

#WOMENSGOLFDAY



Women's Golf Day
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OVERVIEW

- Women's Golf Day (WGD) is a global movement that Engages, Empowers, and Supports women and girls through golf and facilitates them learning the skills that last a lifetime. The one-day, four-hour event, has now taken place at more than 1000 locations in nearly 80 countries since its inception in 2016, and has introduced thousands of new golfers to the sport. WGD is the fastest-growing female golf development initiative.
- Women's Golf Day is unique, there is nothing like it in sports, now a weeklong sporting and community celebration that unites women across the globe. Women's Golf Day transcends race, religion, language, geography or economic status.
- Held historically on the first Tuesday in June, WGD now has official events throughout the week from the last Tuesday in May to the first Tuesday in June each year. Women's Golf Day is a global event that celebrates girls and women playing golf and learning skills that last a lifetime.
- Women's Golf Day is open to women and girls experiencing golf for the first time as well as existing female players.

BACKGROUND

- Women's Golf Day (WGD) started in 2016.
- Founder Elisa Gaudet was inspired to create a global event that unites women around the world through golf and encourages opportunities to introduce golf to new players and celebrate existing players.
- WGD is a proven player development platform that is supported by The R & A, USGA & PGA as well as many other organizations, federations, governing bodies and industry leaders.
- Women's Golf Day brings together a team of industry leaders, governing bodies and global ambassadors which reflect the international community.

FORMAT

- Women's Golf Day is a one-day four-hour experience for women and girls around the world.
- Female golfers and non-golfers come together to play golf and celebrate the building of community in a relaxed welcoming atmosphere.
- The event is designed to create an environment where women and girls can build a foundation in golf by establishing a network of friends and golf professionals that will ultimately support their continuation in the game.
- The WGD format offers attendees the choice between 2 hours of lessons or playing 9 holes for the first half of the event. In the second two hours all the participants come together for a social activity.
- Locations are encouraged to be creative when it comes to the social element by inviting a speaker, hosting a business development event, holding a pop-up shop, featuring fashion show or potentially creating a charity element. The locations decides if their event is public or private and if the event is free or the cost.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- To host an event, locations - which include on course and off course golf venues – must sign up on the Women's Golf Day website under 'Register a Location' <https://womensgolfday.com/register/>
- Once registered, locations can build their profile page on the WGD website and have access to the WGD Promo Toolkit with all of the marketing materials for print and social media and the right to use the trademarked WGD logo and brand.

- Locations that are registered on the website can be found by anyone by using the location finder <https://womensgolfday.com/locations/> to identify a location participating in the WGD event.
- Locations who do not register on WomensGolfDay.com are not permitted to use the term Women's Golf Day or any of the trademarked materials.
- All are welcome to participate in Women's Golf Day except where prohibited by law. Women's Golf Day does not discriminate against anyone on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, or sexual orientation.

SUCCESS

- Since WGD launched, more than 1000 locations in nearly 80 countries have participated.
- In 2017, there was a 68% increase with 711 locations in 46 countries participating, joining women around the world in golf and community.
- In 2020, Women's Golf Day hosted an additional virtual event during the pandemic closures. As well as raising more than \$20k for Doctors without Borders the WGD team collated an impressive library of inspirational and educational videos from golfers and industry professionals around the world which initiated the WGD Virtual Library found at <https://womensgolfday.com/virtual-golf-day/>.
- In 2021 Women's Golf Day along with Callaway and Topgolf took center stage at the New York Stock Exchange (Tuesday 25th May), as WGD Founder Elisa Gaudet rang the Opening Bell from the iconic podium. As well as signifying the beginning of the day's trading, this Opening Bell also marked the start of WGD's first ever online event WGD Palooza, which generated over 4.2 M impressions for #womensgolfday in less than 3 hours. "It was such a honor to ring the Opening Bell at the New York Stock Exchange on the same day as our first ever WGD Palooza," commented Ms. Gaudet "It is incredible to see how far we come in just 6 years, and I am thrilled to have shared this experience with such a fantastic group of women, and men, from Callaway and Topgolf who are committed to growing the female market. Women's Golf Day continues to create more opportunity and unity for women through golf. WGD has helped bring women to the forefront of the conversation and we greatly appreciate the opportunity that the NYSE has given us to further amplify our message."
- In 2022 the hashtag #womensgolfday reached an incredible 79.1 million unique users, generating 94 million impressions worldwide, and saw an impressive 501% increase in engagement across social channels compared to last year.
- The 2022 edition of the annual global event included new WGD locations in every continent. Notable locations such as Marco Simone Golf & Country Club in Italy, which will host the 2023 Ryder Cup, celebrated alongside new WGD venues including The Fajara Club, which became the first course in Gambia to join the WGD community.
- In 2022 the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), became a WGD partner and hosted an event at Scarborough Golf & Country Club in Toronto, Canada the Tuesday of the RBC Canadian Open. "It was an incredible opportunity for Women's Golf Day to share the spotlight with the RBC Canadian Open this week. This was such a joyous occasion for everyone who took part," commented Gaudet. "It was the perfect example of how golf can unite women, irrespective of their playing experience. This year I feel we have begun to realize our true potential, by partnering with like-minded organizations who see the value of women's golf and what we can accomplish collectively."
- The variety of host locations reflects the changing landscape of golf with retailers such as WGD partners PGA TOUR Superstore and GolfTown giving women access to events alongside driving ranges, public and private courses.
- Women's Golf Day has been celebrated with numerous awards including honors from National Golf Course Owners Association, European Golf Course Owners Association, ISC International Sports Awards.
- In 2021, in response to Covid and in order to create more inclusivity and digital content to compliment the events, WGD launched WGD Palooza <https://womensgolfday.com/wgdpalooza/>. Due to the success of this event is now an annual event the last Tuesday in May. This year online, interactive WGD Palooza will be May 30, 2023. This kicks off the week of events.
- **Countries / Regions that have participated over the four years include:** *Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Bermuda, Bahrain, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Cayman Islands, Costa Rica, Croatia, China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, UAE-Dubai, Egypt, England, Estonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Honduras, USA-Hawaii, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria,*

Northern Ireland, Norway, Oman, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, USA-Puerto Rico, Qatar, Romania, Russia, St Kitts & Nevis, Saudi Arabia, Scotland, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, USA, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam and Wales.

IN THE INDUSTRY

- Women's Golf Day was highlighted in research carried out by The R&A (page 20).
<https://www.randa.org/~media/Files/DownloadsAndPublications/WorkingForGolf/RAResearchdocFULL.ashx>
- WGD has an agreement with the NGF (National Golf Foundation) to do a joint global research study with our database that we will make available to the organizations supporting Women's Golf Day.
- Partners and supporting organizations of WGD include: Ahead, All Square, Annika Foundation, Asian Golf, Callaway Golf, The California Alliance for Golf, Chronogolf, ClubCorp, EGCOA, European Tour, European Tour Properties, Glovelt, PGA of America, FootJoy, The First Tee, Gallus Golf, The Golf Channel, GolfNow, Golf Town, International Golf Federation, LET, LPGA, LPGA Amateur, Modest Golf Management, NGCOA, NGCOA Canada, PGA of America, PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Superstore, Players First, The R&A, Sky Sports, Titleist, TopGolf, TPC Properties, Troon Golf, Troon International, USGA, WE ARE GOLF, Women & Golf, The World Golf Foundation and more.

WGD OFFICIAL PARTNERS & SUPPORTERS

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FURTHER INFORMATION

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