

January 10, 2010



Dear Parents/Guardians

As we close the books on another exciting year and approach the 15<sup>th</sup> year for the organization, we look forward with a lot of pride and optimism that next year will be the best year yet. Next year will be a very pivotal year for West Penn Minority Jr. Golf Association, Inc (WPMJGA) and a few celebrations will be planned. Please keep a watch by visiting the WPMJGA website ([www.wpmjga.org](http://www.wpmjga.org)) throughout the year and often.

Since the celebration ended last weekend, I have received quite a few inquires from people seeking to have their child or children join our program for the upcoming year. This speaks volumes about the quality of our program. Therefore, we are starting early and you can be part of the planning by registering early if you plan to participate next year and informing us if you plan not to join next year.

Like most things over the last few years, they have gone up and we held to the same fee for two years. This coming year, there will be a slight increase that many of the parents will agree that WPMJGA provides way more than what is paid. As a program that received multiple honors bestowed on the program, WPMJGA is positioned to write a new chapter in the history of Junior golf this year, so come join us and enjoy the ride!

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◆ GolfWorks Participant(s)	<b>GolfWorks Only: \$775.00</b>

Note: All families will be assessed **\$400.00** for four tickets to support of the Black Tie Academy/Golf Scholarship Awards Gala Affair held at the end of the year. The price above includes the ticket assessment and we ask that you also consider assisting the program in the fundraising endeavor to keep the price and fee down. Payment for fees can be made up until the start of the season. Those interested in serving on a committee, please indicate on the form where indicated. We need your help!

Please see the enclosed for information related to the year and note that all events have not been finalized, and will be continued to be disseminated either via the website, e-mail or regular mail.

Sincerely,

*Robert "Rock" Robinson*

Robert Robinson, President  
West Penn Minority Jr. Golf Association, Inc

Enclosure: Parent Handbook -- Registration form and additional information about the upcoming year.



*West Penn Minority Jr. Golf Association, Inc*



## **Mission**

The WPMJGA mission is to assist young people to improve the conditions that are necessary to achieve fundamental, physical, social and psychological well being by using the game of golf as the instrument.

WPMJGA is committed to offering top quality golf instruction and teaching the essence of the game, which includes mastering the rules, enhancing the ability to focus and control emotions, improve socialization skills while allowing an individual to be creativity.

## **What WPMJGA has to offer:**

- a. Possible summer jobs at Country Clubs
- b. Lessons by some of the finest teachers in the country
- c. Opportunities to get exemptions to tournaments and other events due to WPMJGA relationship with tournament coordinators
- d. Golf clubs as they are donated to WPMJGA or if economic situation presents itself and the ability to purchase clubs at a reduced price
- e. Reduced golf fees for participants (i.e., kids on course). WPMJGA has a relationship with five (5) area golf courses.
- f. Collaboration with the USGA, PGA, KPGA, LPGA and other golfing bodies to set up competition and viewing of professional golfers
- g. Opportunities to play on Country Clubs and upscale golf courses
- h. Possible financial support for college – WPMJGA established a scholarship endowment in 2005 which is administered by NEED
- i. Possible college tour(s) – Penn State University, California State College and other local colleges

## **Attendance**

- ◆ Attendance is mandatory and will be taken at each practice or play.
- ◆ If you are going to be absent, you must call in so the facility and WPMJGA staff is aware of your child's absence. The person to call is Pamela Robinson (412-371-7577) or Coach Rock (412-292-8175). A courtesy call up to 24 hours in advance is most appreciable. A phone message the day of an event will suffice in emergency situations. Please do not e-mail attendance information the day of an event because it may not be read the day an event takes place.
- ◆ To be early is to be on time! Let us all shoot to arrive at least fifteen minutes before practice is to begin. This will allow us to socialize, sign in and warm-up.
- ◆ Participant must plan and attend at least 75% of the events planned/scheduled to maintain membership for the following year. If participant does not attend at least 50% of events by June 15, 2010, they will be placed on a stand by-list and subsequently with the possibility of being asked to resign from program. If by the end of the season, a participant does not attend 75% of the events, they will go on a stand by list for next year.

2010 GOLF & GOLFWORKS PROGRAM REGISTRATION  
WEST PENN MINORITY JUNIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Ages 10 Through 18 (GolfWorks 18 thru College Graduation)

**Please Print**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender:** \_\_\_\_ **Birth Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_,

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_, **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone Number:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone Number:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Telephone Number:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

*A parent/guardian's signature on this application gives consent to West Penn Minority Junior Golf Association, Inc., its representatives or any physician selected by the same, the right to emergency medical treatment for the junior whose signature appears on this application while the junior is participating in WPMJGA affiliated event. Also, listed below is information regarding the youth's medical insurance coverage and any special instructions regarding medical treatment of the youth.*

**Insurance Carrier:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Policy Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Medical Information:** \_\_\_\_\_

*I agree to hold harmless WPMJGA from any claim(s) of any kind or nature (including damages to my property or me) arising from any activity whatsoever connected with WPMJGA. This Hold Harmless Agreement includes, but is not limited to, any claim for injury proximately resulting from negligence of WPMJGA, its agents, volunteers, employees, members, or guests. I agree to assume all risk of injury whatsoever connected with WPMJGA and will allow pictures taken to be used for the benefit of WPMJGA. I have read and understand the above and agree to it.*

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fees:**

**Golf Program:** \$650/Child, \$800 – 2 Children, \$950 – 3 or more  
**Golf Program (new):** \$750/Child, \$875 – 2 Children, \$1150 – 3 or more  
**GolfWorks Only:** \$775.00

*"Golf is an attractive vehicle for teaching life skills, because the culture of the game already emphasizes respect, self-discipline, courtesy and cooperation."*

**SRI Research for Golf 20/20**

Send Check & Form To:  
**WPMJGA**  
**322 Mall Blvd, #165**  
**Monroeville, PA 15146-2229**

**Please return with application:**

Many of our supporters have request WPMJGA to identify the income levels of the people participating in the program. This information will be kept confidential and names will not be provided with any financial reports provided to a funder. Please take a few minutes to check the household income and check area where your talents or heart might be used.

	Below \$40,000		\$65,000 to \$74,000
	\$40,000 to \$49,000		\$75,000 to \$99,000
	\$50,000 to \$64,000		Above \$100,000

There are several committees in WPMJGA Program for which parents, friends and relatives of our juniors can serve to ensure a successful experience for our junior participants. Many of you have expertise, talents and willing hearts to help where needed – and, we want and need all three!

Please check the service areas in which you can help. We will forward your name to the chairperson of that committee. You will be contacted and provided with more information on the area(s) you've chosen.

Please complete the bottom half of this form and mail it along with the registration form to the address list on below of the registration application. We need volunteers all season, especially for the bi-monthly tournaments. So, even if your junior is not participating in a particular tournament or only belongs in the GolFWorks program, we can still use your help if you are available.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**We (I) will assist in one or more of the areas checked below:**

- Chaperone (i.e., assisting kids that are extremely young with rules, pace of play or parental oversight)
- Scorekeeper (i.e., recording scores at tournament or assisting young kids with scorekeeping during play)
- Marshalling (i.e., assisting scoring as needed, overseeing tournament play as requested, etc.)
- Adding and posting scores to forms (i.e., this applies to tournaments conducted by WPMJGA)
- Doing any thing necessary to ensure events are successful
- Food Services (e.g., assisting in proving water, snacks, etc. for practice/tournament)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Expectation of the parents/guardians**

- ◆ Participate and support fundraisers
- ◆ Fundraisers are not mandatory, but we ask all to participate.
- ◆ **Fundraisers are a choice with one exception –the Black Tie Affair – see below.**
- ◆ Encourage others to support WPMJGA (e.g., contributing to WPMJGA through United Way contribution (**Contributor Choice Number 1319863**), support WPMJGA events, etc.)

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GolfWorks Participant

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Note: A child wishing to be in the golf program and GolfWorks will pay the program fee.

An assessment of **\$400.00** for four (4) tickets to the Annual Black Tie/Scholarship Gala Affair, which will be held at August Wilson Center on **August 29, 2010**, is assessed to each family. The cost quoted above includes this assessment. Tickets are available and will be distributed upon receipt of fee. Additional tickets may be purchased.

By **April 24, 2010** or before the first practice all monies for the Black Tie Tickets and program registration must be turned in. This will be strictly enforced.

**Payment for tickets and program fees can be made on a monthly basis until April 24, 2010 at that time full payment must be received before a child practices.**

With the expansion of people shopping on the internet, WPMJGA is in position to receive credit for those that shop via Igive.com. See the button on the WPMJGA website ([www.wpmjga.org](http://www.wpmjga.org)) or go directly to [www.igive.com/wpmjga](http://www.igive.com/wpmjga) to sign-up to have a percentage donated to WPMJGA.

### **Dress Code**

- ◆ WPMJGA: Red Shirts and Black Pants or shorts with Red caps.
- ◆ This year we will have throw - back days once a month just for fun. Throw back will consist old WPMJGA uniform shirts and pants.
- ◆ Hat must be worn with the bill forward
- ◆ No earrings to be worn by boys
- ◆ **Jeans, extremely short shorts and revealing tops are not acceptable and must not be worn at practice or play.**

Parents wanting to order a cap or shirt must submit request to [WPMJGA@aol.com](mailto:WPMJGA@aol.com).

### **Program Behavior**

- ◆ Children must always be respectful to adults, coaches and other players and speak to every adult when entering practice
- ◆ Misbehavior and disobedience will not be tolerated and will be grounds for dismissal from program
- ◆ Improper dress will be cause for suspension

### **WPMJGA Van**

Often during the season, the West Penn Van is used to take participants to tournaments and/or to work. These are the rules:

- ◆ Respect the Driver
- ◆ Remain seated while the van is in motion
- ◆ Refrain from extending hand, arms or head out of windows
- ◆ Keep the van clean by not littering.
- ◆ Be on time at designated location

If funds are not available, riders of WPMJGA van will be required to contribute towards gas.

## **Keeping Informed**

WPMJGA uses three methods of communication

- ◆ E-mail
- ◆ Phone tree
- ◆ Posting of information on the WPMJGA website ([www.wpmjga.org](http://www.wpmjga.org))

### **Events will be scheduled on the website**

This upcoming season, e-mail will be sent. At the end of the e-mail, it will say, "Start the phone tree" when appropriate. This will serve as a second and often first voice reminder of the week's upcoming event(s) from one parent to another parent. Additionally, there will be an aggressive attempt to keep the schedule up to date on the WPMJGA website ([www.wpmjga.org](http://www.wpmjga.org)).

## **Sign In Policy**

- ◆ Young men and women under the age of fourteen (14) must be signed in and out by their parent or guardian.
- ◆ If a child is under the age of 14, we ask the parent to remain at practice with your child. If this becomes an issue, please work it out with another parent/guardian to assume responsibility.
- ◆ Young men and women age 15 through 18 can sign in and out themselves, but they must sign in. These are older children that can function on their own; however, parents must be on time to pick up your child or children.
- ◆ Parents/guardians should be considered of those coaches or other parents that may be waiting for your arrival.

Note: A child is **NOT allowed** to sign another child in or out unless special permission is granted. However, a parent or guardian may sign in another child if they are assuming responsibility of that child.

**GOAL: Secure 500 donor contributions of \$500 or more for 5 years**

**Empowerment Circle  
Membership Form**

*WPMJGA not only teaches the qualities and intricacies of golf, but more importantly we equip our young men and women with the necessary fundamental skills to empower them to desire and pursue a college education.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

- \$100 → Silver Club
- \$250 → Gold Club
- \$500 → 500 Club
- \$1000 → Corporate Club
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
→ Steelers Club

I \_\_\_\_\_ agree to commit the amount checked for 5 years towards the

WPMJGA \_\_\_\_\_ Club. I \_\_\_\_\_ agree to commit the amount checked for 5 years towards the WPMJGA \_\_\_\_\_ Club

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_, I agree that \_\_\_\_\_

(Company/corporation)

(Company/corporation)

**will commit the amount checked for 5 years to WPMJGA as a member of the WPMJGA Corporate Donor Club.**

*WPMJGA is a tax-exempt non-profit organization under 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are tax deductible.*

WPMJGA relies on the generosity of corporations and individual giving to continue to offer and sustain the program.

## Major Event schedule

- ◆ 3 day Camp (late June)
- ◆ Summer Camps – being developed
- ◆ Eastern States Tournament hosted in Pittsburgh (late July or early August) – this is tentative
- ◆ Consistent Practices (Tuesday or Wednesday & Saturday)
- ◆ Black Tie/Scholarship Gala Affair at August Wilson Center
- ◆ Clinic at Southpointe Golf Club

See WPMJGA website [www.wpmjga.org](http://www.wpmjga.org) for weekly events and practice

## Mentoring

Once a participant completes their sophomore year and makes it known that he or she would like to pursue a golf scholarship a mentor will be assigned if a) the participant is commit and serious about the game, and 2) available to do all the things that the assigned coach deems necessary to get to that level. This coach will be assigned the extra duty of a mentor. The mentor will be responsible and accountable for the junior's progress. Hours will be logged, progress charted, assistance provided including filling out the PING college guide, contacting college coaches and assisting in finding tournaments to play in.

## Volunteers

In the past we have had a shortage of ladies coming out helping our girls. WPMJGA has received a firm commitment from a lady's organization called **Women With a Swing** that has adopted our girls. Several gentlemen from the **New Pittsburgh Duffers** have made commitments to assist in mentoring and teaching this year.

## Coaches

WPMJGA coaching staff has a variety of experience teachers ranging from United States Golf Teaching Federation (USGTF) Professionals, PGA playing experience, renowned community tournament player and volunteers. WPMJGA plans to add the services of another instructor to the staff and additional qualified volunteers as membership continues to grow. WPMJGA has unleashed a method that works (this is our 13<sup>th</sup> year). Volunteers will follow the method taught by the lead instructors and will obtain proper child abuse and criminal background clearances.

## Partnerships

Partnerships are critical to WPMJGA's ability provide programming at a reduce cost; fund our GolfWorks program and scholarship initiatives. In addition, we should support our partners that support us and those fundraisers conducted because it is critical to financial state of WPMJGA.