, Jamaica, Mineola and Hicksville. Those traveling from Brooklyn can make connections to the Ronkonkoma Branch at Jamaica Station.

#### Westbound

Those traveling from eastern Long Island will have direct service to Farmingdale from Ronkonkoma, Central Islip, Brentwood, Deer Park and Wyandanch Stations. Customers traveling from the Port Jefferson Branch should transfer at Hicksville for eastbound trains to Farmingdale

#### Extra Service on Saturday & Sunday

In anticipation of larger weekend crowds, the LIRR will provide extra service to and from Farmingdale Station on Saturday, August 27 and Sunday, August 28. On Saturday and Sunday only, conductors will collect tickets at Farmingdale when customers exit the train rather than inspecting tickets on board.

#### The Barclays/PGC Tournament Event Day by Day

- Tuesday August 23: Gates open at 9 a.m. Practice Round for Professionals
- Wednesday, August 24: Gates open at 7 a.m. Pro-Am Competition 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, August 25: Gates open at 7 a.m. 1st Round of Competition – 7:15 a.m. starting time
- Friday, August 26: Gates open at 7 a.m. 2nd Round of competition – 7:15 a.m. starting time
- Saturday, August 27: Gates open at 7 a.m. 3rd round of competition – 8:00 a.m. starting time
- Sunday, August 28: Gates open at 7 a.m. Final round of competition – 8:00 a.m. starting time

#### LIRR Travel Tips for Barclays/PGA Tour Event

- Buy tickets before boarding to save money and time.
- One-Way and Round-Trip tickets sold at station windows, ticket machines or MTA eTix App.
- No bicycles will be permitted on Ronkonkoma Branch trains during the week of The Barclays.
- At Farmingdale Station, customers must pass through security before boarding shuttle buses.
- Listen for announcements regarding track and platform changes.

- On return trip, allow time to walk to the shuttle bus stop for the trip to Farmingdale Station.
- Tickets will be collected before boarding.
- Trains will leave promptly at scheduled departure times.

**For More Information**

Download the LIRR's Train Time app or sign up for LIRR service alerts at [www.mymtaalerts.com](http://www.mymtaalerts.com). Customers can also contact the LIRR's Customer Service Center by calling 511, the New York State Travel Information Line, and saying: Long Island Rail Road. If you are deaf or hearing impaired, use your preferred relay service provider for the free 711 relay to reach the LIRR 511.