



# PGA

Metropolitan Section  
FOUNDATION

The Metropolitan PGA Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization committed to promoting the goodwill and growth of the game of golf through education, instruction, scholarships, as well as other player development initiatives. With the assistance of donations we strive to positively impact the lives of junior golfers, veterans, and those who are underserved by the game. The following are some of the programs funded and administered by the Metropolitan PGA Foundation.

## YOUTH GOLF.



Founded in 1975, the Metropolitan PGA Junior Tour provides junior golfers with access to tournaments, clinics, and programs that develop and promote interest in the game of golf. Consisting of over 1,350 junior members, hosting more than 120 tournaments per season, and serving junior golfers 7 - 18 years of age, the Foundation provides programs such as the Junior Tour,

Future Series for advanced players, Golf and Rules Clinics, College Golf Preparation Classes, and an Alumni Association for members. The Foundation also provides assistance in the way of financial aid and scholarship programs. In addition, the Fairways to Success initiative provides standout Junior Tour members with mentorship, playing, and practice privileges at private facilities that may otherwise be inaccessible to them.

PGA Junior League Golf is a fun, social and inclusive opportunity for boys and girls ages 13 and under to learn and enjoy the game of golf. Each team is captained by a PGA or LPGA Professional and in 2015 the Metropolitan Section was home to over 80 teams.



The Drive, Chip and Putt Championship is a nationwide junior golf development competition aimed at growing the game. It is a joint initiative by the PGA of America, Masters Tournament, and USGA and is open to juniors ages 7-15. We will host seven local qualifiers this season at no cost to the participants.



## MILITARY.



Met PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere), is an adaptive golf program offered free of charge by PGA Professionals that utilizes golf as a rehabilitation tool to improve our veterans' quality of life by enhancing their mental, social, physical, and

emotional well-being. The program is open to all veterans with an emphasis on serving those with physical and emotional disabilities who would benefit the most from such an initiative. Current sites include: West Point GC, Woodside Acres G&CC, Eisenhower Park GC, and Mosholu GC.



FOLDS of HONOR



Folds of Honor has a mission to provide educational support to spouses and children of America's fallen and wounded soldiers. PGA Professionals across the nation invite golfers to celebrate Patriot Golf Day each season to raise funds for this initiative and the Met Section is proud to have raised over \$1.75 million over the last five years.

## DIVERSITY.



The First Tee of Metropolitan New York was founded in 2001 at Mosholu Golf Course in the Bronx. The mission has been to teach young people who have traditionally not had access to the game valuable Life Skills and Nine Core Values through golf.

It now includes five additional facilities at Eisenhower Park, Fairchild Wheeler, Plainfield West 9, Golf Club at Chelsea Piers, and Weequahic Park.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH.

We strive to provide resources, professional expertise and programs to make golf accessible to all segments of the population through various community outreach programs such as: Golf-in-Schools, PSAL, and Girls Golf and FORE. Our PSAL program pairs PGA Professionals with 40 inner-city school teams to enhance their knowledge and skill level and has over 350 kids participating.