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2018 MEMBERSHIP

Registration opens on January 1, 2018

Membership Fee is \$85

Team Match Membership Registration Deadline is MARCH 16th.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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

- Have a golf membership as defined by her member club.
- Have an active USGA GHIN Handicap Index.
- 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 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 40.4 or better showing on the WGAP/GHIN handicap revision of November 15, 2017 and must have posted at least ten (10) scores in 2017.

To be eligible for Tournaments and Open Days, a member must have a USGA Handicap Index of 40.4 or better showing on a WGAP/GHIN handicap revision and must have posted at least ten (10) scores in 2017 and/or 2018.

Any woman with a golf membership as defined by her member club may join the Association. Those with a USGA Handicap Index over 40.4, with no handicap or with fewer than 10 scores posted, may become eligible for all privileges when these requirements are met.

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.

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 2018.

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 1st to November 14th.

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 40.4 OR BETTER WILL RETAIN ALL PRIVILEGES IF HER HANDICAP GOES ABOVE 40.4.**

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 40.4 or better based on a minimum of ten scores made in 2017/18 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	Gold Key
Catherine Elliott & Ann Laughlin, Merion/Riverton	Jackie Rogowicz, Commonwealth National
Ellen Gowen Hood Shield	Nancy Wilbur Cup
Laura Hammond, Penn Oaks, Old York Road (team)	Samantha Perrotta, Old York CC at Chesterfield
Wilmington Invitational	Dorothy Campbell Howe Cup
Suzi Spotleson and Karen Thomas, RiverCrest	Cara Basso, Whitford
Overbrook Invitation	Florence Condon Vanderbeck Cup
Jackie Rogowicz, Commonwealth National	Jackie Rogowicz, Commonwealth National

2018 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 40.4 inclusive

APRIL 28-MAY 2, 2018 – SATURDAY THRU WEDNESDAY

USGA WOMEN'S AMATEUR FOUR-BALL: El Caballero Country Club, Tarzana, CA

MAY 17 – THURSDAY

NONNA BARLOW CUP: Saucon Valley Country Club (Grace Course). USGA Handicap Index Limit 13.0. Limited to first 52 pairs.

MAY 31, JUNE 1 – THURSDAY, FRIDAY

INTER-CITY MATCHES FOR THE GRISCOM CUP: Rolling Green Golf Club, Springfield, PA

JUNE 5 - TUESDAY

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

JUNE 8 - FRIDAY

EFFIE DERR ROBEY CUP: Old York Road Country Club

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

JUNE 12-14 - TUESDAY THRU THURSDAY

EASTERN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP: Palmetto Hall Plantation, Hilton Head, SC

JUNE 13 - WEDNESDAY

CLASS B/C/D BETTER BALL OF PARTNERS' TOURNAMENT: Radnor Valley Country Club

JUNE 14 - THURSDAY

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

JUNE 15 - FRIDAY

GOLD KEY TOURNAMENT: 58th Annual Invitation Tournament, Philmont Country Club (North Course).
Class A Stroke Play.

JUNE 26 - TUESDAY

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

JUNE 26-27 – TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

JUNIOR INTER-CITY MATCHES: Apawamis Country Club, Rye, NY

JULY 9-13 - MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

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

JULY 16-21 – MONDAY THRU SATURDAY

USGA GIRLS' JUNIOR: Poppy Hills Golf Course, Pebble Beach, CA

JULY 16-17 - MONDAY, TUESDAY.

PHILADELPHIA MIXED FOURSOME CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE BOYLE CUP: Commonwealth
National Golf Club. Classes A and B. Limited to first 60 pairs.

JULY 17-20 - TUESDAY THRU FRIDAY

JUNIOR GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP: West Chester Golf and Country Club

JULY 18 -WEDNESDAY

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

JULY 19 – THURSDAY

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

JULY 24 - TUESDAY

CADDIE BENEFIT TOURNAMENTS: Class A: Sunnybrook GC, Class B, C, D: White Manor CC

JULY 24-29 - MONDAY THRU SATURDAY

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

JULY 26 - THURSDAY

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

JULY 30 - MONDAY

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

AUGUST 3 – FRIDAY

MATER ET FILIA, LADY JUNIOR GIRL: Philadelphia Cricket Club – Militia Hill Course

AUGUST 6 - MONDAY

HUSBAND AND WIFE TOURNAMENT: Class A – Jericho National GC, Class CD – Little Mill CC

AUGUST 6-12- MONDAY THRU SUNDAY

USGA WOMEN'S AMATEUR: The Golf Club of Tennessee, Kingston Springs, TN

AUGUST 7 - TUESDAY

HUSBAND AND WIFE TOURNAMENT: Class B - Meadia Heights Golf Club

AUGUST 9 - THURSDAY

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

AUGUST 9 – THURSDAY

FIRST CLASS B/C/D STROKE PLAY: Bala Golf Club. First of two rounds of Class B/C/D Championship.

AUGUST 14 - TUESDAY

SECOND B/C/D STROKE PLAYS: Bluestone Country Club, second round for the Class B/C/D Championships.

AUGUST 28-29 – TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

PHILADELPHIA STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE MARY THAYER FARNUM CUP: Huntingdon Valley Country Club. Class A.

SEPTEMBER 11,18 – TUESDAYS

SENIOR AND SUPER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (all classes): Trenton Country Club (9/11), Wilmington Country Club (9/18)

SEPTEMBER 13 - THURSDAY

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

SEPTEMBER 25 - TUESDAY

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

SEPTEMBER 22-27 – SATURDAY THRU THURSDAY

USGA WOMENS' MID-AMATEUR: Norwood Hills Country Club, St. Louis, MO

OCTOBER 6-11 – SATURDAY THRU THURSDAY

USGA SENIOR WOMEN'S AMATEUR, Orchid Island Golf and Beach Club, Vero Beach, FL

OCTOBER TBD

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS FOR THE MAYER BRANDSCHAIN CUP: 32nd Annual Tournament. TBD.

OCTOBER 9-11 – TUESDAY THRU THURSDAY

EASTERN SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP: Palmetto Hall Plantation, Hilton Head Island, SC

OCTOBER 16 - TUESDAY

ELLEN GOWEN HOOD SHIELD: 88th Annual Invitation Tournament, Philadelphia Cricket Club (Wissahickon Course) USGA Handicap Index limit is 15.5.

DECEMBER TBD

122nd ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA: TBD

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. The exception to this rule is if a player notifies the Golf Office in advance that she is playing in the qualifying round of the Women's Match Play to ensure she is eligible for the Silver Cross.
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, you have a responsibility to play, unless an emergency arises.
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 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 25-26 – MONDAY, TUESDAY

DELAWARE WOMEN’S SENIOR/SUPER SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP: Back Creek Golf Club

JUNE 25-26 – MONDAY, TUESDAY

PENNSYLVANIA STATE JUNIOR GIRLS’ CHAMPIONSHIP: Hershey Country Club

JUNE 27-28 – WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

64TH NEW JERSEY STATE JUNIOR GIRLS’ CHAMPIONSHIP: Neshanic Valley Golf Club

JULY 18-19 – WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

DELAWARE WOMEN’S GOLF ASSOCIATION AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP: DuPont Country Club

JULY 30-AUGUST 2 – MONDAY THRU THURSDAY

93RD NEW JERSEY STATE WOMEN’S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP AND 5TH MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP: Essex County Country Club

AUGUST 13-16 – MONDAY THRU THURSDAY

PSWGA WOMEN’S STATE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP: Ligonier Country Club, Ligonier, PA

SEPTEMBER TBD

PSWGA CENTRAL/EASTERN DIVISION FOUR BALL. TBD

SEPTEMBER 25-26 - TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

49TH NEW JERSEY STATE SENIOR WOMEN’S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP: Fairmount Country Club