

## WVGA RESIDENCY POLICY

**West Virginia Amateur, West Virginia Junior Amateur, and West Virginia Junior Match Play:** Players entering these West Virginia Golf Association ("WVGA") West Virginia Amateur Championship, West Virginia Junior Amateur, or West Virginia Junior Match Play Championship must be a resident of the state of West Virginia as determined by the WVGA's Executive Director. The Executive Director shall determine a player's true, fixed, permanent home and place of habitation.

**West Virginia Mid-Amateur, West Virginia Women's Amateur, West Virginia Senior Amateur, West Virginia Women's Senior Amateur:** Players entering these West Virginia Golf Association ("WVGA") Individual Amateur Championships must be a resident of the state of West Virginia as determined by the WVGA's Executive Director OR players entering these West Virginia Golf Association ("WVGA") Individual Amateur Championships must be a "Regular Member" of the West Virginia Golf Association as determined by the WVGA's Executive Director. *(Definition of Regular Member is stated below)*

**West Virginia Open & West Virginia Senior Open:** Players entering these West Virginia Golf Association ("WVGA") Individual Open Championships must be a "Regular Member" of the West Virginia Golf Association as determined by the WVGA's Executive Director regardless of whether their status is Amateur or Professional. *(Definition of Regular Member is stated below)*

**West Virginia Four-Ball, West Virginia 2-Man Scramble, West Virginia Senior Four-Ball:** Both Team Members entering these West Virginia Golf Association ("WVGA") Team Championships must be a "Regular Member" of the West Virginia Golf Association as determined by the WVGA's Executive Director. *(Definition of Regular Member is stated below)*

**West Virginia Parent - Child:** One Team Member entering this West Virginia Golf Association ("WVGA") Championship must be a "Regular Member" of the West Virginia Golf Association as determined by the WVGA's Executive Director. *(Definition of Regular Member is stated below)*

**Callaway Junior Tour, Wendy's Amateur Tour, West Virginia Senior Series:** Players entering these West Virginia Golf Association ("WVGA") Individual Amateur One Day events must be a "Active Member" of the West Virginia Golf Association as determined by the WVGA's Executive Director. *(Definition of an Active Member is stated below)*

**DEFINITION OF REGULAR MEMBER:** *(A Regular Member may live outside of West Virginia)*

- 1) Must be a member of the West Virginia Golf Association
- 2) Play more than 50% of their rounds of golf at a Type 1 WVGA Member Club
- 3) Must post at least 10 rounds of golf in a calendar year; and
- 4) Meet all other requirements for participation

**DEFINITION OF ACTIVE MEMBER:** *(An Active Member may live outside of West Virginia)*

- 1) Member Dues paid in full each calendar year

The decision shall be based upon information furnished by the player and all other relevant information. The Executive Director is authorized to require such written documents, affidavits, verifications, or other evidence as is deemed necessary to establish the residency of a player. The burden of establishing residency for WVGA tournaments and events is upon the player.

If there is a question as to residency, the matter must be brought to the attention of the Executive Director at least two (2) weeks prior to the deadline for entry. Any player found to have made a false or misleading statement concerning his residency shall be subject to disciplinary action as set forth in the WVGA Code of Conduct.

In determining residency, the Executive Director will be guided by whether the player has adopted this state as his/her fixed permanent home and whether the player's intent is to remain in the state. Residing with relatives (other than parent(s)/legal guardian) does not, in and of itself, cause the player to attain WVGA residency. WVGA residency may be established upon the completion of at least twelve (12) months of continued presence within the state prior to filling out a WVGA entry form or application. Establishment of WVGA residency with less than twelve (12) months presence prior to the date of entry form or application must be supported by evidence of positive and unequivocal action. Examples of residency may include ownership or lease of a permanently occupied home in West Virginia, full-time employment within the state, paying West Virginia property taxes, filing West Virginia income tax returns, registering of motor vehicle(s) in West Virginia, possessing a valid West Virginia driver's license, and marriage to a person already residing in West Virginia.

### PLAYER'S RIGHT TO APPEAL RESIDENCY DECISION

In the event a player wishes to appeal the Executive Director's decision, the player shall file a written appeal to the Residency Committee within five days of the date of notification of the decision. Such written appeal shall include a written account as to why the player is deemed a resident under this policy. All written appeals shall be forwarded to the Residency Committee, 2115 Charleston Town Center, Charleston, WV 25389, email: [bullman@wvga.org](mailto:bullman@wvga.org), or by facsimile transmission to (304) 391-5050.

The Residency Committee shall be composed of three members of the Executive Committee. The player will be notified of the date when such appeal will be heard. Failure of the player to attend the hearing shall not preclude a final decision by the Residency Committee. The Residency Committee will issue a written decision.

**THE DECISION OF THE RESIDENCY COMMITTEE BY MAJORITY VOTE IS FINAL AND BINDING ON THE PLAYER.**

