



## CHICAGO WOMEN'S DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

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Dear CWDGA Members,

I hope this email finds you and your family well. The CWDGA Board is closely following all COVID-19 developments. These difficult times have had a huge impact on our communities, our work and families, plans, and schedules. In evaluating the CWDGA's 2020 Schedule, our priority must be to ensure the safety and welfare of our members.

As you are probably aware, the Chicago District Golf Association (CDGA) and the USGA have canceled many events/tournaments until May 20. Many of your Clubs are also closing their dining rooms and either closing or severely restricting golf. In concert with these decisions by our partners and Host Clubs, and out of an abundance of caution, the CWDGA Board has decided to cancel our combined Spring Meeting/Rules Seminar scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, at Itasca Country Club. Despite the cancellation, we will make every effort to distribute and disseminate the material and information that we had planned to share with you at the event.

First, we will email documents designated for your Club's Golf Chair, Rules Chair, and Handicap Chair to those individuals. There are three newly published documents that we were going to distribute at the meeting: *2020 CWDGA Handbook for Members*, *Rules of Handicapping*, and the *Handicap Reference Guide*. We are discussing ways to get these important items to each Club.

In lieu of the Rules Seminar portion of the meeting, Cherie Kessler, our Rules Chair, recommends the following links from the USGA. These [rules videos](#) explain thirteen aspects of the Rules that were changed in 2019 and sometimes cause confusion. Each video is about one minute long. The [USGA Rules of Golf](#) section of the website also provides other Rules education resources.

This season, the new World Handicap System (WHS) will be operative in the Chicago area. This is an important change. As part of its education efforts, the CDGA is conducting several webinars on the new WHS. [CLICK HERE](#) for dates and registration.

As for Four-Ball Match Play, we have Team Captains' meetings and seven team matches before May 20. We have decided not to cancel these meetings and matches at this time but will re-evaluate the situation in mid-April. There are many factors in deciding to cancel an event, the most important being our players' safety but also the status of each Host Club. Pat Murlas, our Team Match Chair, has already been in communication with all our Team Captains and will continue to keep them updated on our plans.

We are grateful that our first tournament of the season, Better-Ball of Pairs (Crystal Tree), isn't until July 13. We are hoping this event, our 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Championship (Medinah, August 3-5), One-Day Stroke (North Shore, September 1), and Senior Better-Ball of Pairs (Exmoor, September 23) will all continue as scheduled. For more information on these events and to register, please visit our website [www.cwdga.org](http://www.cwdga.org).

I know this is a lot of information to absorb. Please feel free to contact me [kirstenkaltmark@gmail.com](mailto:kirstenkaltmark@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns. As always, please check our website [www.cwdga.org](http://www.cwdga.org) for all updates.

Thank you for your patience. We wish you well during this period.

Sincerely,

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