

2025 WGA Survey Results

We had an excellent survey result with 179 responses (53% of membership)! Here are the key points:

Demographics: The majority of respondents have been a member of the WGA for 2-5 years (44.9%) and 26.1% for over 11 years. Most of the respondents have been playing golf for many years, >21 years (45.8%), 11-20 years (30.5%) and only 5% have played <4 years. The majority of the respondents have a handicap between 21-30 (49.4%), with less in other categories, 11-20 (37.5%), 31-35 (8%) and <10 (5.1%).

WGA participation: Over half of the respondents play most to almost all the weekly games and events/tournaments, 23.3% mostly events/tournaments and some weekly games and 20% play only events/tournaments.

WGA favorites: When asked what respondents like the best, the vast majority chose friendships, events and tournaments, and organized games and tee times, and almost 50% enjoy the competitive games.

Tee times: The lack of weekly shot guns starts, playing too early or playing too late received the most complaints. When asked if the respondents prefer early morning or later morning tee times, slightly more favor later morning (53.2%) vs early morning (46.8%).

Game format preference: When asked about game formats, the respondents preference reveals 23.7% prefer a more competitive, 24.9% prefer less competitive, 11% prefer scrambles/shambles and 40.5% have no preference. When the respondents were asked if they would be more likely or less likely to play if given a choice of a more challenging game format or less challenging game format, the majority said they would be more likely to sign up to play while <2% said they would be less likely to play.

Pairings: The majority (44.6%) prefer AA/BB, CC/DD, 36.7% have no preference, 12.4% prefer ABCD and 6.3% prefer AAAA/BBBB/CCCC/DDDD.

Late Cancellation policy: We all understand and support players staying home when ill or injured, unforeseen emergencies, etc, however, over 3/4 of the respondents agree that developing a policy for ladies with chronic late cancellations or no shows is needed.

Member-Guest Tournament: The majority of respondents favor a morning shotgun and luncheon to lower costs (53.8%) vs an afternoon shotgun and dinner/DJ (36.2%). The majority of respondents also prefer a less competitive format with a 4-person team (56.4%) vs a more competitive game format using a 2-person team (35%).

Social events: Almost 50% of respondents want Bingo to continue next season, almost 40% want the Golf Olympics to continue, and almost 50% participated in volunteering opportunities at All Faiths Food Bank and Habitat for Humanity.

Open Bar vs Cash Bar: The majority (78.6%) of respondents prefer a cash bar with an event total price that does not include beverages.

Summer Games: 46.6% of the respondents are interested in playing in an organized WGA summer league.

The Executive Board and Steering Committee is busy planning the coming season and will use these survey results to incorporate your preferences into the decisions we will make for weekly games, events/tournaments and social events. Thank you for your time and feedback. We are very excited about the upcoming season!

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