



Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association Volunteer Opportunities

The Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association relies on our volunteers to provide two essential services to golf in St. Louis – conducting Metropolitan Championship and USGA Qualifying Rounds and performing USGA Course Ratings in our region.

As we look ahead to the golf season, we are looking to bolster our volunteer forces and allowing others in St. Louis the opportunity to give something back to golf.

Historically, we have used much of our volunteer force in the capacity of Rules Officials at our events. We thank our accomplished officials who have made our events run smoothly and with great precision. We are looking to expand our volunteer staff to ensure that Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association events are, bar none, the finest competitive experience for our golfers.

If you have an interest in golf administration, and would like to learn more about volunteering with the Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association, please fill out the attached form and return to the address listed. Curt Rohe, the MAGA's Executive Director, will contact you with further information.

The following are brief explanations of each of the areas of volunteerism:

Rules/Competition Committee

Rules Official: Rules Officials assist in the conduct of our Metropolitan Championships and USGA Qualifying Rounds in many roles depending on the person's level of Rules of Golf knowledge.

Scoring: For each of our events, we provide online scoring. At some of the events, our scoring updates are more extensive than at others (9-hole and even 3-hole scoring updates posted during the rounds). This process requires recording of scorecards and then inputting those updates into the tournament computer.

Scoreboard: This role is very important in many ways to each event. The central hub of information for each event, the scoreboard is a gathering place for players after their rounds and many announcements are made regarding the competition from the board. Scoreboard staff requires high levels of attention to detail and quick response. An attractive and easy-to-read scoreboard can make a lasting impression on the players who participate in our events.

Starters: The beginning to a successful day of a competition is put in motion by a capable Starter. They ensure all players begin their round(s) in a timely manner, receive all important instructions for the day, and that all players receive Notice to Players/Hole Location Sheets, etc. Their expertise contributes greatly to ensuring an event with good pace of play.

General: This is a role that could find volunteers wearing many hats in 2013! For example, we take a great deal of care to ensure our competitors are protected against the elements during the conduct of our events. This includes making certain golfers are ushered to safe areas during inclement weather and are kept hydrated during events played in excessive heat. Volunteers assist staff in making sure water coolers remain filled and fresh throughout the day. We provide beverages and snacks to players during some Championships and Qualifying rounds and have on occasion provided bottled water/Gatorade to players at locations out on the golf course.

Course Rating Committee

Course Measuring: This is a service we provide to our member clubs. In fact, we require all MAGA clubs to have us perform this laser-measurement service prior to rating their golf course.

Course Rating: As the only licensed golf association in our region to perform this service, we must continually rate and re-rate member clubs to keep them up-to-date. This is also critical to ensuring handicapping in our region remains consistent. Volunteers must complete a simple training program to participate in this essential service. Course rating volunteers will also get the opportunity to see/play some golf courses in our region they might not normally have the chance to visit.

Thank you for taking a moment to consider this invitation. If you wish to learn more about one or more of the areas listed above, please fill out the form below and return to Curt Rohe, Executive Director, or email Curt at curt@metga.org with your information.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____

Email _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Please check which areas you are interested in:

Competitions:

_____ Rules Official _____ Scoring _____ Scoreboard

_____ Starter _____ General

Course Rating:

_____ Course Measuring _____ Course Rating