WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA

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Established in 1897, the Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia is the oldest women's golf association in the United States. As a recognized leader, their mission is to advance women's and junior girls' golf in the greater Philadelphia region.

Within one of the world's most respected golf communities — known for its legacy, character, and competitive spirit — WGAP has helped shape a culture where tradition is honored and excellence is expected.

Today, we are more than **2,000 members** strong, representing 100 clubs throughout the Greater Philadelphia region.

Grounded in our core values of tradition, integrity, competition, and camaraderie, we are proud of the legacy we have built. At the same time, we recognize that the landscape of golf — and the opportunities available to young women — are evolving rapidly.

For more than a century, WGAP has championed opportunity, competition, and community for women and girls in the game of golf. Today, WGAP is building on that legacy by investing in our membership and the next generation of female players — empowering them to grow not only as athletes, but as confident leaders on and off the course.

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To underscore this commitment, we have established **The W Fund,** created to advance strategic, high-impact player and member initiatives — with a focus on access, educational advancement, and long-term success.

Golf is experiencing a historic transformation — and **women are driving it.**

Women's golf is no longer an emerging trend — it's one of the primary drivers of the sport's growth. According to the National Golf Foundation, **women now represent 28%** of all on-course golfers, a record **8.1 million participants nationwide.** Since 2019, **female participation has increased by nearly 46%,** with women and girls accounting for more than half of golf's net growth.

Female participation isn't limited to casual play. **Competitive involvement is rapidly rising** as well. Entries in the U.S. Women's Amateur increased by approximately 31% between 2014 and 2024.

The W Fund will identify, support, and advance women to pursue **leadership and professional opportunities in golf and in life** — while building the systems, governance, and member experiences for excellence, and lasting impact.

Our vision is not a choice between **programmatic impact and organizational strength.** It is a commitment to both — recognizing that each reinforces the other.

Transformative opportunities require a vibrant and engaged community. Your investment in WGAP will continue to empower us to expand programming and opportunities for women and girls at every level of the game.

You will support:

- Optimum use of technology and digital systems
- Staff and volunteer capacity to coordinate programs and mentorship
- Enhanced member engagement, competitions, and communications

You will accelerate:

- Evaluation and Stewardship of Ascent Program initiatives
- An improved experience across all member clubs
- Long-term organizational sustainability and continued readiness for growth

Ascent Program

Elevate Her Game, Empower Her Future

The First Initiative of The W Fund.

For all the recent growth for women, the route forward narrows dramatically for the competitive pre-collegiate player. This is where attrition skyrockets. Even highly talented players often exit the pipeline due to escalating travel costs, limited access to mentorship and the absence of guidance through the unwritten rules of elite competition. WGAP is dedicated and positioned to help and support these players through the Ascent Program.

You will support:

- Mentorship and career navigation
- College recruiting and professional readiness support
- Coaching, lessons, and player development
- Tournament fees, travel, and competitive exposure

You will accelerate:

- Retention of talented junior players at critical transition points
- Greater socioeconomic diversity in elite competition
- Clear, supported paths into collegiate and professional golf
- A visible pipeline of future women leaders in the game from the Greater Philadelphia region.

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Thank You
for Investing in the Future of Philadelphia Women's Golf!

Your gift to WGAP will expand opportunities for women and girls while strengthening one of the nation's most historic women's golf communities.

How You Can Support the W Fund

Cash Gifts

Make an immediate impact with a gift by check, credit card, or online donation. Every contribution helps expand opportunities for women and girls through the Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia.

Gifts of Stock

Donating appreciated securities can be a tax-efficient way to give. Many donors receive a charitable deduction for the full value of the stock while avoiding capital gains tax.

Donor-Advised Funds

If you have a donor-advised fund, you can easily recommend a grant to support WGAP and the next generation of women in golf.

Corporate Matching Gifts

Many employers match charitable contributions. Check with your company to see if your gift can be doubled — or even tripled.

IRA Charitable Gifts

Individuals age 70½ or older can make tax-advantaged gifts directly from an IRA through a Qualified Charitable Distribution.

Legacy & Planned Gifts

Including WGAP in your estate plans is a meaningful way to ensure the future of women's and girls' golf for generations to come.

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