



Better Through Golf

with the Chicago District Golf Association

At the Chicago District Golf Association, we believe that together we are "Better Through Golf." We create opportunities for everyone to experience the benefits of the game, on and off the course.

The CDGA is authorized by the United States Golf Association (USGA) as the governing body for amateur golf in our region. The CDGA is a membership organization consisting of more than 98,000 individual golfers and 400 clubs in Illinois and parts of Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. Golfers receive member offers, a Handicap Index® from the USGA® and competitive playing opportunities, while clubs receive Course Rating™ and Slope Rating™ measuring services, turfgrass diagnostics and educational seminars. The CDGA also creates opportunities for everyone to experience the benefits of the game through therapeutic and recreational Outreach Programs, with an emphasis on serving individuals with special needs, youth and veterans.

Founded on March 18, 1914 by a group of 25 local clubs, the CDGA is one of the largest and oldest golf associations in the United States.

The CDGA is directed by a district-wide board of directors and an advisory committee comprised of past presidents of the Association. Directors, known as "Blue Coats," donate their services and time, amounting to more than 15,000 man-hours a year. The Association is serviced by a full-time staff of 25 and is based at Midwest Golf House and the Bob Berry Sunshine Course in Lemont, Illinois. A Central Illinois office is located in Peoria, Illinois.

The Blue Coats and staff handle thousands of inquiries annually through personal visits, phone, email and correspondence regarding rulings, handicap indexes, tournament procedures, places to play-and-stay, greenskeeping practices and various information requests from golfers across the country. In addition to these services, the CDGA is the only state and regional golf association in the country to provide turfgrass services to its member clubs.

To learn more, visit CDGA.org or [@CDGAGolf](https://www.instagram.com/CDGAGolf) on social media.