



Maplewood Women's Golf Association FAQs

Q: *How do I get a Tuesday morning tee time?*

A: You may sign up for a tee time as early as Tuesday of the prior week. The sign-up sheet is in the blue binder labeled "Ladies' Club Tee Times" (at the computer counter on Tuesdays, at the pro shop desk on other days). You may also call the pro shop (425-430-6800) to be given a tee time with the club.

Exceptions:

- The first Tuesday of the month (Apr – Oct) tee times are assigned by a draw. Players should sign-up by the prior Sunday to indicate that they will participate in that Tuesday's play.
- Club tournament tee times are also assigned by draw. To participate in the tournament (note eligibility requirements in the directory), sign up on the posted tournament sign-up sheet. The tournament participants will have a reserved block of tee times. Others may sign up for tee times after the tournament block.

Q: *What time should I check in at the Pro Shop?*

A: Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your tee time. This allows time to pay your greens fee, sign up for the following week's tee time, and sign up for the competition of the week. Also, if someone in an earlier tee time has canceled, you may be asked to move up to fill in the opening in that group.

Q: *How do I get a handicap?*

A: A handicap is established by posting scores from five 18-hole rounds, or the equivalent number in combined 9-hole rounds. The Handicap binder lists your club "local" number and GHIN number and current handicap information. Follow the instructions on the computer to enter your score (have a seasoned member help, if needed). A scorecard for each of your first 5 (18-hole) rounds shall be turned in to the file box labeled "New Members".

Q: *What if I make a mistake in posting my score in the computer?*

A: Find the "WHOOOPS" sheet on the clipboard next to the computer and enter the requested information. The handicap chair will make the necessary correction.

Q: *Why are there so many scorecards? What are all these weekly competitions?*

A: There may be up to three different competitions each week, requiring a scorecard be submitted for each one. In each foursome, one person may keep the Weekly Competition scorecard, one person the Pro Shop competition scorecard, and others keep a backup scorecard for verification.

Weekly Competition ~ The club has a competition each week. Each player with an established handicap should sign in for each week that they play to be eligible for prizes (club dues cover the prize fund). The scores for the foursome are entered on the competition sheet and the scorecard is placed in the front pocket.

Pro Shop Competition ~ The pro shop also has a competition each week. Players may opt-in on a weekly basis by paying \$2 to the pro shop. There is a sign-up sheet at the pro shop desk. Scores should be recorded on the sheet and the scorecard turned in on the clipboard.

Tournaments ~ The tournament chair will provide information on scorecards for tournaments.

Other things to record:

Season-long ECCI competition ~ Another optional competition (cost \$5 for whole season). Record your best score for each hole over the course of the entire season (Tuesday play only).

Birdies ~ If you score a birdie at Maplewood, sign your name, the date, and the hole # on the sheet in the Birdie Book. Each birdie should be recorded on a separate line.

Q: *How do I get my Maplewood coupon sheet?*

A: Ask any officer (Captain, Handicap Chair, Treasurer) who has a key to the drawer. Mike Toll, the head pro also has a key.

Q: *What other resources of information are there?*

A:

- The club directory - available in early April, located in the tall cabinet section to the right of the computer. Information in the directory: calendar, competition details, qualification requirements, club by-laws, member contact information.
- The club website:
www.maplewoodwomensgolf.com
Includes links to GSWPGA (city), WSWPLA (state), PNGA, WSGA, USGA websites
- The USGA rules book
- "Seasoned" members—we are happy to help!

Q: *Is Tuesday the only day to play?*

A: You may play on any day (with members or non-members) and enter the Mid-Week competition (club dues cover the prize fund). Sign the sheet in the Mid-Week binder and turn in a complete, attested scorecard.

Q: *Do I have to play 18-hole rounds?*

A: No. There are several members who prefer to play only 9 holes. There is a place on the tee time sign up sheet to indicate that you will be playing 9 holes

Q: *What tournaments does the club have?*

A: There are four major tournaments each year: The Spring ECCI (3 weeks), the Two-Lady Best Ball (3 weeks), the Club Championship (3 rounds—Tuesday, Thursday, Tuesday), and the Last Chance. There are also some single-day fun events: Beat the Pro, Field Day, and Turkey Shoot.

Q: *What is the maximum handicap to participate in tournaments?*

A: It varies. Tournaments are divided into divisions or flights by handicap, so any skill level can compete with others who have a similar handicap. Our club, GSWPGA (city) and WSWPLA (state) are tournaments are open to all handicaps. Some WSGA and PNGA tournaments do have handicap limits.

Q: *What other golf opportunities are there?*

A: The GSWPGA (city) and WSWPLA (state) associations of public golf clubs offer many tournaments for which Maplewood club members are eligible. Information on these tournaments are in the "City" and "State" binders.

The WSGA and PNGA also host tournaments. Check their websites.

Many area courses host invitationals. Notifications for these are in the Invitational binder.

Maplewood also participates in the GSWPGA Team competition. Any eligible member at Maplewood may sign up to play as part of our team. For each competition date, the six players with the lowest handicaps of those who signed up will play.