

2024 Montclair Ladies Golf Association (MLGA) Handbook

The purpose of the MLGA is to promote good fellowship and sportsmanship among its members and to encourage active participation of its members in playing golf and taking part in golf tournaments conducted in accordance with the United States Golf Association's rules of golf and local rules of the course.

For information about the MLGA, membership, tournament schedule, and the MLGA Handbook visit the Montclair Golf Club website at: montclaircc.org. Select the 3 bars at the top of the page, then select Golf, and then Ladies' Golf Association.

MLGA PAST PRESIDENTS		
1976* Bernie Drohan	1988 Juanita Milan	2007-2008* Linda Wood
1977 Chris Sankers	1989* Vivienne Fulford	2009 Sue Athas
1978 Faye Wehner	1994* Bernie Drohan	2010 Sue Hebert
1979 Margo Huggins	1995* Nancy Huff	2011-2013* Linda Wood
1980-1981 Carol O'Brien	1996-1998 Judy Porter	2014-2015 Sue Athas
1982* Vivienne Fulford	1999 Dottie Hinnant	2016* Linda Wood
1983 Rosa Worsham	2000-2001 Carol Lucke	2017-2018 Lisa Lessard
1984-1985 Jean Giffin	2002-2003* Nancy Huff	2019 Sue Athas
1986 Pat Markey	2004 Marge Lyons	2020 Carol Payne
1987 Joyce McVay	2005-2006 Shirley Thorne	2021-2023 Sue Athas

*Deceased

MLGA 2024 BOARD MEMBERS

DEBBIE FERLAZZO	PRESIDENT
LISA LESSARD	VICE-PRESIDENT
DIANE RICE	SECRETARY
SALLY DIMIERO	TREASURER
TESS MANDRGOC	TOURNAMENT CHAIR

SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

JAYNE PIPER	WEEKEND SWINGERS
LINDA WINCE	WEDNESDAY LEAGUE
LINDA WINCE	HANDICAP CHAIR
PAM CHAMBERS	9 HOLE GROUP CHAIR
SUE LYTELL	SOCIAL/SUNSHINE
LINDA WINCE	ARFAX DELEGATE
EVELYN CRAWFORD	ARFAX ALTERNATE
OPEN	HISTORIAN/PHOTO

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES

EVELYN CRAWFORD	HOME 2 HOME
LISA LESSARD	TRI-COUNTY
D. BUTTGEREIT	LADIES LEAGUE VA
TESS MANDRGOC	LADIES LEAGUE VA
DIANE RICE	RINGERS

MLGA Membership

To be eligible for MLGA 18-hole or 9-hole events, a player must:

- a. Be 18 years of age and a golf member in good standing of the Montclair Golf Club.
- b. Have an established USGA Handicap maintained at Montclair Golf Club.
- c. Be a member in good standing with the MLGA.

Note: New members joining after July 15th will pay 50% of the membership dues.

Individuals, who are not current members of the MLGA and are interested in information about MLGA membership, please contact the Montclair Golf Club:

- Email: info@montclairgolfva.com.
- Phone: 703-670-7503

MLGA Tournaments and Events - (9 and 18 Hole)

18-hole events are normally played on Wednesdays and Saturdays, with the exception of major 2-day tournaments that are played on the weekend.

The 9-hole Committee Chair will coordinate 9-hole events. Membership fees for individuals only participating in the 9-hole group will be 50% of the annual MLGA membership dues.

Social Memberships

A special membership is open to ladies who wish to participate in MLGA social events only. Social Membership dues are 50% of annual membership dues.

SIGN UPS AND RAIN DATES

All members are encouraged to play in the weekly events on Wednesday and/or Saturday.

For Wednesday play: Linda Wince is the Wednesday league coordinator. If you are interested in playing, please sign-up by emailing Linda by Monday @ 12:00 (noon). Pairings will be sent out on Tuesday.

For Saturday play: Jayne Piper is the Saturday league coordinator. If you are interested in playing, please sign-up by emailing Jayne by Thursday @ 12:00 (noon). Pairings will be sent out on Friday.

Putting the pairings together takes time, please be respectful by signing up on-time.

Please report 30 minutes before your tee time. If there is the possibility of a frost delay or inclement weather, it is up to each individual to check with the Pro shop to see if there is a scheduled delay or course closure. If a player is unable to play, she should cancel as early as possible with the Pro Shop.

USGA HANDICAPS

All members of the MLGA must have an established USGA handicap. Scores must be posted in the GHIN system.

New members must post a minimum of three rounds to establish a handicap in order to compete in the weekly MLGA events. After the new member has posted a minimum of eight rounds, she is eligible to compete in major tournaments.

Handicaps will be monitored by the Handicap Chair. Your score must be posted when playing with the MLGA, unless the format does not allow for an individual score (e.g., a scramble). It is recommended that you post hole by hole.

Handicaps in all tournaments or events will be limited to a 40 index. At Montclair Golf Club, this equates to a 43 handicap.

POSTING SCORES

All scores will be posted in accordance with the World Handicap System (WHS) rules as follows.

When 10-17 holes are played: Using the hole-by-hole option, players will enter their score for completed holes in the GHIN system. The system will automatically create a "score differential" for holes not completed - based on the holes played - to produce an 18 hole score.

Treatment of a 9 hole score: For a 9-hole score to be acceptable for handicap purposes, a player must complete all 9 holes. When the player posts a 9-hole score, the system will automatically calculate an 18-hole "score differential" for the round, based on the player's 9-hole score differential and expected score differential based on their current Handicap Index, which allows the 9-hole round to be considered in the player's Handicap Index calculation right away.

During Major Tournaments, every hole must be completed. There are no maximum strokes while playing in a major. When posting scores into the GHIN system, enter the score using the hole-by-hole feature.

Scores (played at Montclair or any other course) are to be posted in the GHIN system as soon as possible and no later than 24 hours after play has occurred.

When turning in a score card for an event or tournament, remember to put the date on the score card and your first initial and last name.

WITHDRAWING FROM A TOURNAMENT

The USGA guidelines for posting tournament scores state that if a player begins a tournament with the intention of playing the tournament but withdraws from the tournament, the player must post the score as a **“C” competition score** when 14 or more holes are played.

Refer to the USGA Rule 3.2 to ensure you are posting an accurate score when withdrawing from a tournament. A “tournament score”, now referred to as “C” competition score, is a score entered when it is determined and announced in advance by the committee in charge of the competition.

LOCAL RULES

USGA Rules will govern play, unless modified by local rules. All members are responsible for checking local rules in effect.

If any USGA rule or local rule is unclear while you are playing, you must play two balls, counting all strokes on each ball and after play is completed. After play, consult with the Pro for the correct ruling. All MLGA events are played from the red tees unless otherwise specified

WEEKLY EVENTS

Weekly events are published on the MLGA tournament schedule titled **"MLGA 2024 Tournaments & Events"**, which is published annually by the MLGA Tournament Chair. The schedule is posted in the ladies locker room and on the Ladies Golf Association at: **montclaircc.org**. Select the 3 bars at the top of the page, then select Golf, and then Ladies' Golf Association.

Weekly games or events and dates are subject to change.

TOURNAMENT TIES

Ties for first place in all major tournaments will be decided by a playoff starting on holes #1, #2, and #3, using a marker (if applicable) immediately after play. Handicaps will be determined for each by using the par plus strokes on each individual hole as listed on the score card. The lowest score of the three combined holes will result in the overall

winner. If still tied, using the original 2 days scores for the last 9 holes, see below “match of cards format”. The only exception to this will be the Club Championship, which will be decided by a sudden death playoff immediately after play starting on hole #1, #2 and #3.

MATCH OF CARDS FORMAT

Last 9 holes: First, the hole scores of the tied golfers from the last 9 holes are added up and compared using handicap (if applicable). Last 6 holes: if a tie persists, the scores from the last 6 holes are added up and compared. Last 3 holes: Should a tie still remain, the scores from the last 3 holes are considered. The Last Hole: if golfers are still tied after all the above steps, the score on the very last hole is compared. If still tied: use the #1 handicap hole, etc.

ARFAX, LADIES LEAGUE OF VIRGINIA, TRI-COUNTY, HOME TO HOME

In order to be eligible to participate in these leagues and events, you must be a member in good standing with the Montclair Golf Club and a paid member of the MLGA.

SUNSHINE FUND

The Sunshine Fund is part of your MLGA dues. Its purpose is to provide small moments of "sunshine" and acts of kindness by sending cards and good wishes to members during difficult times.

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

Any member whose handicap index is 40 or lower is eligible for the most improved player. To be eligible for this award, she must be a member of the MLGA during the entire season (April through October) and have competed in at least one Major MLGA tournament and in seven weekly MLGA events for a total of eight. The WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM will be used to help determine the MLGA Most Improved Player.

MLGA 2024 Major Tournaments & Event Descriptions

The MLGA 2024 Major Tournaments and Event Descriptions is published annually by the MLGA Tournament Chair. The schedule will be posted in the Ladies Locker Room and on the Ladies' Golf Association website at: montclaircc.org. Select the 3 bars at the top of the page, then select Golf, and then Ladies' Golf Association.

HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR COURSE HANDICAP

Your course handicap is identified in the GHIN system. It is based on your Handicap Index and the course's slope and rating.

To determine how many “strokes” you get on a hole, you can use this example: If a player's course handicap is “1”, that player would get a stroke only on the Number 1 handicap hole. If, on the other hand, the players’ course handicap is “2”, then that player gets a stroke on handicap holes numbers 1 and 2, and so on. If your course handicap is 18, you get a stroke on every hole. If it is a 27, you get one stroke on every hole, plus a second stroke on the nine hardest holes.

MONTCLAIR HIGHEST TO LOWEST HANDICAP HOLES			
Handicap	Hole	Handicap	Hole
1	HOLE 11	10	HOLE 7
2	HOLE 9	11	HOLE 17
3	HOLE 12	12	HOLE 8
4	HOLE 3	13	HOLE 10
5	HOLE 18	14	HOLE 6
6	HOLE 1	15	HOLE 15
7	HOLE 14	16	HOLE 2
8	HOLE 5	17	HOLE 13
9	HOLE 16	18	HOLE 4