

# THE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA



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## THE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA

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**2017 MEMBERSHIP**  
**Registration opens on Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Membership Fee is \$85**

**Team Match Membership Registration Deadline is MARCH 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

To become an Individual Member of The Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia, the applicant must:

- Have full golf privileges (all weekdays without paying green fees) at a member club.
- Have a USGA GHIN Handicap Index listed with WGAP.
- Give full name, address, telephone and club affiliation.
- Join online using a credit card (VISA or Mastercard)

At any time during the year should a member give up or lose her full golf privileges at a member club, she must relinquish her membership privileges and card in the Association and so notify the Golf Office.

If a player loses her full golf privileges while competing in an event, she may complete that event.

If a player belongs to more than one member club of the Association, she must register from the club where she plays Team Matches.

**ASSOCIATION PRIVILEGES**

To be eligible for Team Matches, a member must have a USGA Handicap Index of 36.0 or better showing on the WGAP/GHIN handicap revision of November 1, 2016 and must have posted at least ten (10) scores in 2015.

To be eligible for Tournaments and Open Days, a member must have a USGA Handicap Index of 36.0 or better showing on a WGAP/GHIN handicap revision and must have posted at least ten (10) scores in 2016 and/or 2017.

Any woman with full golf privileges at a member club may join the Association. Those with a USGA Handicap Index over 36.0, with no handicap or with fewer than 10 scores posted, may become eligible for all privileges when these requirements are met. As soon as her handicap (as defined above) shows on the computer handicap revision, she should call the golf office.

**COMPLAINTS**

Any complaint must be presented in writing by mail, fax or e-mail to The Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia.

**HANDICAP INFORMATION**

A USGA GHIN Handicap Index is a requirement for Association Membership. Participants in Association events (Team Matches, Tournaments and Open Days) are required to have a USGA GHIN Handicap Index listed with WGAP.

Any member of more than one club serviced by GHIN should have only ONE GHIN NUMBER. As a multi-member, all of her scores will be routed to all of her clubs.

**WGAP TOURNAMENT SCORES WILL BE POSTED BY THE GOLF OFFICE.**

Handicaps will be revised fifteen times on the following schedule:

REVISION NUMBER	DATE
1	April 1
2	April 15
3	May 1
4	May 15
5	June 1
6	June 15
7	July 1
8	July 15
9	August 1
10	August 15
11	September 1
12	September 15
13	October 1
14	October 15
15	November 1
16	November 15

"X" or "pick-up" holes are allowed for handicap purposes only and cannot be used in tournament play.

Your USGA Handicap Index must be converted by means of a Course Handicap Table to YOUR HOME COURSE and to ALL AWAY COURSES PLAYED.

Equitable Stroke Control is to be used when posting all scores. A handicap computed from scores to which "ESC" has not been applied may not be termed a USGA Handicap Index. The following "ESC" procedure is in effect for 2017.

18-Hole Course Handicap	Max Score Posted On Any Hole
9 or less	double bogey
10-19	7
20-29	8
30-39	9
40 or more	10

There is no limit to the number of holes on which you can adjust your score.

For Handicap purposes, you are required to adjust your hole scores (actual or probable) when they are higher than the maximum number you can post.

All home and away scores (INCLUDING TEAM MATCH AND TOURNAMENT SCORES) played on a USGA rated course - when that course is played from regular tees to regular greens - must be posted. Scores for WGAP privileges may be posted from April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Nine-hole scores are combined in the order they are received in the player's scoring record from any club or from any combination of nines, regardless of score type.

If a player plays 13 or more holes, she shall record a score for handicap purposes by adding to the number of strokes played the total par for the unplayed holes plus any handicap strokes to which she is entitled on the

unplayed holes. In multi-ball events, when a player is required to pick-up to speed play, she shall record for handicap purposes the score she most likely would have made if the hole had been completed.

Away scores should be adjusted to ESC and posted along with the Course Rating and Slope of that course.

For Association events, eligibility is determined by the USGA Handicap Index as of the handicap report indicated on the entry information. **EXCEPTION: ANYONE JOINING THE ASSOCIATION (IN A GIVEN YEAR) WITH A USGA HANDICAP INDEX OF 36.0 OR BETTER WILL RETAIN ALL PRIVILEGES IF HER HANDICAP GOES ABOVE 36.0.**

Reduction of USGA Handicap Index Based on Exceptional Tournament Scores (Section 10-3 of USGA Handicap Manual).

### *DEFINITIONS*

Tournament Score - a score made in formal competition supervised by a golf club, golf association or other agency.

Prizes are generally awarded. A "T" shall be inserted beside a tournament score when it is posted for handicap purposes to distinguish it from other scores.

Eligible Tournament Score - is a tournament score contained within the player's last twenty scores or any scores made within the last 12 months.

The procedure is to be used for the reduction of Handicap Index when a player consistently scores much better in competition than in informal games. A player's handicap will be reduced under this procedure when a player has a minimum of two tournament score differentials which are at least three strokes better than the player's current Handicap Index.

The number of eligible T-scores will be counted on a revolving twelve-month basis.

### **OPEN DAY INFORMATION**

If you have questions, problems or there are violations of Open Days, please contact the Golf Office.

- Open Days are extended to Association Members whose handicap indexes are 36.0 or better based on a minimum of ten scores made in 2016/17 and whose club also extends Open Day privileges.
- Prearranged starting times are required. Reservations are accepted within one week of the scheduled Open Day on the website.
- Open Day privileges may be used seven times in one year and not more than twice at any one course.
- A violation may result in loss of privileges.
- There are no Open Days on holidays or on days which conflict with WGAP events. Open Days are extended **ONLY FROM APRIL THROUGH OCTOBER INCLUSIVE.**
- **A CLUB MAY NOT CANCEL ANY OPEN DAYS WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE GOLF OFFICE.**
- **EACH PLAYER MUST REGISTER online.**
- Open Days are designed for Association Members. They are not to be used as mini-Member Guests, for personal entertaining or to include ineligible friends, relatives or spouses.
- The Association Dress Code must be observed when playing an Open Day.

## INVITATION TOURNAMENTS

Dorothy Germain Porter Tournament	Ellen Gowen Hood Shield
Catherine Elliott & Ann Laughlin, Merion & Riverton	Karen Siegel, Commonwealth, Sunnybrook (team)
Gold Key	Wilmington Invitation
Lisa McGill, Sunnybrook	Nicoll Keeney (Wilmington) and Judy Owens (Waynesborough)
Nancy Wilbur Cup	Dorothy Campbell Howe Cup
Lisa McGill, Sunnybrook	Catherine Elliott, Merion
Overbrook Invitation	Florence Condon Vanderbeck Cup
AK Frazier, Gulph Mills	Catherine Elliott, Merion

67th Annual Huntingdon Valley Ladies' Invitational  
Alex Liu and Karen Siegel, Commonwealth National

## 2017 WGAP TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

### ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY FOR ALL EVENTS

All competitions will be played in accordance with the USGA Rules of Golf. The embedded ball rule will be in effect for all Association events.

### Handicap Classes

Class A — to 15.9 inclusive  
Class B — 16.0 to 21.9 inclusive  
Class C — 22.0 to 26.9 inclusive  
Class D — 27.0 to 36.0 inclusive

### MAY 17 – WEDNESDAY

NONNA BARLOW CUP: Merion Golf Club (East Course). USGA Handicap Index Limit 13.0. Limited to first 52 pairs.

### MAY 27-31 – SATURDAY – WEDNESDAY

USGA WOMEN’S AMATEUR FOUR-BALL: The Dunes Club, Myrtle Beach, SC.

### MAY 31, JUNE 1 - WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

INTER-CITY MATCHES FOR THE GRISCOM CUP: Country Club of Fairfield, Fairfield, CT

### JUNE 6 - TUESDAY

WILMINGTON COUNTRY CLUB: Invitation Tournament on the South Course. Class A Better-Ball Tournament.

### JUNE 6-8 - TUESDAY THRU THURSDAY

EASTERN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP: Birdwood Golf Club, Charlottesville, VA. USGA Handicap Index limit -11.5. 54-Hole Stroke Play.

### JUNE 9 - FRIDAY

EFFIE DERR ROBEY CUP: Merion Golf Club (West Course).

Class A and Class B women players from the same club in Scotch Foursome play. Limited to first 80 pairs.

### JUNE 13 - TUESDAY

CLASS B/C/D BETTER BALL OF PARTNERS’ TOURNAMENT: Plymouth Country Club

JUNE 15 - THURSDAY

NANCY WILBUR CUP: St. Davids Golf Club. Class A.

JUNE 16 - FRIDAY

GOLD KEY TOURNAMENT: Fifty-Seventh Annual Invitation Tournament, Philmont Country Club (North Course). Class A Stroke Play.

JUNE 21, 22 - WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

DOROTHY CAMPBELL HOWE CUP: Seventy-Eighth Annual Invitation Tournament, Merion Golf Club. Wednesday, West Course, Thursday East Course. Handicap Index limit is 13.7

JUNE 27 - TUESDAY

IDA E. DIXON CUP: The Springhaven Club. USGA Handicap Indexes to 18.4. Limited to first 120 entries.

JULY 6-7, THURSDAY, FRIDAY

JUNIOR INTER-CITY MATCHES: Concord Country Club, Massachusetts.

JULY 7, FRIDAY

MATER ET FILIA & LADY-JUNIOR GIRL: Philadelphia Cricket Club – Militia Hill.

JULY 10-14 - MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE GLENNA COLLETT VARE CUP: Spring Ford Country Club

JULY 13-16 - THURSDAY THRU SUNDAY

USGA WOMEN'S OPEN: Trump National Bedminster, Bedminster, NJ.

JULY 17-18, MONDAY, TUESDAY.

PHILADELPHIA MIXED FOURSOME CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE BOYLE CUP: Blue Bell CC. Classes A and B. Limited to first 60 pairs.

JULY 18-21 - TUESDAY THRU FRIDAY

JUNIOR GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP: Phoenixville Country Club

JULY 19 -WEDNESDAY

OVERBROOK INVITATION: Overbrook Golf Club. USGA Handicap Index limit is 15.9.

JULY 20 – THURSDAY

CHARLES S. POWELL MEMORIAL CUP (Mixed Foursome): RiverCrest Golf Club and Preserve, Classes A and B.

JULY 24-29 - MONDAY THRU SATURDAY

USGA GIRLS' JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP: Boone Valley Golf Club, Augusta, MO.

JULY 25 - TUESDAY

CADDIE BENEFIT TOURNAMENTS: Class A: Sunnybrook GC, Class B: The Springhaven Club, Class C/D: Penn Oaks GC.

JULY 27 - THURSDAY

FAMILY MIXED FOURSOME FOR THE FRANCES BIDDLE GRISCOM CUP: Yardley CC.

JULY 31 - MONDAY

RITA COOPER MEMORIAL CUP: Bala Golf Club. Open to Junior Girls under 18. Online Registration.

AUGUST 1 - TUESDAY

HUSBAND AND WIFE TOURNAMENT: Class B: French Creek GC. Chapman System of Play.

AUGUST 7 - MONDAY

HUSBAND AND WIFE TOURNAMENT: Class A: Jericho National Golf Club. Chapman System of Play.

AUGUST 7-13- MONDAY THRU SUNDAY

USGA WOMEN'S AMATEUR: San Diego Country Club, San Diego, CA.

AUGUST 9 - WEDNESDAY

HUSBAND AND WIFE TOURNAMENT: Classes C/D: Berkshire CC. Chapman System of Play.

AUGUST 10 - THURSDAY

FLORENCE CONDON VANDERBECK CUP: Seventy-Eighth Annual Invitation Tournament. Philadelphia Country Club. USGA Handicap Index limit is 14.8.

AUGUST 15 – TUESDAY

FIRST CLASS B/C/D STROKE PLAY: Spring Mill CC. First of two rounds of Class B/C/D Championship. Limit 105 entries.

AUGUST 21-22 – MONDAY, TUESDAY

PHILADELPHIA STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE MARY THAYER FARNUM CUP: Manufacturers G & CC. Class A. Limited to 100 entries.

AUGUST 29 - TUESDAY

SECOND B/C/D STROKE PLAYS: Stonewall (North), second round for the Class B/C/D Championships.

SEPTEMBER 9-14 – SATURDAY-THURSDAY

USGA WOMEN'S SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP: Waverley Country Club, Portland, OR.

SEPTEMBER 14 - THURSDAY

DOROTHY GERMAIN PORTER TOURNAMENT: Riverton Country Club, Class A Better-Ball-of-Partners.

SEPTEMBER 19-20 – TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

CLASSES A/B/C/D SENIOR AND SUPER-SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS: Cherry Valley CC, Whitmarsh Valley CC. Limited to 60 entries in each class.

SEPTEMBER 16, 21 - FRIDAY, WEDNESDAY

CLASSES C & D SENIOR AND SUPER-SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS: Philmont CC, Plymouth CC. Limited to 40 entries in each class.

SEPTEMBER 26 - TUESDAY

SEVENTH ANNUAL CHARLOTTE N. BARNHARD CUP: Llanerch Country Club. Classes A and B.

OCTOBER 7-12 – SATURDAY-THURSDAY

USGA WOMENS' MID-AMATEUR: Quail Creek Country Club, Naples, FL.

OCTOBER 10 - TUESDAY

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS FOR THE MAYER BRANDSCHAIN CUP: 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Tournament. Waynesborough CC.

OCTOBER 10-12 - TUESDAY THRU THURSDAY

EASTERN SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP: CC of Whispering Pines, Whispering Pines, NC.

## OCTOBER 17 - TUESDAY

ELLEN GOWEN HOOD SHIELD: 87th Annual Invitation Tournament, Philadelphia Cricket Club (Wissahickon Course) USGA Handicap Index limit is 15.5.

## DECEMBER 7 - THURSDAY

121<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA: Llanerch CC

### TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

#### ENTRIES

1. When entering Association events, enter online under the EVENTS tab on the Home Page.
2. Women are required to be members of the Association by the opening date for each event.
3. Tournament eligibility is determined by the USGA Handicap Index indicated in the entry details.
4. After entries close, tee times and tournament information will be posted on our web site. The only notices that will be e-mailed will be regarding a waiting list option if the tournament is filled.
5. **Please re-check your tee time the evening before play, as sometimes changes are unavoidable.**
6. Players should not enter a match play event unless available to play all matches. An infraction of this rule may result in disqualification from the event the following year.
7. Male partners, with the exception of Class B and Class C partners in the Griscom Cup, must have GAP membership and a USGA GHIN Handicap Index with a minimum of 10 scores from the current and/or previous year in their computer record as of the eligibility report for each event.
8. After entries are closed, a substitute player may NOT be brought to a tournament in place of someone who has cancelled. Exceptions: Either of the original pair in the Barlow Cup, Mater et Filia, Lady-Junior Girl, Robey Cup and Better-Balls may be replaced. In Mixed Foursome competition – Powell Cup, Griscom Cup and Boyle Cup – only the Association non-member may be substituted.
9. Please arrive at a tournament at least 20 minutes before your assigned starting time. Report to the WGAP starters' table when you arrive and be ready to tee off promptly at the designated starting time. When round is completed, check, sign and turn in score card immediately.
10. In case of inclement weather, an event will be cancelled if one-half of the field which started does not complete play.
11. Tournaments will not be cancelled or postponed unless a course is deemed unplayable by the Golf Course Superintendent or an authorized official of the Host Club.
12. Please check website for inclement weather notices after 6AM the morning of the event.

#### ETIQUETTE

1. When entering a tournament alone, you have a responsibility to play, unless an emergency arises. Please do not enter as a single unless you have every intention of playing.
2. Please notify the Golf Office if you find it necessary to withdraw from any Association event. If your withdrawal is on the day of the event, please call the golf office AND the Host Club Pro Shop.
3. Anyone who does not call to withdraw from a tournament will receive a letter from the Executive Committee. A repeated offense may result in future entries being rejected.



- 4. All players are advised that the use of cellular/Smart phones for emergency phone calls/texts/messaging on the course is permitted as it is done so within the confines of Rule 14-3 and if the host facility allows those devices to be used. All players are expected to keep their phones in silent mode while on the course. If a player consistently disregards his fellow competitors or opponent to their detriment, there could be a penalty for undue delay (Rule 6-7) or disqualification (33-7) based on a player's actions.**
5. Players are urged to support the Host Club's dining facilities and Pro Shop.
6. PLAYERS SHOULD TIP THE LOCKER ROOM ATTENDANT, BAG HANDLERS AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE CLUB PERSONNEL.

## **RULES**

- A player or caddie may use a USGA approved legal Distance Measuring Device in Team Matches and Tournaments unless a local rule at a Member Club prohibits the use of such a device.
- Penalty for using an illegal device: Match Play- Loss of Hole; Stroke Play - Two Strokes. For Subsequent offense - Disqualification
- According to the USGA any device that has features other than distance measuring, is not allowed. It must measure distance only (Rule 14-3 b).

*NOTE:* The Executive Committee reserves the right to prohibit the use of a Distance-Measuring Device at any time and will not settle personal disputes involving Distance-Measuring Devices.

## **ATTIRE**

The Executive Committee requires that all members participating in Association events dress tastefully in attire appropriate for the golf course. SKORTS & SHORTS MUST BE BERMUDA LENGTH - NO MORE THAN 3" ABOVE THE KNEE. TANK TOPS, TENNIS- LENGTH SKIRTS TIGHT FITTING APPAREL AND DENIM ARE NOT APPROPRIATE. Anyone failing to comply will be warned. If a second offense occurs, she will not be allowed to participate in Association events.

## **CADDIES & CARTS**

- Caddie Assignments will be made by the Caddie Master of the Host Club.
- A PLAYER MAY NOT BRING HER OWN CADDIE TO A TOURNAMENT. RELATIVES ARE NOT PERMITTED TO CADDIE FOR FAMILY MEMBERS.
- A player may not carry her own bag or use a pull cart. Exception: Only if a situation arises that would be beneficial to pace of play, A player may carry her bag to the ball then return the bag to the cart.
- Carts are permitted in Team Matches and all Association tournaments except the Junior Girls' Championship.
- If a caddie is requested on an entry, the player must take a caddie or pay the caddie fee.

## **SLOW PLAY**

In the interest of all participants and for the enjoyment of the game, players have an obligation to play at a reasonable pace. Slow play and delay of play will be monitored and, when necessary, penalties will be issued. Slow players will be given the last starting time in subsequent tournaments.

## **TIES**

Ties for last position in all Championship Flights will be played off on the day of the Qualifying Round.

In the event of a tie for the winner of a stroke play tournament in which a permanent trophy is involved, those tied shall play an 18-hole round at the Host Club within four weeks from the original date of the tournament. Should a tie exist at the end of this round, it shall be broken by a sudden death playoff. Any other ties shall be decided by matching cards according to the USGA guidelines.

## **PRIZES**

- A player may win only one prize in a stroke play tournament.
- A player must play both rounds of a 36-hole event in order to be eligible for a prize.
- The number and type of prizes awarded to tournament winners is at the sole discretion of the WGAP Executive Committee.
- Any prize not claimed at the event must be picked up from the golf office within four weeks of the event. Please call the office to arrange pick up. Gift certificates will be mailed to your home.

## **AWARDS**

### **HOLES-IN-ONE**

An award will be given for a Hole-in-One made by a member of The Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia on an officially course-rated member course of the Association. A copy of the dated and attested scorecard must be sent to the Golf Office within 60 days. The round must be an 9 or 18-hole round played with at least one other player. Players will not receive more than one award in a fiscal year. For list of Holes in One, go to [wgapgolf.org](http://wgapgolf.org) under "News and Photos" Tab on the home page.

### **MARGARET CROZER FOX CUP**

The Margaret Crozer Fox Cup will be awarded to the player, in the first eleven Cups of the Inter-Club Team Matches, who wins the greatest number of holes in her matches. She must have participated in, and won, all five matches. All matches must have been played on teams in the first eleven cups. A prize will be awarded to the winner for her permanent possession.

A tie for the Fox Cup will be determined by an 18-hole playoff (match play with handicap), on a neutral course within four weeks of the date players are notified of the tie.

### **SILVER CROSS**

The Silver Cross will be awarded to the player returning the lowest aggregate score in the Qualifying Round of the Women's Individual Match Play Championship and the 36-Hole Stroke Play Mary Thayer Farnum Cup.

**DELAWARE, NEW JERSEY AND PENNSYLVANIA STATE TOURNAMENTS**

JUNE 14-15 – Wednesday, Thursday

DELAWARE WOMEN’S GOLF ASSOCIATION AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP: Heritage Shores Country Club

JUNE 26-27 - Monday, Tuesday

PENNSYLVANIA STATE JUNIOR GIRLS’ CHAMPIONSHIP: Hershey Country Club

JULY 17-18 – Monday-Tuesday

DSWGA JUNIOR GIRLS’ CHAMPIONSHIP: Deerfield GC.

JULY 25 – Tuesday

DELAWARE WOMEN’S GOLF ASSOCIATION SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP: Bear Trap Dunes Golf Club

AUGUST 1-4 – Tuesday-Friday

92<sup>nd</sup> NEW JERSEY STATE WOMEN’S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP AND 4<sup>th</sup> MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP: Somerset Hills CC

AUGUST 14-18 – MONDAY – FRIDAY

PSWGA STATE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP: West Shore Country Club, Camp Hill, PA.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2017 – FRIDAY

PSWGA CENTRAL/EASTERN DIVISION FOUR BALL. Lebanon CC, Lebanon, PA

SEPTEMBER 26-27 Tuesday, Wednesday

48<sup>th</sup> NEW JERSEY STATE SENIOR WOMEN’S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP: Hopewell Valley G & CC