

Dear fellow West Michigan golfers,

As everyone knows, we are experiencing unprecedented times in the world today with the coronavirus pandemic, which has certainly altered all our lives and refocused priorities in many ways. We at the West Michigan Golf Association are no different and while we are thrilled that Michigan's Governor has recently permitted golf as an acceptable outdoor activity, we are still working through the challenges presented with hosting & running a full field tournament.

With the 2020 golf season upon us (at least in its current form), we are all looking forward to friendly competition on the course and are excited about getting our tournament season going comfortably and safely, as soon as possible! As such, we wanted to provide everyone with an update to our schedule and current plans for the season, which will undoubtedly remain fluid as the pandemic and recommendations from health organizations, the state, and other golf associations evolve.

- We unfortunately made the decision to cancel the Spring Best Ball at Kaufman originally planned for this weekend. With many other events on the calendar the rest of the year for us, host courses, and many of our participants, we do not intend to reschedule this year.
- The West Michigan Amateur, scheduled for May 16-17 at Ravines GC will be POSTPONED. We are working with Ravines on rescheduling this long-standing event for either the last weekend in May or mid to late June. We hope to make an announcement with the rescheduled date along with opening up registration soon! We are hopeful that carts will be permitted in some fashion, allowing us to maintain the same tournament format we've used the last several years (36 holes Saturday, 18 holes Sunday). Should this not be the case, we may modify the event format to accommodate walking only. Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for more announcements.
- At this time, the rest of our events will remain scheduled as planned and posted on our website, with the hope that we can host & contest them as close to typical fashion as possible! Given the general uncertainty though, we will not be opening up registration for future events until each tournament approaches and format / procedures are solidified.
- On a different note, we are looking into creating a formal "logo" for WMGA, as well as interested in revamping our website, but we need some help! If any of our participants out there are graphic and/or web designers or have experience in that general area, we would love to hear from you to see how we can work together! Our budget is certainly limited, but we're open to discussing sponsorship or other ideas. If interested, please reach out to us via email - wmgolfassoc@gmail.com

We hope to announce more news and be out playing tournament soon, but safety of all players, our board, and host course staff must be our top priority. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and support - we look forward to seeing everyone competing again as soon as possible this summer!

Sincerely,
WMGA Board

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