



ABOUT THE CDGA

***** For everyone who plays the game *****

The Chicago District Golf Association (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 nearly **90,000 individual golfers** and **400 clubs** in Illinois and parts of Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. Golfers receive member perks, a Handicap Index® from the USGA® and competitive playing opportunities, while clubs receive USGA rating and measuring services, turfgrass diagnostics and educational seminars. Midwest Golf House and the Bob Berry Sunshine Course are home to the CDGA Foundation and CDGA Outreach Programs, which annually serves more than 1,000 individuals with special needs and wounded veterans while also bringing playing opportunities to youth golfers.



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 23 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.

>> INDIVIDUAL MEMBER BENEFITS <<

- A Handicap Index® from the USGA®, revised daily in accordance with the World Handicap System
- More than 70 playing opportunities, including Championships and Social Competitions
- Member Perks program with offers from local golf, travel destinations, apparel, equipment, event tickets and more
- Access to My CDGA Caddie on CDGA.org and the revamped My CDGA smartphone app

>> CLUB MEMBER BENEFITS <<

- USGA Course Rating and measuring program, keeping course ratings up-to-date
- Educational seminars catered to both public and private member clubs
- CDGA Turfgrass Program, the only of its kind nationwide, which offers expert diagnostic support and educational opportunities
- Direct access to a 23-person Illinois-based support staff to immediately address any inquiries