

Ted Rhodes Foundation

Preserving the Legacy

About Ted Rhodes

Born in 1913 in Nashville, Mr. Rhodes began caddying at the age of 12 at the Belle Meade Country Club and Richland Country Club where African-Americans were not allowed to play. Rhodes fell in love with the game and used a discarded-2 iron to practice in parks and baseball fields.

After serving in WWII, he and Joe Louis, boxing champion, became friends. The champ hired Rhodes as his personal instructor. Ultimately, Rhodes was a mentor and golf teacher to Lee Elder, Althea Gibson, entertainer Billy Eckstine, Joe Louis and many others.

In 1948, Rhodes and other African American Golfers successfully legally challenged the PGA to remove their Caucasians Only rule and allow all people to enter the competition. Rhodes and the other golfers were temporarily successful, but the Caucasians Only clause wasn't officially repealed until 1961.

As a Professional Golfer, Rhodes played in the 1948 U.S. Open, was the winner of six consecutive UGA Tournaments, and won the Negro National Open in 1949, 1950, 1951 and 1957. Ted Rhodes passed in 1969. It wasn't until 2009 that Rhodes was posthumously granted membership into the PGA.

In 1997, Tiger Woods stated after winning his first Masters, "I owe so much to Ted Rhodes and other minority golfers who made it possible for me to play. Mr. Rhodes fought courageously and tirelessly, and it was through his efforts and others that our sport is now open to everyone."



**MAKE AN
IMPACT FOR
YOUTH
GOLFERS!**

The Ted Rhodes Foundation, Inc. (TRF) is a non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status.

Your tax-deductible charitable contribution, gift or sponsorship of an event or program ensures that our organization is moving the game of golf forward. TRF provides much needed resources to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) golf teams, junior golfers aspiring to excel in the game of golf, and junior golf programs in urban areas. TRF's youth tournaments support local First Tee programs.

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Supporting Minority Youth Golf since 1993

10 plus years &
over 600 youth
golfers in Youth
Golf Clinics and
Tournaments

31 consecutive
years of the
Ted Rhodes
Charity Golf
Classic

Over 4,000
TRF Charity Golf
Classic Adult
Participants

Recent TRF Sponsorship Recipients



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2024 Sponsorship Opportunities

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Your gift provides life-changing programs, experiences and opportunities for youth golfers.

\$25,000

Underwrite the TRF Future Golfers of America Program "Growing the Champions of Tomorrow" for minority golfers. Each golfer in the program receives a grant for off-season activities such as coaching, golf equipment, summer course fees, tournament fees and travel expenses.

\$20,000

Be the premiere sponsor for our 4 Youth Tournaments. Each event includes a free golf clinic taught by a PGA member, lunch and course & participation fees. Every Youth Tournament Winner receives sponsorship to participate in an American Junior Golf Association Tournament Series.

\$15,000

Be the premiere Golf Course Sponsor for our adult tournament events in Chicago, Nashville and beyond. Proceeds from these events support local HBCU Golf Programs.

\$10,000

Partner with the TRF to support a local HBCU Golf Program in your region. Our HBCU and Black Golf Coaches Association network is waiting for you!

\$5,000

A \$5,000 donation supports the food, beverage and operating costs for one adult tournament. In addition to recognition on the TRF website and media, your logo will be featured at our 19th Hole Celebrations.

\$2,500

This donation supports youth and adult tournament expenses. Every \$2,500 sponsor receives their logo on the golf cart for every tournament.

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