

**Westfield State Foundation, Inc. 2021 Premier Fundraising Event,  
Evening of Discovery, Newton's Law of Gravity Helicopter Golf Ball Drop  
Official Rules and Regulations and Procedures**

**1. *The Contest:***

The Golf Ball Drop will be held as part of the Westfield State Foundation, Inc.'s virtual fundraiser, *Evening of Discovery on Friday, May 7, 2021* at the Tekoa Country Club in Westfield, MA.

Golf balls will be sold as follows: **Single Ball: \$100, Newton's Special: \$500 (six golf balls)**. Golf balls will be sold to persons age 18 or older. Participants may enter more than once and do not have to be present to win. Each participant will be assigned a numbered golf ball (maximum of 2,000 balls sold). Minimum number of balls sold is 250, further explanation listed below under #5 Winner Verification.

Please note: *Any University employee who performs duties on behalf of Westfield State Foundation, who is directly involved in the official operation of the golf ball drop, may not purchase golf balls or win the prize; nor may their immediate family members.*

All balls will be sold prior to the golf ball drop. Prize money for winning tickets will be provided by golf ball ticket sales. **Deadline to purchase golf balls will be Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 12:00pm Eastern Standard Time.**

**2. *The Ball Certification:***

Standard golf balls of comparable weight and size will be sold and numbered 1 to 2000.

The golf balls will be audited and randomly placed in sealed containers under the supervision of an independent accounting firm to ensure all balls are present and accounted for.

The sealed containers will be held in a locked, secure location until the day of the drop.

Under the observation of security personnel, the sealed containers will be delivered to the helicopter and not opened until the ball drop.

**3. *Ball Drop:***

The helicopter will take off, proceed to Tekoa Country Club, and approach the drop zone where it will hover over the drop site. A designated individual or crew member will release the balls from the containers.

Once balls have dropped, the helicopter will depart, to allow for safe conditions for the winner verification.

**The golf ball drop will be recorded on Thursday, May 6, 2021** at Tekoa Country Club under the supervision of a representative from the accounting firm, a member of the Westfield State Foundation, Inc., and select faculty, staff and student representatives from the College of Mathematics and Sciences. **Winners will be announced at the culmination of the virtual event, *Evening of Discovery* on Friday, May 7, 2021.**

*(Force Majeure Clause: In the event of an occurrence including but not limited to severe weather, natural disasters, acts of God and any other unforeseen circumstances beyond our control, the Westfield State Foundation, Inc. will reschedule for the following week, with winners announced after proper verification.)*

#### **4. Tracking Tickets:**

To insure the openness and integrity of the golf ball drop, the Westfield State Foundation Inc. will compile an official master list with the name, email address and phone number for each golf ball sold. All balls will be numbered and each ball will be assigned to the purchaser. Purchaser will be notified of assigned number via email. The master list will be maintained for auditing, reporting and inspection purposes.

#### **5. Winner Verification:**

Westfield State Foundation, Inc. and the College of Mathematics and Sciences Dean's office will have the master list of all balls purchased with them at the golf ball drop.

Representatives chosen by the Foundation will measure the balls that land closest to the pin. The representatives will sign a "Statement of Certification" for all winning golf balls. **Winners will be announced during the *Evening of Discovery* on May 7, 2021 at approximately 7:15-7:30pm.** Winners are not required to be present to win. All prizes are funded through golf ball sales.

The number of golf balls sold and the prize tier will be announced before the start of the drop. The participant whose ball lands closest to the pin will be declared the Grand Prize winner of the Golf Ball Drop. Depending on the final number of balls sold the prizes will be awarded based on the appropriate tier as outlined below:

**Tier I:** 1,500- 2,000 balls sold generate the following prize structure: 1<sup>st</sup> Place "Closest to the Pin" wins \$10,000 the Grand Prize. The 2<sup>nd</sup> closest to the pin wins \$5,000 and subsequently 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> closest to the pin wins \$1,000 each.

**Tier II:** < 1,499\* balls sold generate the following prize structure: 1<sup>st</sup> Place "Closest to the Pin" wins \$5,000 the Grand Prize. The 2<sup>nd</sup> closest to the pin wins \$2,500 and subsequently 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> closest to the pin wins \$750 each.

*(\*The maximum number of balls sold is 2000, the minimum number of balls sold is 250. It is the option of the Westfield State Foundation, Inc. to decide if the ball drop will take place if the number of balls does not meet the minimum. In the event we do not reach the 250 ball threshold and the ball drop is cancelled, the purchaser will be*

*contacted by a representative of the Foundation and given the option of a full refund or designate the purchase to be considered a gift to the College of Mathematics & Sciences.)*

**6. Announcement of Prize Winners:**

Westfield State Foundation, Inc. will make every attempt to contact the winners that evening via phone and/or email. *If the winners cannot be reached that evening,* arrangements will be made through the Westfield State Foundation, Inc. to claim their prize. Winners may contact the Westfield State Foundation, Inc at 413-572-8645. If the winner does not come forward and fails to claim the prize by **June 30, 2021**, prize monies will be held by the Westfield State Foundation, Inc. and designated to the College of Mathematics and Sciences.

**7. Miscellaneous:**

- a. Odds of winning depend on the number of valid entries (up to 2,000) received by the deadline set forth above.
- b. All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply.
- c. Void where prohibited by law.
- d. All federal, state and local taxes are the sole responsibility of the individual winner.
- e. The funds raised at this event will be used to support student success initiatives within the College of Mathematics and Sciences.
- f. The Westfield State Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organization, tax exempt 501(c)(3).
- g. Decisions made by the Westfield State Foundation on all aspects of the raffle will be binding and final.
- h. The prize will not be awarded, and will be forfeited, if the raffle was issued in exchange for a donation by check returned for “insufficient funds” or by a credit card charge deemed “declined”, “invalid”, or “stolen.”
- i. The Westfield State Foundation, Inc. may amend these rules as appropriate to ensure the fairness and original intent of the contest.
- j. The purchase of a golf ball is **not tax deductible**.
- k. The source of the funds to award prizes is the general assets of Westfield State Foundation, Inc.
- l. Release of Liability: By participating, each participant releases, discharges, indemnifies, and holds harmless Westfield State Foundation, Inc., Westfield State University, Meyers Brothers Kalicka, P.C. and Tekoa Country Club, their parent, subsidiary, successor and affiliated companies/organizations, and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents and representatives and promotional (collectively the “Releases”) from any and all liability, loss, harm, injury, damage, cost and expense whatsoever arising directly or indirectly from the receipt of the prize or participation in the raffle.