LPGA Amateurs Cleveland Chapter New Member Guide

Welcome to the LPGA Amateurs Cleveland Chapter and the LPGA Amateur Golf Association family! Here is some useful information and references to help get you oriented. It's a lot to absorb, so once you've skimmed this packet, keep it handy for reference.

MEMBERSHIP:

You are affiliated with the Cleveland OH Chapter, but you have joined a national organization - the LPGA Amateur Golf Association - which we often refer to as "HQ."

- Take a minute to log in to the HQ **Member Clubhouse** (https://lpgaamateurs.com), where you can update your profile, access HQ benefits and special offers, and more. (*You established your login when you joined - username is your email; password is something you set).*
- Note that you'll be required to be logged in to HQ's Member Clubhouse in order to access certain information, register for some events and activities and renew your membership.
- LPGA Amateurs offers a new member video which covers information about your membership in the national organization. You can access it at https://youtu.be/T0MzwfO9hNM

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Cleveland chapter updates members on local events via periodic e-mails from ***Cleveland LPGA Amateurs***. E-newsletters include upcoming events and registration links, news from our chapter President, and other important information. Please include our email address, **lpgaamateurscleveland@gmail.com** in your email address book so that our emails will not go to spam. You can also see information posted on our web site (lpgaamateurscleveland.com), Facebook, Instagram and Linkedin pages. You may opt out of chapter emails through the link at the bottom of each email, however you will miss all local events, activities, and league announcements.

You will also receive periodic emails from ***LPGA Amateur Golf Association*** and other branches of the LPGA family. These emails will provide information on national events, recognition, member discounts, frequently asked questions and other important information. You can manage how many/which types of these emails you receive from your account in the HQ Member Clubhouse. Links you should know:

- Chapter website: http://lpgaamateurscleveland.com
- Facebook: LPGA Amateur Golf Association - Cleveland (be sure to "like")
- FB - members only page info - Facebook group for LPGA Amateurs Cleveland members: www.facebook.com/groups/lpgaamateursclevelandmembersonly/. This is a private group where chapter members can communicate. Please go to the page and ask to join.
- Instagram: www.instagram.com/lpgaam_cle
- LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/lpgaamateurscleveland/

LEAGUES:

Offered April through early September, league play is one of the most popular ways to participate. Seven 9-hole leagues at courses around the city have late afternoon start times. Leagues are run by Course Directors who send weekly emails for sign-up for upcoming league days. Leagues are pay at the course except as noted. Check our web site for Course Director contact info and ask to be included in their emails, or contact them prior to league day for sign up. There are games of the week with chances to win prizes (some games require a current handicap to win prizes). You must have a current membership to play in a league.

EVENTS:

Our Chapter events typically include:

- A kickoff event usually in March/April
- 9 hole after work golf leagues
- 18 hole weekend golf at various courses
- Social/Competitive golf events
- Skills and learning opportunities
- Weekend travel golf opportunities
- Networking and social events
- Volunteer opportunities

Detailed information (and links to registration) for all events are available on our website as soon as it's available during the golf season. Check your email blasts to keep informed about upcoming events.

OPEN WEEKEND GOLF :

Offered typically May through September, Open Weekend Golf are 18 hole recreational rounds played on Saturdays or Sundays at courses around the area. These may include overnight weekend golf opportunities. ANY member is welcome to play and may bring a guest. **(Guests may participate in two events/year before being required to join chapter)**. Pay at the course. RSVP sign-up notifications are in email blasts.

OPEN WEEKDAY GOLF:

Offered May through September, Open Weekday Golf consist of 18 hole recreational rounds played on weekdays at courses around the Cleveland and Akron/Canton areas. ANY member is welcome to play and may bring a guest **(Guests may participate in two events/year before being required to join chapter)**. Pay at the course.
Sign up details are announced in email blasts.

COMPETITIVE EVENTS:

There are Chapter competitive flighted golf events held on weekend dates during the golf season, so no matter what your handicap is, you can participate! At the national level, there are LPGA Amateur events open to members which include:

- **LPGA Amateurs Scramble Open**. A net 36-hole national scramble event with 4 player teams.
- **LPGA Amateurs Championship** . This is an individual flighted stroke play competition.
- **LPGA Amateurs Team Championship.** This two-person team event features two different stroke play formats over 36 holes, fourball and alternate shot.
- **LPGA Amateurs Cup Series**. This is a match play competition involving four member teams.
- **LPGA Amateurs Virtual Scramble.** A fund raiser competition where you create your own team of four LPGA Amateurs and play a 4-person scramble at any Par 72 course of your choice.

HANDICAPS:

All members of LPGA Amateurs Cleveland are eligible to sign-up for a GHIN handicap provided for us through the Northeast Ohio Golf Association (NOGA). For more information on handicapping, and to sign up for a GHIN handicap, click here.

Handicaps are not required for all golf, but are for competitive events. Our chapter members who have an active GHIN handicap through the Cleveland LPGA Amateurs Chapter receive additional benefits from NOGA including golfing opportunities. Check them out here.

SPONSORS:

Income from sponsorships helps us defray operating expenses and keep participation costs down. We welcome support from local/regional businesses interested in reaching a target audience of active, accomplished decision-makers. For more information **visit the *Benefits/Sponsorship* section of our website**.

VOLUNTEER:

Our Chapter runs 100 percent on volunteer power—members serving members. Volunteering is a great way to meet other members, be involved and make the most of your own membership experience. **Choose *Volunteer* in the *About Us* section of our website**.

CHAPTER POLICIES:

LPGA Amateurs Cleveland strives to create a fun, welcoming and all-inclusive environment for current and potential members, sponsors and guests regardless of race, gender, age, national origin, sexual orientation, career choice or golf ability.

LPGA Amateurs Cleveland will promote and foster a spirit of acceptance, dignity and respect for women golfers through chapter activities, educational programs, golf and networking events.

You can read more about LPGA Amateurs Cleveland Chapter in the "About Us" section of our web site, as well as contact information for our Chapter Leaders.