

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

Talking Points for Committee Members - 2019

The WMGA does **more** than just conduct golf tournaments. It supports and promotes the Game of Golf through its large base of dedicated volunteers who make valuable contributions to the game across the region.

1. The WMGA (Originally founded as the DC Golf Association) was founded 1914.
2. There are approximately 60 member clubs in the association.
3. Club/course eligibility - Any regularly organized golf or country club located in the District of Columbia, the State of Maryland counties of Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery, Prince Georges, St. Mary's and Washington or the Commonwealth of Virginia counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William or Stafford or the independent cities within these Virginia counties shall be eligible by invitation of the Executive Committee for membership in this Association.
4. The WMGA conducts its own championships and three USGA championship qualifiers:
 - Amateur events include - Metropolitan Amateur Championship, Mid-Amateur Championship, Senior Amateur, and Four-Ball and Senior Four-Ball
 - Junior events include - The Frank Emmet Schoolboy Championship, The Bob Riley Junior Open, The Bobby Gorin Memorial, and the Bubby Worsham Memorial (ages 10 - 24)
 - USGA qualifiers - U. S. Open local qualifier, U. S. Amateur sectional qualifier, U. S. Mid Amateur sectional qualifier
5. The WMGA is very active in providing Rules of Golf education to - its member clubs, high school golf teams, college golf teams, and other allied organizations including The First Tee and The Special Olympics of Maryland. Our volunteers also help officiate at and conduct high school competitions in Maryland and Virginia and college golf competitions up and down the east coast. WMGA rules officials also assist the Middle Atlantic GA, the Maryland State GA, the Virginia State GA, the MAPGA and the USGA. Our rules experts have assisted at the highest levels of competition, including the U. S. Open, U. S. Women's Open, U. S. Amateur, and the Masters.

In 2019 the WMGA, working with the Middle Atlantic GA, provided rules of golf education to 15 college golf teams. As the season progresses, it will conduct rules of golf education for hundreds of high school players and their coaches across Maryland and Virginia.
6. The WMGA offers financial assistance to junior golfers who support our events through the Frank Emmet Scholarship program. Recipients are junior golfers who have just graduated high school and are headed off to college. Information and an application is available on our website
7. The WMGA supports the Links to Freedom Foundation by raising used golf equipment for the veterans and families they support.
8. The WMGA was at the forefront of modern course rating and was one of the first to implement and train course raters in the slope rating system for golf courses.

