



2026

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MISSION STATEMENT OF THE
WOMEN'S DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
GOLF ASSOCIATION

The Mission of the Women's District of Columbia Golf Association is to support and promote the best interests of amateur women golfers by organizing and conducting competitive golfing opportunities for our members. Through an active schedule of team matches, individual and team tournaments and championships, we seek to foster the highest level of golfing competence, sportsmanship and camaraderie among our members, while supporting the great game of golf in the Washington, D.C. area.



The Women's District of Columbia Golf Association was created in 1924 and exists for the purpose of promoting competitive amateur golf and conserving the best interests of women golfers.

The WDCGA consists of 28 member clubs and approximately 500 members. Competition includes 24 scheduled tournaments. Approximately 34 teams participate in team matches.

HANDICAP DIVISIONS

CLASS A	<0	-	12.4
CLASS B	12.5	-	16.2
CLASS C	16.3	-	19.5
CLASS D*	19.6	-	21.9

*Associate Members compete in Class D with handicap capped at the maximum index of 21.9

HISTORY NOTE

The Women's District of Columbia Golf Association was created at a meeting held in March 1924, by a group of women who decided they would like to "paddle their own canoe". The idea of breaking away from the Men's Association was first conceived in June 1923, but the actual break did not occur until 1924.

The first clubs were Chevy Chase (home of the first president, Mrs. Charles L. Frailey), Columbia, Indian Spring, Bannockburn and Washington Golf & Country Club. By the end of the 1920's the group included Argyle, Army War College (Army Navy Marine Corps Country Club), Beaver Dam (Woodmore), Belle Haven, Congressional, Kenwood, Manor, Town and Country (Woodmont), and two nine hole courses, Kirkside and Harper.

The first tournament under the auspices of the new group was held on April 28, 1924, at the Chevy Chase course. It was "most successful" with 25 entrants participating and a large majority of the WDCGA clubs being represented. Competition was 18 holes, match play against par, with handicap allowance. Par being 88, the first prize was won by Mrs. H. A. Knox from Indian Spring, whose medal score of 97 was the lowest and with a handicap of 10 she was 1 up on par.

Alice Moore, Historian

Benefits of Being a Member Club

By joining the WDCGA, a club becomes a member and supporter of a prestigious women's golf association that has been active since 1924.

Club membership entitles the club's individual women members to play at the 28 private member clubs in the spring teams matches and 24 tournaments during the season. The club dues -- along with individual member dues -- fund WDCGA's costs, including website maintenance, publication costs, and the WDCGA subsidized tournaments. The subsidized tournaments are the two Championships, the monthly Cups, the President's Plate, the Intercity Cup with Baltimore, and the Tournament of Champions.

The pro shops of the clubs that host tournaments reap the benefits of the prize money that is paid out as pro shop credit at the host club. Additionally, prize money to the winning teams in spring teams matches is paid out as pro shop credit at each winning team's home club. Hosting clubs may reap additional revenue from food and beverage service during WDCGA events.

Benefits of Being an Individual Member

You are a member of a prestigious women's golf association that has been active since 1924. You will meet

and play golf with hundreds of other local women who are as passionate about golf as you are. You will have the opportunity to play for your club in the Spring Teams Matches (interclub competition). You are entitled to play in 22 Tournaments and 2 Championships throughout the season. These tournaments have various formats, and most are subsidized by the WDCGA, only 8 require an entry fee, yet many prizes are awarded in these tournaments. Members do not pay a green fee when playing in Teams matches or District tournaments. Finally, you have a chance to become actively involved as a volunteer and contribute to making the WDCGA even more special.

WDCGA PAST PRESIDENTS

1924	Mrs. Charles Frailey	Chevy Chase
1925-27	Mrs. Harry A. Knox	Chevy Chase
1928-29	Mrs. William Corby	Columbia
1930-32	Mrs. Frank R. Keefer	Chevy Chase
1933-34	Mrs. Elizabeth Harris	Indian Spring
1935	Mrs. C. K. Wing	Army Navy
	Miss Susan Hacker	Chevy Chase
	(Finished Mrs. Wing's term)	
1936-38	Mrs. Ralph Payne	Congressional
1939-40	Mrs. Robert Lacey	Columbia
1941-43	Mrs. W.L. Weible	Kenwood
1944-45	Mrs. Frank Mirth	Indian Spring
1946	Mrs. F.G. Awalt	Congressional
1947	Mrs. L.E. Hutchinson	Washington
Golf		
1948-49	Mrs. William F. Patterson	Indian Spring
1950-51	Mrs. M.J. Torlinski	Army Navy
1952-53	Mrs. M. Hale Dinneen	Washington
Golf		
1954	Mrs. Ralph Goldsmith	Woodmont
1955-56	Mrs. L.N. Hill	Kenwood
1957-58	Mrs. John G. Mancos	Belle Haven
1959-60	Mrs. Paul H. Streit	Chevy Chase
1961-62	Mrs. Arnold Babb	Bethesda
1963-64	Mrs. Anthony Litrento	Prince Georges
1965-66	Mrs. Paul Arneson (Beckner)	Army Navy
1967-68	Mrs. Morton Shiff	Argyle

1969-70	Mrs. George Emmerich	Brooke Manor
1971-72	Mrs. R. Schattman	Indian Spring
1973-74	Mrs. Herndon Kilby	Bethesda
1975-76	Mrs. S.J. Bell Norman	River Bend
1977-78	Mrs. Scott Heuer, Jr.	Congressional
1979-80	Ruth Ann Verell	Belle Haven
1981	Mrs. George Foster	Washingtonian
1982-83	Mrs. Robert E. Beatty	Columbia
1984-85	Mrs. Edgar D. Coffman	Washington Golf
1986-87	Mrs. John Bloom	Springfield
1988-89	Mrs. J. Donald Miller	Bethesda
1990-91	Mrs. Thomas Amatucci	Argyle
1992	Mrs. J. Donald Miller	Bethesda
1993-94	Ms. Carol Davis	Bethesda
1995-96	Nancy B. Graves	Army Navy
1997-98	Rose Marie Vargo	Norbeck
1999-00	Carolyn Willis	Columbia
2001-02	Pat Kaufman	Tantallon
2003-04	Lorraine Houlahan	Mount Vernon
2005	Jan Crichton	Argyle
2006-07	Linda Tucker	Westwood
2008-09	Maggie Brady	Congressional
2010-11	Cathy Reusche	Army-Navy
2012-13	Donna Skrobala	Springfield
2014-15	Pam Oetgen	Belle Haven
2016-17	Kay Tyler	Kenwood
2018-19	Diane Herndon	Argyle
2020-21	Mary Ann Cronin	Army Navy
2022-23	Tatjana Keuper	Woodmont

WDCGA PAST PRESIDENTS

2024-2025 Jenny Kitchen

TPC Potomac

***The WDCGA
Lifetime Achievement
Award***

This award is presented to a current or past member of the Women's District of Columbia Golf Association who, through extraordinary accomplishments in the game of golf, has exemplified the best aspects of the game – honor, sportsmanship, and competition – and has served as an inspiration to us all. The Lifetime Achievement Award was instituted in 2005 at the request of many members who felt we should have an award to recognize outstanding players in the WDCGA.

2017 -- Mimi Hoffman

2014 -- Shelley Savage

2005 -- Marion Booth

If you would like to learn more about our honorees, or if you would like to nominate someone, please visit our website at www.wdcga.org.

The Sharon Briggs Award for Distinguished Service

This award represents the highest honor conferred by the Women's District of Columbia Golf Association. The Briggs Award for Distinguished Service is given periodically to an individual who has made an extraordinary contribution to the advancement of golf. It honors the person who has worked unselfishly to promote the best aspects of the game.

Named for the late Sharon Briggs, a champion golfer from Montgomery Village Golf Club, the award recognizes the attributes that Sharon exhibited so admirably throughout her life: selfless dedication to the betterment of the game, generous service to the golf community, appreciation for the ways in which the game can help others, and an exemplary sense of sportsmanship and fair play, both on and off the course.

2021 – Diane Herndon
2011 – Joan Coffman
2006 – Ann Bergquist
2004 – Pat Kaufman
2002 – Ruth Ann Verell

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WDCGA Championship

Champion	Heather Donnelly
1 st Flight	Kristin Berry
2 nd Flight	Eun Sun Jee
3 rd Flight	Teresa Shaw
4 th Flight	Soon-Rae Pinkos
5 th Flight	Susan Walthall
Medalist	Heather Donnelly
Metta Streit Award	Jenny Kitchen

WDCGA Senior Championship

Senior Champion	Jackie Lutz
Super Senior	Joan Gardner

Keefer Cup **Jenny Kitchen**

Houlahan Cup **Helen Cox**

Bennett Pinehurst

Low Net	Dawn Darr/Dee Makinen
Low Gross	Mimi Hoffman/Kay Tyler

Verell Past President's Cup

**Stef Kimmel/
Corrie Myers**

**Calomiris-Church
Cup**

Low Gross
Low Net

**Mary Oliver/Gus Lascola
Mina Jin/Jack Kang**

WDCGA Anniversary

Low Gross

Low Net

**Kay Tyler, Diane Herndon,
Jill Benson, Arline Hoffman
Cherry Chu, Christine Han,
Heesun Choi, Ling Wang**

Tony Marlowe

South Course

Low Net
Low Gross

**Jin Zhang, Karen Wu
Heather Donnelly, Joy Frejka**

North Course

Low Net
Low Gross

**Janet Wilson, Tilly Murray
Bea Pham, Diana Kim**

**Tournament of
Champions**

Kelly Martin

President's Plate

Linda Nguyen

Intercity Competition

WDCGA over WGAB

**Nancy Davies Memorial
Icebreaker**

**Unfortunately cancelled
due to rain**

Cup Tournaments

Lucy DiVall Cup	Corrie Myers
Anita Baarns Cup	Kerry Hoagland
Diane Herndon Cup	Lisa Moore
Lucy Chun Cup	Susan Walthall
Gracy Lady Cup	Corrie Myers
Evening Star Cup	Kerry Hoagland
Margaret Russo Cup	Christine Han
Andi Carpenter Cup	Kelly Martin
Corby Cup	Amanda Love
Coffman Cup	Kerry O'Hare
York Flower Bowl	Karen Marcotte
Pat Kaufman Cup	Jaehwa Kim

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

All tournaments are individual stroke play
unless another format is specified

APRIL

The Houlahan Cup*	Mount Vernon
April 14 (Tuesday)	9:00am Shotgun
Qualifying Index Date: April 8	Index of 14.6 & above
Entry Deadline: April 8	Playing Handicap: April 9
No Entry Fee. Player is responsible for cart fee. Register online at wdcga.org .	
*See Guidelines-Class Tournaments for details	

Kefer Cup*	Chevy Chase
April 15 (Wednesday)	8:00am Tee Times
April 16 (Thursday)	8:00am Tee Times
Qualifying Index Date: April 8	Index of 14.5 & below
Entry Deadline: April 8	Playing Handicap: April 10
No Entry Fee. Player is responsible for caddie and cart fees. Register online at wdcga.org .	
*See Guidelines-Class Tournaments for details	

**The Nancy Davies Ice
Breaker***

Argyle

April 25 (Saturday)

12pm Tee Times

Format:2-Person Team

Sponsored by Carol Davies

Entry Deadline: April 18

Playing Handicap April 20

Entry Fee is \$160/team; includes cart fee and post-golf appetizers. Register and pay online at wdcga.org.

*See Guidelines-Added Fee Tournaments for details.

JUNE

June Cups* at Lansdowne

Tuesday, June 2

9:00am Shotgun

Entry Deadline/Qualifying Handicap: May 26

Playing Index: May 28

Class A Linda DiVall Cup (12.4 max)

Sponsored by Linda DiVall

Class B Anita Baarns Cup (12.5 – 16.2)

Sponsored by Anita Baarns

Class C Diane Herndon Cup (16.3 – 19.5)

Sponsored by Stefanie Kimmel

Class D Lucy Chun Cup (19.6 – 21.9)

Sponsored by Ron & Lucy Chun

No Entry Fee. Player is responsible for cart fee.

Register online at wdcga.org.

See Guidelines-Class Tournaments for details.

Inner-City Team vs. Baltimore*	TBD
Date TBD	Tee Times TDB
Format: Match Play	
Invitation Only	
*See Guidelines-Invitational Tournaments for details	

JULY

Verell Past President's Cup*	Belle Haven
July 9 (Thursday)	9:00am Shotgun
Format: 2-Person Team	
Sponsored by Pam Oetgen, Helen Cox & Nancy Duncan	
Entry Deadline: July 2	Playing Handicap: July 4
Entry Fee is \$204/team includes cart fee and lunch. Register and pay online at wdcga.org .	
*See Guidelines-Added Fee Tournaments for details.	

Bennett Pinehurst*	International
July 21 (Tuesday)	9:00am Shotgun
Format: 2-Person Team	
Sponsored by Dottie Bennett	
Entry Deadline: July 14	Playing Handicap: July 16
Entry Fee is \$190/team includes cart fee and lunch.	
Register and pay online at wdcga.org	
*See Guidelines-Added Fee Tournaments for details.	

July Cups* at River Creek

Wednesday, July 22

9:00am Shotgun

Entry Deadline/Qualifying Handicap: July 15

Playing Index: July 17

Class A Grace Lady Cup (12.4 max)

Sponsored by Robyn Lady

Class B Evening Star Cup (12.5 – 16.2)

Sponsored by Carolyn Willis

Class C Margaret Russo Cup (16.3 – 19.5)

Sponsored by Friends of Margaret Russo

Class D Andi Carpenter Cup (19.6 – 21.9)

Sponsored by Andi Carpenter

No Entry Fee. Player is responsible for cart fee.

Register online at wdcga.org.

See Guidelines-Class Tournaments for details.

**WDCGA Senior
Championship***

Kenwood

July 29 (Wednesday)

8:00am TT

July 30 (Thursday)

9:00am Shotgun

Must be 50 years of age by July 29

Entry Deadline: July 22 Playing Handicap: July 24

Entry Fees: \$30.00 per person. Player is responsible for cart fees.

Register and pay online at wdcga.org.

*See Guidelines-Championships for details

AUGUST

August B, C, D Cups* at Hidden Creek

Tuesday, August 4

8:30am Shotgun

Entry Deadline/Qualifying Handicap: July 30

Playing Index: July 30

Class B Cup (12.5 – 16.2)

Sponsored by TBD

Class C York Flower Bowl (16.3 – 19.5)

Sponsored by York Flowers

Class D Pat Kaufman Cup (19.6 – 21.9)

Sponsored by Pat Kaufman

No Entry Fee. Player is responsible for cart fee.

Register online at wdcga.org.

See Guidelines-Class Tournaments for details.

August Class A Corby Cup* at Columbia

August 6 (Thursday) 8:00am Tee Times

Index of 12.4 and below

Entry Deadline/Qualifying Handicap Date: July 30

Playing Handicap: August 1

No entry fee. Player is responsible for caddie and cart fees.

See Guidelines-Class Tournaments for details.

Tony Marlowe*

Woodmont

August 11 (Tuesday) North course 8:30am SG
South course 9am SG

Format: 2-Person Team

Entry Deadline: August 4 Playing Handicap: Aug 6

Entry Fees: \$174.00/team includes cart and breakfast box.

Field will be split into two tournaments, playing on the North and South courses.

Register and pay online at wdcga.org.

*See Guidelines-Added Fee Tournaments for details

WDCGA Championship	Manor
August 25 – 28 (Tues – Fri)	9:00am Tee Times
Entry Deadline: Aug 18 Playing Handicap: Aug 20	
Entry Fee: \$40.00 per person. Player is responsible for cart fee each day.	
Register and pay online at wdcga.org .	
*See Guidelines-Championships for details	

SEPTEMBER

Calomiris Church Cup*	Norbeck
September 2 (Wednesday)	9:00am Shotgun
Format: Mixed 4-Ball	
Sponsored by Janice Calomiris & Steve Church	
Entry Deadline: Aug 26 Playing Handicap: Aug 28	
Entry Fee is \$210/team includes cart fee and lunch.	
Register and pay online at wdcga.org .	
*See Guidelines-Added Fee Tournaments for details.	

Anniversary Tournament*	Army Navy - Fairfax
September 16 (Wednesday)	9:00am Shotgun
Format: 4-Person Team	
Entry Deadline: Sept 9	Playing Handicap: Sept 11
Entry Fee: \$448.00 per team includes cart fee and lunch. Register and pay online at wdcga.org.	
*See Guidelines-Added Fee Tournaments for details	

OCTOBER

President's Plate*	Belle Haven
October 6 (Tuesday)	9:00am Shotgun
	Playing Handicap: Oct 1
By Invitation Only.	
*See Guidelines-Invitational Tournaments for details	

Tournament of Champions***Bethesda****October 22 (Thursday)**

9:00am Shotgun

Sponsored by Maggie Brady

Entry Deadline: October 15 Playing Handicap: Oct 17

For eligible winners. If eligible, register online.
Player is responsible for cart and caddie fees.

*See Guidelines-Invitational Tournaments for details

NOVEMBER

**Fall Teams Meeting
Executive Board (Reps) Meeting
& Annual Luncheon**

Thursday, November 12, 2026

at

Belle Haven Country Club

6023 Fort Hunt Road
Alexandria, VA 22307

Fall Teams Meeting 10:00 a.m.
WDCGA Executive Board Meeting 11:00 a.m.
Annual Assembly:
Social 12:00 p.m.
Luncheon 12:30 p.m.

Players belonging to more than one Club

	<i>Primary Club</i>	<i>Additional club</i>
AINGE, Dana	Hidden Creek	River Creek
ALSUP, Sunny	Woodmont	Congressional
BENNETT, Niki	Mount Vernon	Belle Haven
DUNCAN, Nancy	Belle Haven	Mount Vernon
FUECHSEL, Lynn	Washington Golf	Hidden Creek
HECHT, Melissa	Congressional	Westwood
HOFFMAN, Arline	Washington Golf	Belle Haven
IM, Jessie	Trump National	River Creek
KIM, EunYoung	Trump National	Lansdowne
LEBLANC, Molly	Columbia	Congressional
SUL, Erica	Trump National	Lansdowne

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Regular Member

A woman* amateur** golfer who:

- is at least 18 years of age
- is a member in good standing of a WDCGA member club
- belongs to a recognized women's golf association at that club
- has a handicap index within the specified WDCGA limits
- has at least 20 scores (active season) posted in the preceding 12 months

*The WDCGA follows the USGA gender policy.

**The USGA defines an amateur golfer as someone who plays golf as a non-remunerative sport, not for financial gain. Amateurs are prohibited from accepting prize money in handicap events or prizes exceeding \$1000 in scratch competitions. Amateurs are barred from employment as a golf professional or accepting payment for instruction.

Associate Member

A woman amateur golfer who:

- is a former regular member of the WDCGA

- meets the same criteria as a Regular Member but whose handicap is no longer within the specified WDCGA limits for participation (may play in events but handicap will be capped at maximum Handicap Index of 21.9)
- Reverts to regular member status if her handicap meets the specified WDCGA limits

Honorary Membership

- All past presidents of the WDCGA
- Specific members designated by the Executive Committee
- No other requirements

HANDICAP INFORMATION

Posting Scores

Members must post all acceptable scores per Rule 2, USGA Rules of Golf. That means all rounds of 9 holes, 10-17 holes, and 18 holes played under the *USGA Rules of Golf* on a course with a current course and slope rating during its active season. Scores should be posted as soon as possible after the round is completed and before midnight local time.

Member clubs are responsible for the validity of their players' handicaps. The WDCGA may disqualify a member from WDCGA-sponsored tournaments in the

event of non-compliance with USGA Rules of Handicapping.

A WDCGA member belonging to more than one club in the WDCGA shall designate one club as her primary club. Unless otherwise indicated, that club shall be the club from which her application for the WDCGA membership was received. When a player is a member of more than one club, the player must ensure that each club knows the details of which other clubs she is a member of, and which club she has designated as her home club.

A WDCGA member is responsible for ensuring that she has only one GHIN ID which is used at all clubs of which she is a member. However, if a WDCGA member has more than one GHIN ID and the handicap indexes differ between the clubs, until the member resolves her GHIN ID issues, she must use either the lowest handicap of the GHIN IDs or have her handicap index manually calculated by the WDCGA Handicap Chair, or be disqualified from competition.

Team Match Competition

Teams for Spring Match Competitions are comprised of players designated as “regular” players and “replacement” players. A “regular” player is one designated as a team member on November 1 when the team roster is submitted. To be designated a regular player, the member’s handicap index must be at or below the

WDCGA specified maximum index of 21.9 on November 1. The combined handicap indexes of the members designated as regular players determines that team's aggregate handicap index which is used for assigning team into divisions for spring match play.

After the team divisions are formed and the match schedule is distributed, a regular player may not be able to play the minimum number of required matches. With prior approval of the WDCGA Teams Chairs and Secretary, a "replacement" player may be substituted for the regular player. A replacement player's handicap index must be at or below the WDCGA specified maximum index of 21.9 at the time she is submitted as a replacement player.

The substitution of a previously named regular player with a replacement player does not change the team's aggregate handicap or the division in which the team has been placed.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Eligibility

Associate Members

- May play in Class D tournaments and added fee tournaments for which they are otherwise eligible.

- Must play to the WDCGA specified maximum handicap index.
- May compete for the cup and/or prizes.

Honorary Members

- Honorary members whose handicaps are over the specified limit for a tournament may play under the parameters of Associate members.

Registration

- Website registration required for all tournaments.
- Registration for all tournaments opens 4 weeks prior to the tournament date (day one if multiday event). First day of registration will move earlier if it falls on the day of a scheduled WDCGA event.
- Registration closes 1 week before the tournament day, except for the Keefer and Houlahan which will close on the same day when played in the same week, and the August A, B, C, D cups which will close on the same day if played in the same week.

Late Entries

Eligible players who miss the registration deadline may contact the appropriate tournament Event Chair to be placed on a wait list.

Unexcused Late Withdrawals and No-Shows

If a player or a team, with no excuse, withdraws from a tournament either the day before or the day of, or does not

show up for a tournament, an acceptable explanation will be required for the player or team to be considered eligible for the next year's tournament. Any player who failed to show for a tournament and failed to contact the Event Chair prior to the commencement of the tournament will be drawn out of any full field tournament with a wait list (*see below*) for the rest of the season.

Full Field Tournament

All tournament registrations are done through Golf Genius which may be accessed at www.WDCGA.org. Each tournament has a maximum field size set prior to registration for that tournament opening. Registration is on a first-come basis. The defending champion of each tournament, individual or identical team, is guaranteed a spot in the tournament so long as the defending champion registers.

Once a tournament has a full field, all subsequent registrations are automatically placed on a wait list in order that the registrations are processed. If a registered player cancels her/her team's registration, then the top player/team on the wait list will be moved into the field.

Any registered player who was a no-show (*see above* Unexcused Late Withdrawal and No Shows) in any prior tournament in the same season will be drawn out of any full field tournaments and a player from the wait list will take her spot.

Postponement or Cancellation of Scheduled Events

Prior to the start of a tournament, if the course is closed, the tournament shall be cancelled and rescheduled if possible.

Once a round has begun, if the Committee considers the conditions of play to be hazardous or the course becomes unplayable, play shall be suspended. If play cannot be resumed that day, the Committee will determine whether the tournament can be postponed or must be cancelled.

If a tournament is cancelled, any entry fee will be refunded (less any catering charge imposed by the host club).

Practice Rounds

The WDCGA does not sponsor practice rounds for any tournament.

Smoking Policy

The WDCGA recognizes that some members may wish to maintain a reasonably smoke-free environment during the play of tournaments. Any member who is assigned to share a cart with a smoking member may request her own cart. If pairings are threesomes, players should, if possible, switch places so that there are still only two carts in the group.

WDCGA COMPETITIONS

WDCGA competitions can be classified into the following five categories:

- **Team Match Competition** – Interclub competition played at the start of the season. Each club may field a team(s) of six and/or four players. Teams compete against other WDCGA club teams with similar aggregate handicaps.
- **Class Tournaments** – Monthly stroke play events that give members the opportunity to play at member clubs and compete against players of similar ability.
- **Added Fee Tournaments** – Popular events from April through October that offer a variety of venues and formats for partner play.
- **Championships** – Two held annually. The four-day WDCGA Championship, open to all members, includes a stroke-play qualifier and three days of match play. The Senior Championship, open to members who are 50 years of age by the date of the tournament, is a two-day stroke play competition.
- **Invitational Tournaments** – Invitation only events. President's Cup's invitations reward volunteers. WDCGA Tournament of Champions' invites go to eligible winners. Invitations to play in the Intercity tournament against the WGA of Baltimore are extended to the low handicappers.

Team Match Competition

Team match competition among member clubs is held in the spring. Teams travel throughout the area to play matches against all other teams in their division.

Teams are formed by member clubs well before the matches begin. Teams are divided by team aggregate into Divisions. Generally, each Division is comprised of six to seven teams with six or four players on each team. The last six or four player division may have fewer than six teams, but no fewer than four teams. A division with fewer than seven teams will play fewer than six matches. Based on the numbers, a Club may end up being drawn out of Team match competition for one of its teams. See your club representative for details regarding eligibility or opportunities to be a substitute.

Class Tournaments

Kefer Cup

Eligibility: Members with handicap indexes of 14.5 or below are eligible.

Format: This is a two-day stroke play tournament. The Keefer Cup winner (trophy and Tournament of Champions eligibility) is the two-day low gross score of the field.

Handicap allowance: 95% of player's course handicap if field is more than 30 players; 100% if field is 30 or less.

Houlahan Cup

Eligibility: Members with handicap indexes of 14.6 or above are eligible.

Format: This is a one-day stroke play competition. The field is divided into flights. The Houlahan Cup winner (trophy and Tournament of Champions eligibility) is the low gross score of the field. Flight winners are the low gross scores in the flights

Handicap allowance: 95% of player's course handicap if field is more than 30 players; 100% if field is 30 or less.

June, July and August Cups

Eligibility: Tournaments are divided into classes according to handicap indexes, (see Handicap Divisions, p. 1). Eligibility is based upon player's handicap as of the

Qualifying Handicap date (as noted in the tournament schedule), not her handicap at the time she registered.

Except for a postponed tournament, a player may compete in only one Class tournament each month. If the qualifying day index revision results in a change of class, a player whose class eligibility has changed is only eligible to play in the tournament of her new class. As necessary, Event Chairs will move players to the appropriate Cup based on qualifying handicaps.

Format: All monthly cup tournaments are one-day individual stroke play events.

Handicap allowance: 95% of player's course handicap if field is more than 30 players; 100% if field is 30 or less.

Postponed Class Tournaments: A player who is registered for a Class tournament which is postponed may participate in the rescheduled event, provided however, that her index has not dropped below that class handicap limit. If it has, she may not participate in the rescheduled event. If her handicap index has risen above the handicap limit for that class, she may play using the maximum index allowed in the class. Any player in the class who did not sign up for the original tournament may enter the postponed tournament

Added-Fee Tournaments

The tournaments in this section are subject to added entry fees as noted in this book's tournament schedule. Fees include carts and specified food.

- Caddie fees and tips are not included unless specifically stated.
- Register and pay online.
- A team is not considered registered until payment is processed. This is done automatically and establishes the order of registration and, for oversubscribed tournaments, the order of the wait list.
- Depending on the number of entries, these events may be oversubscribed, in which case a waitlist will be utilized.
- There are no refunds after the closing date.
- In the event of weather cancellation, the entry fee is refunded less any catering charge imposed by the host club.

The Nancy Davies Icebreaker Tournament

Eligibility: Open to all members.

Format: This is a one-day two-person team stroke play competition in which the partners play a captain's choice

(scramble). Gross and net prizes will be awarded. The overall winner is the team with the low net score.

Handicap allowance: The partner with the lower handicap index receives 35% of her course handicap; the partner with the higher handicap index receives 15% of her course handicap.

WDCGA Anniversary Tournament

Eligibility: Open to all members.

Format: This is a one-day stroke play competition in which four competitors play as team-mates, each playing her own ball. Individual scores are recorded, as well as the total better ball score of two net and two gross balls. Gross and net prizes are awarded, with the gross prize awarded first.

Handicap allowance: 85% of player's course handicap.

Bennett Pinehurst Stroke Play

Eligibility: Open to all members.

Format: This is a one-day two-person team stroke play competition in which both partners drive, then each plays her partner's ball. After their second shots, partners select the ball with which they wish to score and play that ball alternately to complete the hole. The overall winner is the low net score of the field.

Handicap allowance: The partner with the lower handicap index receives 60% of her course handicap; the partner with the higher handicap index receives 40% of her course handicap.

Calomiris-Church Cup Mixed Four-Ball

Eligibility: Open to all members. Male competitors (who must be amateur and at least 18 years of age) do not have to belong to a WDCGA member club; however, they must have a USGA handicap verifiable online based on information provided on the entry form or by alternate verification, emailed to the Event Chair by the registration deadline.

Format: This is a one-day stroke play competition in which two competitors (one male/one female) play as partners, each playing his/her own ball. This tournament has both a net and a gross winner.

There are two trophies, one awarded to the overall net winner and one to the overall gross winner. In addition, separate prizes are awarded in each session. All ties are broken by the USGA recommended method.

Handicap allowance: Women receive 85% of their course handicap and men receive 85%. In addition, the player playing from the set of tees with the higher par will

receive additional stroke(s) equal to the difference between the pars of the tees they are playing (as outlined by USGA Rules of Handicapping).

Tony Marlowe Four-Ball Stroke Play

Eligibility: Open to all members.

Format: This is a one-day stroke play competition in which two competitors play as partners, each playing her own ball. The overall winner is the low net score of the field. This event usually has two sessions; each scored as a separate event. This year, both sessions will be played in the morning.

Handicap allowance: 85% of player's course handicap.

Verell Past President's Cup

Eligibility: Open to all members.

Format: This is a one-day stroke play competition in which two competitors play as partners. Teams play six holes of four-ball stroke play (better-ball), six holes alternate shot and six holes captain's choice (scramble). Each partner's drive must be used at least two times during the alternate shot holes and at least two times during the captain's choice holes. The field is divided into multiple flights, with gross prizes awarded to the overall winners and within flight.

Handicap allowance: None, all play is gross.

Championships

The tournaments in this section are subject to nominal added entry fees as noted in this book's tournament schedule and entry forms. These tournaments are partially subsidized by the WDCGA.

- Player is responsible for her own cart and caddie fees each day of play.
- Register and Pay online.
- There are no refunds after the closing date unless Championship is cancelled.
- The WDCGA does not use Model Local Rule E5 for these Championships. When a ball is lost or out of bounds, players must proceed under USGA Rule 18 Stroke-and-Distance Relief. To save time, players should play a provisional ball as provided by Rule 18.3.

WDCGA Championship

Eligibility: Open to all members.

Format: This is a four-day event. An 18-hole stroke-play qualifying round precedes three days of match play in flights. Championship and First flights receive no strokes, i.e., play gross. All other flights receive 100% of their course handicap, i.e., play net.

Day One: Qualifying or “Preview Round” (Stroke Play) is optional.

Only players who wish to play in the 16-player Championship flight must play in the qualifying round and will play up to 4 days. Qualifying Players qualify based on their qualifying round scores. The top 16 qualifiers, including the automatically qualifying Defending Champion, comprise the Championship flight.

Other players who wish to play a “preview” round of the course may also play the same day as the qualifying round and will play up to 4 days.

Players not wanting to qualify for the Championship flight and not wanting to play a “preview” round will play up to 3 days.

The Championship Committee makes the pairings for the

qualifying and “preview” round. The Defending Champion automatically qualifies and is seeded first for match play.

If she elects to play for the Medalist prize in the Qualifying Round, she is seeded according to her finish. If she elects to automatically qualify, she may play a practice round at the end of the field with a non-qualifier participant. The Medalist and/or Co-Medalists, if other than the Defending Champion, are seeded second and third depending on their order of finish.

Medalist prize(s) is/are awarded to the player(s) with the lowest qualifying score. In addition to the Medalist prize(s), the Metta Streit medal is awarded to the player(s) 50 years of age or older with the lowest qualifying score.

Ties in the Qualifying Round: Ties for the last place in the championship flight and in the last flight are resolved by a hole-by-hole playoff of stroke play at the completion of the qualifying round. Any player who is not present at the time of the playoff forfeits her rights. Ties for seeding positions are decided by the order in which scores are returned.

Seeding for Day Two Match Play: The Championship flight is seeded based on scores from the Qualifying Round. All other flights are seeded by Playing Handicap Index, lowest to highest.

Day Two: Players in all flights play one match. Those players who lose their match in the Championship flight make up the 1st flight.

Day Three: Players in the Championship and 1st flights play two matches. Players in all other flights play one match.

Day Four: Final Matches for all flights.

Championship Finals: The WDCGA Rules Chair, or her designee, acts as the referee for the Championship flight final round. Rules committee members selected by the Rules Chair act as referees for the final matches in other flights.

NOTE: This tournament is one day of stroke play followed by 3 days of match play in flights. Withdrawal or forfeiture by a player any time after the qualifying round will be reviewed by the Committee (comprised of the Tournament Chair, the Championship Chair, the Rules Chair, the President and Vice President). If the Committee determines that the withdrawal or forfeiture was unwarranted, the player will be barred from playing in the Championship the following year.

WDCGA Senior Championship

Eligibility: Entrants must be at least 50 years of age by the first day of the tournament.

Format: This is a two-day stroke play competition. The field is divided into flights. The overall winner and runner up are the low gross scores of the entire field. Flight winners are the low gross scores in each flight. Net and gross prizes are awarded in all flights. There is a Super Senior and/or Co- Super Senior award for competitors 65 years of age and older. The Senior Tournament Committee makes the pairings for the first day of play. Pairings on the second day are according to gross scores from the first day of competition.

Invitational Tournaments

The following tournaments are by invitation only.

InterCity

Eligibility: Captains appointed by the WDCGA President select a team of twelve players to compete. The competition is head-to-head, no strokes, so the captains

invite the lowest handicap WDCGA players to express their interest in playing and to commit to playing on the designated day. From that number, the captains then select twelve players from several of our member clubs to represent the WDCGA against the WGA of Baltimore.

Format: This is a one-day team match competition between the WDCGA and the WGA of Baltimore.

President's Plate

Eligibility: By invitation of the WDCGA President to thank volunteers. Executive Board, Committee Chairs, Event Chairs, Rules Committee members, Past Presidents, and others who have been of special assistance to the President receive invitations.

Format: Stableford, one-day individual stroke play events.

Handicap allowance: 85% of player's course handicap.

Tournament of Champions

Eligibility: The following current season winners are eligible:

- WDCGA Champion, Runner-Up, winners

and runners-up of each flight in the WDCGA Championship

- WDCGA Senior Champion, Runner-Up, WDCGA Super Senior Champion, and winners of each flight in the WDCGA Senior Championship
- Winners of all WDCGA Class Tournaments
- Net and Gross winners of Added-Fee Tournaments
- Team Match Competition Division winners (the six or four regular team members – no subs)
- All members of a winning WDCGA Intercity Team
- Winner of the President's Plate if held before the Tournament of Champions. If not, the winner of this year's President's Plate is eligible for next year's Tournament of Champions.
- This year's Club Champions and Senior Club Champions of WDCGA member clubs (must be current members of the WDCGA)
- Qualifiers of/or participants in any national USGA Championship in the same calendar year

The following are eligible based on winning in prior seasons:

- Last year's Tournament of Champions winner

- Past WDCGA Championship winners (must be current members of the WDCGA)

Members eligible based on performance in WDCGA events will receive an email with a registration link. Members eligible based on non-WDCGA events must notify the Vice President, wdcgaVP@gmail.com, of the basis for her eligibility and request to be added to the invitation list. Anyone who believes she is eligible but did not receive an email should contact the Vice President.

Format: This is a one-day stroke play tournament. The overall winner is the low net score of the field.

Handicap allowance: 95% of player's course handicap if field is more than 30 players; 100% if field is 30 or less.

PRIZES & AWARDS

Added Fee Tournaments

Prizes in WDCGA tournaments (except the Championships) are awarded at a ratio of 1 for every 4 players

Class Tournaments

With a field of 40 or fewer, prizes are awarded to 50% of the field, up to a maximum of 10 prizes. If the field is larger than 40 players, additional prizes are awarded at a ratio of 1 for every 4 players.

A Cup Tournaments

Gross Tournaments:

Linda DiVall Cup (June)

Grace Lady Cup (July)

Net Tournament:

Corby Cup (August)

B, C, and D Cup Tournaments

For all Cups, the overall winner is the player with the low gross score. Both gross and net prizes will be awarded.

Championship

Prizes in the Championship are awarded to:

- Medalist and/or Co-Medalists in the qualifying round

- Metta Streit Senior Medalist and/or Co-Medalists in the qualifying round
- Champion and runner-up
- Flight Winners and runners-up

Ties

Generally, ties for Cup winners and Tournament champions will be resolved by a hole-by-hole playoff. If the playoff is for a net prize, the players receive strokes as they fall on the card with the number of strokes determined by the rules of the tournament.

Playoffs begin immediately following completion of play. A player not present when the playoff begins forfeits her right to participate in the playoff. Once a winner is determined, the playoff is complete.

A match of cards using the USGA recommended method (compare last 9, 6, 3, 1, holes) resolves all other ties. In the event the tie is not broken after comparing the back nine, the above procedure will be repeated using the front nine.

A player who loses a tie to win a net prize does not forfeit her right to a higher gross prize for which she is eligible. Conversely, a player who loses a tie to win a gross prize does not forfeit her right to a higher net prize for which she is eligible.

If a playoff cannot occur, a drawing by lot of eligible playoff participants will be held to determine the winner. All other places will be determined by match of cards.

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS & WDCGA CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

Scoring

Players shall exchange scorecards with fellow competitors, record each other's hole-by-hole score, and sign the scorecard as the scorer. Each player shall sign her own card attesting to the correctness of her hole-by-hole score and handicap. Each player or team must turn in a paper scorecard. The paper scorecard is the official scorecard for that player or team's round.

Live Scoring

All WDCGA tournaments are set up in Golf Genius. Each scorecard has that group's assigned GGID. One player in each group must sign into Golf Genius using that GGID and record the hole-by-hole scores of all players in her group as the round progress. Before the official scorecards are turned in, players should compare and confirm that the entries in Golf Genius are correct. If there are any discrepancies in scores are found by the tournament officials, the score in Golf Genius will be changed to match the official scorecard.

Caddies

Host clubs may provide caddies and/or golf carts. Participants are not permitted to bring caddies from another source unless authorized by the Tournament Committee.

Penalty: Disqualification

Note: "Forecaddies" are caddies and are subject to the same rules as a caddie even if the caddie is working for more than one player.

WDCGA LOCAL RULES

The Rules and Interpretations of the United States Golf Association shall govern play. See Notice to Players/Competitors for additional Local Rules and Conditions. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is Two Strokes in Stroke play and Loss of Hole in Match play.

OUT OF BOUNDS: Defined by inside points, at ground level, of large white stakes and fence posts. Definition of Out of Bounds.

LOCAL RULE E-5 Alternative for Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds: The WDCGA has adopted this rule for all tournaments except for the Championship and Senior Championship. For the

Championships, players proceed under USGA Rule 18 Stroke-and-Distance Relief if a ball is lost or out of bounds. Under Local Rule E-5, to maintain pace of play, when a provisional ball has not been played and a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, for two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping a ball in a large area between the point where the ball is estimated to have come to rest or gone out of bounds and the edge of the fairway of the hole being played that is not nearer the hole. This option is not available if the ball is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a penalty area, *see* USGA Rule 17.1

PENALTY AREA STAKES AND LINES: When both stakes and lines are used to indicate penalty areas, the stakes identify the penalty areas and the lines define the penalty areas.

YELLOW PENALTY AREAS: Marked with Yellow lines or Yellow stakes give the player two relief options (Rules 17.1d(1) and (2)).

RED PENALTY AREAS: Marked with red lines or red stakes give the player an extra lateral relief option (Rule 17.1d(3)), in addition to the two relief options available for yellow penalty areas.

NO PLAY ZONES: A no-play zone must be defined as part of either an abnormal course condition or a penalty

area. If such areas are present (usually identified by stakes with green tops), proceed under Rule 2.4, also see Rules 16.1f and 17.1e.

ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITIONS: Ground under Repair is defined by white lines. French drains (trenches filled with stones or the like) are considered Ground Under Repair even when not marked. White-lined areas tying into artificially surfaced roads and paths have the same status as the roads and paths – immovable obstructions.

SEAMS OF CUT TURF: If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing, relief may be taken as follows: Ball in General Area: The player may drop a ball under Rule 16.1b. Ball on Putting Green: The player may place a ball under Rule 16.1d. Interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH: Loose impediments and the ball should be played as it lies.

UNDUE DELAY, SLOW PLAY: *See* Rule 5.6 and the WDCGA Pace of Play Policy (below).

INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE: Includes cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees, liners in bunkers and artificial walls and pilings when

located in penalty areas unless otherwise provided for in Notice to Players/Competitors.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: A player may obtain distance information by using a distance measuring device. If a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect her play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), she is in breach of the rules. See Rule 4.3a.

DROPPING ZONES: Dropping zones which allow players to cross a penalty area without playing across that area **MAY NOT** be used for any WDCGA events. Dropping zones specified in local rules which allow players to drop out of flower beds or an abnormal course condition such as a large area of ground under repair may be used. *See Model Local Rule E-1.1* for appropriate language.

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS: Only brands of golf balls on the current USGA list of Conforming Golf Balls may be used. Penalty: Disqualification

TIME OF STARTING: The Player must start at the time established by the Committee or Chair. *See Rule 5-3.*

CELL PHONE POLICY: Cell Phone policy – Electronic Devices may be used in accordance with the rules of the USGA (Rule 4.3a) and any local club rule. However,

electronic devices must be used only in silent mode. Players should ensure that any electronic device taken onto the course does not distract other players or cause undue delay. Violation will result in a warning - continued violation will result in disqualification.

PLAYERS UNCERTAIN WHAT TO DO: Player should proceed under Rule 20.1c by playing 2 balls. Player should announce which ball she will score with prior to making a stroke. She must report facts to the Committee before returning the score card or she will be disqualified. This procedure does not apply to Match Play.

DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY: During a round, a player must not stop play except in the following cases: If an Immediate Suspension of play is announced by the Committee under Rule 5.7b; If players in a match agree to stop play for any reason, except if doing so delays the competition; and If a player reasonably believes there is danger from lightning. If play is stopped by the Committee due to a Dangerous Situation, players must not make another stroke until play is resumed. Also, all practice areas are closed during such suspension until the Committee declares them open.

SCORECARDS: Scorecards may not be altered once they have been returned to the Committee. Rule 3.3b.

PACE OF PLAY POLICY

USGA Rule 5-6b **Prompt Pace of Play** states: “A round of golf is meant to be played at a prompt pace. Your pace of play is likely to affect how long it will take other players to play their rounds, including both those in your group and those in following groups. You are encouraged to allow faster groups to play through.”

Pace of Play Recommendations. You should play at a prompt pace throughout the round, including the time taken to:

- Prepare for and make each stroke (should take no more than 40 seconds),
- Move from one place to another place between strokes, and
- Move to the next teeing area after completing a hole.

You should prepare in advance for your next stroke and be ready to play when it is your turn.

Playing Out of Turn to Help Pace of Play. In stroke play, play “ready golf” in a safe and responsible way. In match play, you and your opponent may agree that one of you will play out of turn to save time. This should be agreed each time it will be done – not automatic “ready golf”.

Definition of “Out of Position”

The first group will be considered Out of Position if, at any time during the round, that group proceeds at a pace exceeding an average of 14 minutes per hole for the holes that have been played.

Any following group will be considered out of position (RED FLAG) if it (a) is behind the prescribed schedule (14 minutes per hole) AND (b) reaches the tee of a par 3 hole and the preceding group has cleared the tee of the next hole, fails to clear the tee of a par 4 hole before the preceding group clears the putting green, or arrives at the tee of a par 5 hole when the preceding group is on the putting green. Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be out of position.

NOTE: Fourteen minutes per hole is the average time for 4 players playing in a stroke play event. Times may be adjusted according to event format and numbers in a group.

Monitoring

Groups who are falling out of position may receive a warning either verbally or by use of a yellow flag. If a group is out of position (RED FLAG), the players in that group may be monitored and timed. They will be verbally notified by the tournament marshal that they will be

timed. This will be done immediately after all players complete their tee shots on the hole where monitoring will begin.

Timing

When a group is being monitored and timed, each player is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds after timing of the stroke begins. Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke begins when she has had reasonable opportunity to reach her ball, it is her turn to play, and she can play without interference or distraction. Time spent computing yardage will count as part of the time taken to play the stroke. On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed enough time to lift, clean and replace her ball, remove sand and loose soil from putting green, repair damage as allowed by Rule 13.1c, and remove loose impediments on her 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 to play the stroke.

NOTE: Though a player is permitted 40 seconds to play a stroke an extra 10 seconds will be allowed for:

- (a) The first player to play a tee shot
- (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

A player who exceeds the allotted time for a stroke will be notified as soon as possible and will be notified of any penalty in accordance with the table below.

NOTE: If the group being monitored and timed regains its proper position (WHITE FLAG), any previous timings that exceeded the allotted time will be carried over for the remainder of the round in case that group requires additional monitoring.

NOTE: The Committee reserves the right to time a group whenever the Committee deems it necessary. Players should also be aware that the Committee may assess a “bad time” to a player in a group which is out of position if the player makes no effort to help her group get back in position. An example of this would be a player who delays between shots.

NOTE: If a ruling or some other legitimate delay occurs which causes the group in question to lose its position, that group is expected to regain its position within a reasonable time.

Summary of Penalties

The following are the penalties, in sequence, for any player in a group being timed who takes more than the allotted time to play a stroke after timing of the player's stroke begins:

Timing	Result	Form of Play
1 st Bad Timing	Warning	Match & Stroke Play
2 ^d Bad Timing	1 Stroke	Stroke Play
2 ^d Bad Timing	Loss of Hole*	Match Play
3 rd Bad Timing	+ 2 Strokes	Stroke Play
3 rd Bad Timing	Loss of Add'l Hole	Match Play
4 th Bad Timing	Disqualification**	Match & Stroke Play

*Applicable to the Side in Four Ball Match Play

**Applicable to the Side in Both Four Ball Match and Stroke Play

In the Pinehurst Stroke Play and the Alternate Shot and Captain's Choice formats of the Verell Past President's Cup, any penalty is assessed against the team and not the individual player.

Significance of Flags

WHITE FLAG – GROUP IS (BACK) IN POSITION
YELLOW FLAG – WARNING, GROUP IS FALLING
BEHIND RED FLAG – GROUP IS OUT OF POSITION
AND MAY BE TIMED

WDCGA CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct addresses acceptable and expected behavior of the members of the WDCGA. As members, we are held to a certain standard of conduct on and off the golf course. During golf events, social gatherings, business meetings, and email and telephone communications, members must treat each other with civility and respect.

1. **Elements of Conduct.** Golf is a game of etiquette, sportsmanship, and integrity. It is the responsibility of each WDCGA member to adhere to this Code of Conduct on and off the course and ensure others do the same. Allowing or ignoring poor etiquette, unsportsmanlike conduct, and rules violations will only lead to additional occurrences and diminish the integrity and reputation of the organization. On the course, the WDCGA expects all players to adhere to the Standards of Player Conduct, Rule 1.2 in the USGA Rules of Golf.
2.
 - a. ***Etiquette*** requires players to act civilly, be mindful of their pace-of-play, look out for the safety of others, and avoid distracting the play of others. Some examples of poor etiquette are:
 - 1) Unbecoming, discourteous conduct

- 2) Hitting when others are in danger of being hit, standing in a player's line of sight, or walking on a player's line
- 3) Distracting a player by talking, moving, or making a loud noise when a player is hitting or putting
- 4) Failing to care for the course by not following cart rules, not raking bunkers, not repairing ball marks, not filling divots.

Poor etiquette often results in an unpleasant round for all involved. Etiquette misconduct is best addressed in a calm and respectful manner at the time misconduct occurs.

- b. ***Sportsmanship*** requires players to conduct themselves in a disciplined manner by remaining ethical, polite, and gracious in loss and victory. Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated. Sportsmanship violations must be reported to the Review Board. Some examples of sportsmanship violations are:

- 1) Repeatedly and audibly using vulgar or offensive language
- 2) Throwing equipment
- 3) Speaking or acting harshly or disrespectfully to a competitor, teammate, tournament official, or club employee

- c. ***Integrity.*** Golf is a game of honor. On the course, players are expected to adhere to the WDCGA Guidelines, Local Rules, Conditions of Competition, and the USGA Rules of Golf. If a player knows that she has breached a Rule of Golf that involves a penalty and deliberately fails to apply the penalty, the player is disqualified.

If a player witnesses another player breaching a Rule of Golf, it is her responsibility to notify the player and the player's marker promptly and certainly before the player submits her scorecard.

In addition to notifying the player and marker prior to the scorecard submission, egregious or intentional violations of the Rules of Golf must be reported to the Review Board.

For such serious or recurring violations of the Rules of Golf, including failing to accurately post all acceptable golf scores as required by Rule 2, the Review Board may impose sanctions beyond the penalty imposed by the Rules of Golf.

3. **Code of Conduct Violations.** Golf is a self-policing sport without referees or umpires. Incidents of serious misconduct or actions deemed detrimental to the image of the WDCGA or contrary to the spirit of

the game are grounds for disqualification and suspension from future WDCGA competition. Such suspected serious or egregious violations of the Code of Conduct must be reported to the Review Board as soon as possible but no later than 5 days after the violation(s).

As set forth in the WDCGA Handbook, Oversight, the Review Board will investigate the validity and severity of the suspected violation(s) and impose sanctions if appropriate.

REVIEW BOARD

The Review Board is established to review complaints submitted to it in writing about a member's behavior at any WDCGA function. The Review Board will consist of the four WDCGA Executive Committee members. The WDCGA Secretary will act as recording secretary of the Review Board and maintain a record of any complaints filed and decisions issued.

The purpose of the Review Board is to review and investigate complaints of serious disciplinary matters that are violations of the WDCGA Code of Conduct or its Guidelines or generally any misconduct that reflects poorly on the WDCGA.

The Review Board may impose sanctions as deemed appropriate for specific circumstances:

1. Written reprimand.
2. Suspension from participation in any WDCGA event for a set number of days. Egregious behavior will dictate length of suspension.
3. Suspension for the remainder of the season and possibly revocation of WDCGA membership. In the event of revocation, a player's request for reinstatement of membership would require the unanimous approval of the Executive Committee and the player's Club Representative.

Proceedings before the Review Board will be confidential. The Review Board will provide the individuals involved in the complaint with their decision in writing.

PLAY WITHOUT DELAY

- **Plan your shot while walking to your ball or while others are playing.**
- **Be ready to play when it is your turn.**
- **Walk briskly between shots.**
- **Walk directly to your golf ball; don't follow others unless you are assisting in a search.**
- **If riding, take several clubs with you to your ball so you won't have to walk back to the cart.**
- **Don't step off yardage for every single golf shot; develop an "eye" for distance.**
- **Be efficient with pre-shot routine.**
- **Take only one practice swing.**
- **Play a provisional ball if you think the original might be lost outside a water hazard or out of bounds.**

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