

2019

Tournament Manual



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PGA of Alberta 2019 Tournament Schedule

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	SPONSOR
MAY 6	GOLF SUPPLY HOUSE SERIES	HENDERSON LAKE GC	GOLF SUPPLY HOUSE & IMPACT TOURNAMENTS
MAY 13	GOLF SUPPLY HOUSE SERIES	HIGHLANDS GC	GOLF SUPPLY HOUSE & IMPACT TOURNAMENTS
MAY 14	TEAM MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP - SOUTH	CANYON MEADOWS G&CC	SRIXON / CLEVELAND GOLF
MAY 16	TEAM MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP - NORTH	THE RANCH G&CC	SRIXON / CLEVELAND GOLF
MAY 21	PRO-PRO SCRAMBLE	BLUE DEVIL GC	GOLF SUPPLY HOUSE
MAY 27	TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS	RED DEER G&CC	CALLAWAY GOLF
JUNE 3 & 4	GOLF SUPPLY HOUSE SERIES	REDTAIL LANDING GC	GOLF SUPPLY HOUSE & IMPACT TOURNAMENTS
JUNE 10	GOLF SUPPLY HOUSE SERIES (+ SENIORS' DIVISION)	TURNER VALLEY GC	GOLF SUPPLY HOUSE & IMPACT TOURNAMENTS
JUNE 12	PRO-LADY NORTH	LEDUC GC	EFW RADIOLOGY, PIXEL ARMY & NESPRESSO
JUNE 17	PRO-LADY SOUTH	D'ARCY RANCH GC	EFW RADIOLOGY, DEXIM GOLFWEAR & NESPRESSO
JUNE 19	GOLF SUPPLY HOUSE SERIES	MILL WOODS GC	GOLF SUPPLY HOUSE & IMPACT TOURNAMENTS
JUNE 24	GOLF SUPPLY HOUSE SERIES	BROADMOOR GC	GOLF SUPPLY HOUSE & IMPACT TOURNAMENTS
JULY 2 & 3	GOLF SUPPLY HOUSE SERIES	INGLEWOOD G&CC	GOLF SUPPLY HOUSE & IMPACT TOURNAMENTS
JULY 8 & 9	PRO-ASSISTANT	WOLF CREEK GR	CALLAWAY GOLF
JULY 15	PRO-JUNIOR	GLENCOE G&CC	PUKKA INC & IMPACT CANOPY CANADA INC
JULY 17	GOLF SUPPLY HOUSE SERIES	BEARSPAW CC	GOLF SUPPLY HOUSE & IMPACT TOURNAMENTS
JULY 29 & 30	CLUB PRO CHAMPIONSHIP	ELBOW SPRINGS GC	PING
AUGUST 6 & 7	ASSISTANTS CHAMPIONSHIP	LYNX RIDGE GC	COBRA PUMA GOLF
AUGUST 12	GOLF SUPPLY HOUSE SERIES (+ SENIORS DIVISION)	COUGAR CREEK GR	GOLF SUPPLY HOUSE & IMPACT TOURNAMENTS
AUGUST 19 & 20	PGA OF ALBERTA CHAMPIONSHIP	RIVERBEND G&RA	CLUB CAR, TAYLORMADE & ADIDAS GOLF
AUGUST 26	PRO-SENIOR	VALLEY RIDGE GC	GOLF TRENDS INC / GOLF PRIDE GRIPS
SEPTEMBER 3 & 4	FALL CHAMPIONSHIP	ROYAL MAYFAIR GC	SUNICE / BOBBY JONES
SEPTEMBER 12	PRO-PRO BEST BALL	PRIDDIS GREENS G&CC	G&G GOLF COMPANY & ALLSTATE INSURANCE
SEPTEMBER 17 & 18	SENIORS' & LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP	STURGEON VALLEY G&CC	MKRAK MANAGEMENT INC
TBA	TEAM MATCH PLAY FINAL	RED DEER G&CC	SRIXON / CLEVELAND GOLF

April 2019

Dear PGA of Alberta Member,

Welcome to the 2019 PGA of Alberta Tournament Season. In the enclosed manual, you will find all the necessary information regarding our 2019 PGA of Alberta Tournament Program.

Some changes have been made to the tournament program for the upcoming season. We encourage you to read through this page in order to update yourself on what to expect in this coming season:

1. Members will now register for tournaments 28-days prior to the event date. The reason for changing the registration process is to reduce the amount of withdrawals we see leading up to events as well as minimize the number of waitlists for tournaments. Since registration will now be 28-days prior to the event date, a notice will go out to Members every time a tournament opens for registration.

Payment will now be required at the time of registration. Members will still have the ability to withdraw 2-weeks before the event with no penalty. After the 2-week mark, a withdrawal penalty will be incurred. If a member withdraws after the draw has been posted (Thursday of the week prior to event), they will forfeit their entire entry fee.

The withdrawal fee has increased to \$50 this year. This increase is to further discourage members from signing up for events they are unsure they will play in.

2. The Team Match Play Championship will see the opening round be brought back at the beginning of the season in May. Our new Title Sponsor for the event is Srixon/Cleveland Golf Canada.

We will now have two opening rounds for the event, one in the North and one in the South. This will make it easier for members to play in the tournament since they will not have to travel as far to play in the opening round. Please check website for confirmed venues.

The format for the opening rounds will now be a 2-man best-ball qualifier to determine rankings for the first round of the Team Match Play Championship. This will help create more excitement surrounding the event as teams now determine their rankings based on their performance at the qualifier. Purse money will be attached to the qualifiers for the top placing teams. Members will receive an excellent day of golf at the opening qualifying rounds which will include a meal.

After the opening qualifying rounds, matches will resume as normal with the brackets being created based on the results from the qualifiers. The top-ranking teams from the qualifiers will play the bottom ranking teams. If byes are needed due to an uneven number of teams, the byes will go to the top finishing teams from the qualifier.

Due to the addition of the opening qualifying round, the consolation side of the Championship will be removed since all teams will be guaranteed the qualifying round plus the first round of the tournament, two rounds total. This means if you lose your opening match (after the qualifier), the team will be knocked out of the tournament.

3. The Golf Supply House Series in 2019 will again consist of 7 one-day and 2 two-day events taking place throughout the summer in Alberta. Category I and II Members will be eligible to play in these events. Category III Members will be eligible to participate if the tournament is

not full three weeks prior to the event date. The top 30 money leaders for the Golf Supply House Series will qualify for the 2019 Fall Championship in September.

There will again be a starting Skins pot at all GSH events similar to last year, sponsored by Impact Tournament Systems.

4. All Pro-Am events this season (excluding the Tournament of Champions) will have a team gross purse in addition to the team net purse. Pro-Ams will no longer have an individual Professional purse attached. The reason for this change is to put the emphasis on the team at all Pro-Ams. This change will also help pace of play at these events since Professionals will no longer be required to hole-out if their score will not be used.
5. After listening to feedback from the Membership, the Pro-Assistant in 2019 will be held earlier in the season. Wolf Creek GR will host the Pro-Assistant on July 8 & 9. This will allow more clubs the opportunity to participate in the Pro-Assistant by being earlier in the season rather than September.
6. Eligible Members for PGA of Alberta Championships (Club Pro, Assistants', PGA of Alberta, Fall, Seniors' and Ladies' Championships) MUST NOT have played in more than two Canadian or foreign tour events in the period of 60 days prior to the start of the Championship. Tours under this clause include all tours used in the Official World Golf Rankings plus the Champions Tour, European Senior Tour and Symetra Tour. The Canadian Open and PGA of Canada Championships is not included in the restrictions as stated above.
7. New for this year, a Seniors' Division has been added to two 1-day events this year, one in the North and one in the South. Members must be 50-years and older by the tournament date to be eligible to participate. This will give members 50-years and older an opportunity to play in more events during the season playing against their peers of a similar age. The Seniors' division will tee off immediately after the 1-day event and will play from a reduced yardage as well as for purse money. See locations and dates on website.
8. Any Member that receives a Play Ability Test (PAT) Exemption from the PGA of Canada will have a 60-day waiting period before they will be eligible to play in PGA of Alberta sanctioned Tournaments. The 60-day waiting period begins when the Member who receives the PAT Exemption becomes an official Member of the PGA of Canada and the Zone office is notified.

If any Member who receives a PAT Exemption wants to play in PGA of Alberta sanctioned Tournaments prior to when the 60-day period ends, they will be eligible to play in one of the Zones PAT's. Once they successfully pass the PAT (IN or OUT score), the waiting period will be waived and they will be eligible to play in PGA of Alberta sanctioned Tournaments after submitting the Tournament Eligibility Form online and meeting the eligibility requirements.

9. Referees will again only be present at Championships and Pro-Am events in 2019. There will be no referees at any Golf Supply House Series event (unless a PAT event is attached) or Team Event (Pro-Pro Scramble, Pro-Pro Best Ball, Pro-Assistant).

As our Members are the most trusted resource in golf, we ask participants to officiate themselves during the round. Any disputes will be handled by the tournament staff onsite as well as the host Professional.

The Association and Tournament Committee will continue to enforce two significant changes that were made prior to the 2010 season. All Members are required to fill out the Tournament Eligibility Form online on an annual basis prior to competing in any events to confirm eligibility for Association tournaments. Members will be put into one of three possible categories depending on their facility

and their employment status (full-time/part-time). These categories will then confirm eligibility for 2019 events. This form is online and no Member will be allowed to enter a tournament until the form is received and approved by the office staff.

We hope you find the time this season to compete in a few of our Association's Tournaments! Please provide us with your feedback as the season moves along,

Jason Stanier & Garrett Jenkinson
Trevor Rioux

PGA of Alberta Tournament Committee Co-Chairs
PGA of Alberta Tournament Manager

HOSTING INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Golf Supply House Series

This series consists of 7 one-day events and 2 two-day events, equaling to a total of 11 rounds. They are usually held on Monday or Tuesday mornings, however, as the Association moves forward these events could be held on any day throughout the week and at any time of day at the host club's discretion. Field sizes range between 40 and 70 players, so the clubs are being asked for up to 20 tee times for groups of three playing every ten minutes, a maximum of 3 1/2 hours of tee times, or a full crossover start. In 2019, a new Seniors Division will be added to two of the Golf Supply House Series events.

HOSTING TEAM EVENTS

Team Match Play Championship (Mid-May)

Approximate Revenue \$4,000

The Team Match Play Championship features two PGA of Alberta Members participating in a team match play format. The Team Match Play Championship will have an opening round in the North and South. The format for the opening rounds will be a two-man best ball qualifier to determine rankings for the first round of the tournament. A meal will follow the opening qualifying round.

Tournament of Champions (Late May)

Approximate Revenue \$10,000

The Tournament of Champions features a Class A Head Professional, Executive Professional, or *Head Teaching Professional and their previous year's Club Champion, competing in an 18-hole best ball tournament. The event is usually held as a 10:00am or 1:00pm shotgun, with a meal following the round. *Head Teaching Professional are eligible to participate in the Tournament of Champions as long as their Facility/Academy is attached to an approved PGA of Alberta Golf Course.

Pro-Pro Scramble (Late May)

Approximate Revenue \$6,000

The Pro-Pro Scramble features two PGA of Alberta Members participating in a team scramble format. The shotgun event is usually held as an 10:00am or 1:00pm shotgun, with a meal following the round.

Pro-Lady (Mid-June)***Approximate Revenue \$9,000***

The PGA of Alberta runs two Pro-Lady events, one in the Edmonton Area and one in the Calgary Area. The Pro-Lady consists of one PGA of Alberta Professional paired up with a Female Amateur in a team Net/Gross best ball format. 75% of the purse will go towards the Team Net purse and 25% towards the Team Gross purse. Each event features a maximum of 50 teams and is usually held as a 10:00am or 1:00pm shotgun, with a meal following the round.

Pro-Junior (Mid-July)***Approximate Revenue \$10,000***

The PGA of Alberta runs one Pro-Junior event, which will cycle between the North (Edmonton) and the South (Calgary) every year. The Pro-Junior consists of one PGA of Alberta Professional paired up with a Junior Golfer in a team Net/Gross best ball format. 75% of the purse will go towards the Team Net purse and 25% towards the Team Gross purse. The event features a maximum of 60 teams and is usually held as a 10:00am or 1:00pm shotgun, with a meal following the round.

Pro-Assistant (Mid-July)***Approximate Revenue \$14,000***

The Pro-Assistant features an Executive Professional with their Head Professional (Class A) or a Head Professional (Class A) with one of their Assistant Professionals from their facility. This event is a 2-day 36-hole tournament, (six holes each day played in a different format: best ball, scotch ball and scramble). The maximum field size is 60 teams, with the shotgun starting at 10am both days, a dinner following the first round and appetizers following the second round.

Pro-Senior (Late August)***Approximate Revenue \$10,000***

The Pro-Senior consists of one Golf Professional paired up with a Senior Member in a team Net/Gross best ball format. 75% of the purse will go towards the Team Net purse and 25% towards the Team Gross purse. The event features a maximum of 50 teams and is usually held as a 10:00am or 1:00pm shotgun, with a meal following the round.

Pro-Pro Best Ball (Mid-September)***Approximate Revenue \$6,000***

The Pro-Pro Best Ball features two PGA of Alberta Members participating in a team best ball format. The shotgun event is usually held at 10:00am with a meal following the round.

HOSTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

PGA of Alberta Championship

Approximate Revenue \$10,000

The PGA of Alberta Championship is the Association's flagship event, open to all Category I & II Members of the PGA of Alberta as well as all Life and Retired Members. The field usually consists of up to 110 players but we ask that the event be open to a maximum of 144. Tee times ideally begin between 7am and 8am both days, with players being provided a meal following or prior to their round. Play is in threesomes playing in 10-minute intervals. This event also includes a Pro-Am, known as our Media Day, one day prior to the Championship, and features approximately 6 teams including PGA of Alberta Past Champions and other invited Members and invited guests, including media members, PGA of Alberta Sponsors and members of the host club.

Club Pro Championship

Approximate Revenue \$5,000

The PGA of Alberta Club Pro Championship is a two-day, 36-hole Championship open to PGA of Alberta Executive Professionals (Class A), Head Professionals (Class A) and Head Teaching Professionals (Class A). The field is typically in the range of 70 players, with a maximum field size established at 80 for this event. Ideally tee times begin between 7am and 8am both days, with a dinner following both rounds. Play is in threesomes playing in 10-minute intervals.

Assistants' Championship

Approximate Revenue \$6,500

The Assistants' Championship is open to all Assistants Professionals (Class A), Teaching Professionals (Class A) and Associate Professionals of the PGA of Alberta in good standing working at an Approved Golf Course/Teaching Centre. The field usually consists of 80 players but we ask that the event be open to a maximum of 120. Tee times ideally begin between 7am and 8am both days, with players being provided a meal following or prior to their round. Play is in threesomes playing in 10-minute intervals.

Seniors' Championship

Approximate Revenue \$3,500

We have traditionally required between 12 and 15 tee times per day to accommodate the field for the Seniors' Championship. Tee times for the first day typically begin in the afternoon with a dinner to follow for all competitors. Tee times on the second day begin in the morning with a meal to follow during the prize presentation.

Ladies' Championship

Approximate Revenue \$1,000

This Championship features a small field size of 8-12 players and includes a dinner following both rounds of competition.

Fall Championship

Approximate Revenue \$3,500

The Fall Championship (formerly the Tour Championship) will feature the top 30 money leaders from the Golf Supply House Series who will automatically qualify for the Fall Championship while the remaining 20 spots will be filled by the top individual money earners of the season who have not yet qualified. A meal will be included after round one only.

CLUB INFORMATION

Tournament Formats

Championships	18 Hole Crossover / Tee Times on two consecutive days, threesomes, 10 min intervals
GSH Series	18 Hole Crossover / Tee Times, threesomes, 10 min intervals
Team Events	18 Hole Shotgun at 10am or 1pm

Field Sizes

Championships	Maximum 144, Average varies depending on Championship type
GSH Series	Maximum 80, Average 50
Team Events	Maximum 120, Average 100

Club Responsibilities

- For Championships - create pin sheet for each day of play based on PGA of Alberta template.
- Prize presentation executed by Host Professional immediately after completion of event.
- Determine tee placement prior to event based on tournament conditions and weather forecast.
- Check conditions of course prior to event date to ensure proper playing conditions.
- Marking course for accurate Golf Canada, supplemental and local rules (as required).
- Provide Carts, Meals & Practice Balls on Driving Range for all players.
- Provide volunteers as required (Championships) to assist with scoring & spotting.
- Coordinate all meals as players finish their round or prior to starting.
- Make pro shop gift certificates for amateur prizes (team events only).
- Distribute and collect PGA of Alberta pins, flags and tee markers.
- Provide both the office staff and Rules Officials with carts for marshalling, ruling purposes.
- Support PGA staff onsite with any course rulings or disputes.

Benefits to Club (per player per day)

Carts	\$15 Team Events only
Green Fee	\$20 Championships and Team Events only
Meals	\$25 Championships, GSH Series (2-day) and Team Events only

Other Benefits

Gift Certificates and Prizes at Team Pro-Am Events	\$3,500 - \$4,500
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TOURNAMENT EXECUTION

Communication Plan

The PGA of Alberta follows a communication plan for each of its events, beginning in the winter prior to the tournament season. This plan is designed to enable the office staff to work in conjunction with the host professional and host club staff to produce the highest quality event possible for all participants.

Year Round - PGA of Alberta office staff contacts potential hosts for the following tournament season.

March 5 - Tournament schedule is finalized for the season ahead.

One month prior to event - Office staff to confirm specific food & beverage requirements with host club food & beverage manager (meal, time that meal is required, cost, etc.).

Two weeks prior to event - Office staff or member of PGA of Alberta Tournament Committee to contact host professional to update preparation for event (likely field size, number of start times required, arrival day/time for tournament staff, pin sheet needs).

One week prior to event - Office staff to contact host superintendent through host professional to determine pin locations, tee locations, and any other course set-up issues.

Day before event - For North events and some South events, office staff will arrive the day before the event to drop off tournament trailer containing pins and tee markers for the next day's round.

Day of event - Tournament staff to arrive on site at minimum one hour before the first time for Series events, or at minimum two hours before the shotgun for Team events - tee markers and flags to be sent out on the golf course with host superintendent to prepare the golf course for participants. If alternate arrangements need to be made (i.e. earlier arrival time for pins / tees), please contact Office in advance.

Upon completion of event - Office staff to request an invoice be sent to the PGA of Alberta, to be paid upon arrival and approval by the Tournament Coordinator.

Yardage Guidelines

Championship Events	6,700 yards - 7,000 yards
Golf Supply House Series	6,500 yards - 6,800 yards
Seniors' Championship	6,200 yards - 6,400 yards
Ladies' Championship	5,800 yards - 6,100 yards
Team Events - Professionals	6,500 yards
Male Amateurs/Female Professionals	6,000 yards
Female Amateurs	5,500 yards

*Female Professionals will play at approximately 85-90% of the stipulated yardage in all events open to male and female Professionals. Yardage will be determined by the office staff in conjunction with the host superintendent and host professional but will play at a maximum of 6,400 yards for females.

Onsite Responsibilities

Upon arrival at the tournament site on the day of the event, the tournament staff will be responsible for the following: Registration of Participants, Starting, Scoring, Prize Presentation, Rules Officials and Marshalling.

PGA OF ALBERTA **TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY**

The employment status of a PGA of Alberta Member will be the major determining factor in which events, if any, they can play. The PGA of Alberta has developed a list of Approved Facilities* and certain restrictions will be placed on Member participation in events depending upon their employment status as it relates to these facilities and their hours worked in the golf industry. Members whose employment changes during the season must notify the PGA of Alberta office within 5 business days and will be subject to review and possible category re-assignment by the Eligibility Committee which is a subcommittee of the Tournament Committee.

A Member must be working a minimum term of 5-months of the calendar year to be eligible to participate in Category I & II PGA of Alberta tournaments. An exception will be made for Members going through post-secondary education who can only work 4-months or less during the season.

All Members wishing to participate in tournaments are required to submit the PGA of Alberta Tournament Eligibility Form below prior to having their event registration accepted and confirmed. Upon submitting the form and indicating their place of employment and hours worked, the Member will be placed in one of three categories:

CATEGORY I: A Member working full-time (35+ hours/week for period of employment, minimum 5 months) at an Approved Golf Course* or at an Approved Teaching Centre* shall be eligible to register and compete in all tournaments that is permitted to their Membership category.

CATEGORY II: A Member working full-time (35+ hours/week for period of employment, minimum 5 months) in the Golf Industry including:

- 1) Equipment/Accessory/Apparel Representative
- 2) National/Provincial Association Representative
- 3) Other full time occupations as approved by the Eligibility Committee

Or at a Golf Facility that is not on the Approved Facility list shall be eligible to register and compete in the following tournaments: **PGA of Alberta Championship, Seniors' Championship, Ladies' Championship, Team Match Play Championship, Golf Supply House Series, Pro-Pro Best Ball, Pro-Pro Scramble, Fall Championship**

CATEGORY III: A Member not working full-time in the Golf Industry shall be eligible to register and compete in the following tournaments: **Golf Supply House Series** (eligible to register three weeks prior to event date ONLY if tournament is not at full capacity).

*An Approved Golf Course and Approved Teaching Centre will be defined as per the following:

Approved Golf Course - All golf courses with a minimum of 9 holes and a minimum of 2,500 yards employing a Class A Member or Candidate for Membership of the PGA of Canada and operating in the province of Alberta will be approved. All PGA of Canada Class A Members and Candidates for Membership working full time at the facility will be deemed to be working at an Approved PGA of Alberta Golf Course.

Approved Teaching Centre - All Outdoor Driving Ranges with a minimum of 30 yards in width and 200

yards in length featuring a minimum of 10 hitting stalls and operating in the province of Alberta shall be Approved Teaching Centres. All PGA of Canada Class A Members and Candidates for Membership working full-time at the facility will be deemed to be working) at an Approved PGA of Alberta Teaching Centre.

All Indoor Teaching Centres with a minimum of 10 yards in width and 20 yards in length featuring a minimum of 3 hitting stalls and operating in the province of Alberta shall be Approved Teaching Centres. All PGA of Canada Class A Members and Candidates for Membership working full time at the facility will be deemed to be at an Approved PGA of Alberta Teaching Centre.

Exemptions - The PGA of Alberta Board of Directors has granted exemptions from the working requirements stated in the above Rules and Regulations to Members in the Retired and Life Categories of Membership, allowing them to compete in all events open to Category II Members.

The PGA of Alberta Board of Directors may provide exemptions for participation in sanctioned tournaments, to PGA of Canada Class A Members who have been active Class A Members for a minimum of 20 years but is not working at an Approved PGA of Alberta Golf Facility.

PGA OF ALBERTA **PLAYERS' AGREEMENT**

By registering for a tournament, all competitors are agreeing to the following:

1. I have read and agree to the Tournament Rules and Regulations established in this manual and agree to abide by the Rules of the Tournament Committee.
2. I agree to abide by any amendments that are deemed necessary.
3. I agree to conduct myself both on and off the golf course in a way befitting the PGA of Canada and PGA of Alberta By-Laws and Rules and Regulations.
4. I agree to co-operate with the media upon a request for an interview.
5. I agree to abide by decisions of the Tournament Committee and will accept its decision as final.
6. I agree to abide by the conditions listed for each tournament that I may enter.
7. I agree that I will not share any part of the prize money that I may win in a Tournament with any other contestant. I will not enter any arrangement under which I could have a financial interest in any other player's prize money (such as through prize splitting or prize money "insurance").
8. I have read and understand the regulations outlined on the PGA of Alberta Tournament Eligibility Form.
9. I agree to that it is my responsibility to ensure my caddie, should I decide to bring one to an event, is aware of all etiquette in the game of golf as well as the Rules of Golf and all Local Rules & Regulations as they pertain to caddies and the use thereof.

PGA OF ALBERTA **ORDER OF MERIT**



All players entering PGA of Alberta sanctioned tournaments are eligible for Order of Merit Points.

PGA of Alberta Championship winner will receive 50 points, 2nd place = 45, 3rd = 44...

Assistants', Club Pro & Fall Championship winners will receive 40 points, 2nd place = 35, 3rd = 34...

Golf Supply House Series (2-day) winners will receive 35 points, 2nd place - 30, 3rd place - 29....

Golf Supply House Series (1-day) winners will receive 20 points, 2nd place - 15, 3rd place - 14....

Ladies' Championship winner will receive 20 points, 2nd = 15, 3rd = 14...

Order of Merit winners will be the players with the most points accumulated during their best five rounds throughout the season. Ties will be broken by higher placements in additional events.

*Order of Merit Points are not awarded for the Seniors' Championship, Team Events or Seniors' Division events.

The PGA of Alberta Office will keep records of all points accumulated. Recognition will be given at the awards banquet to the top finisher in each of the following categories: Head Professional, Assistant Professional and top Female Professional. The Player of the Year will be separate from the Order of Merit. The choice will be made by a selection committee, upon review of scoring averages, money earnings, and competition levels. The award will be presented at the PGA of Alberta Awards Banquet.

2018 Order of Merit Winners

Head Professional: Jeff Cuthbertson, *Stony Plain GC*

Assistant Professional: Riley Fleming, *National Golf Academy Dome*

Female Professional: Marsha Rogers, *Derrick G&WC (The)*

2018 Player of the Year

Riley Fleming *National Golf Academy Dome*



Fall Championship

This two-day 36-hole competition is comprised of the top 30 money leaders from the Golf Supply House Series and the top 20 money leaders from the Association's individual* money leaders who have not otherwise qualified. These members will receive an invitation to participate in the Fall Championship to be held at Royal Mayfair GC on September 3 & 4. The cut-off to qualify for the Fall Championship is August 20, 2019.

**Individual events include all Golf Supply House Series and Championships.*

Defending Champion: Wes Heffernan



National Assistants' Championship Team

The winner of the PGA of Alberta Assistants' Championship will automatically be granted a spot on the Alberta Assistants' Team. The 3 remaining spots will be determined based on the overall Order of Merit points as of August 20, 2019.

Congratulations to our 2018 Team Members:

Riley Fleming (*National Golf Academy Dome*)
Wes Heffernan (*Dynamic Motion Golf Performance Centre*)
Eric Locke (*Priddis Greens G&CC*)
Dustin Risdon



National Head Pro Championship Team

The winner of the PGA of Alberta Club Pro Championship will automatically be granted a spot on the Alberta Head Pro Team. The 3 remaining spots will be determined based on the overall Order of Merit points as of September 18, 2019.

Congratulations to our 2018 Team Members:

Dallas Cantera (*Cardiff G&CC*)
Josh Fleming (*GOLFTEC Calgary Beacon Heights*)
Jeff Cuthbertson (*Stony Plain GC*)
Jamie Gerlitz (*Picture Butte GC*)



PGA of Alberta Tournament Rules & Regulations

Play is governed by the current Golf Canada Rules of Golf and its Decisions and where applicable, by the following Local Rules, Conditions and Definitions. Any changes or amendments by the PGA of Alberta Rules Committee will be provided to all players on the first tee. Unless otherwise specified, penalty for a breach of a Local Rule or Condition is: Match Play – Loss of Hole; Stroke Play - two (2) strokes.

1. GENERAL

The regulations set out below shall govern the operation of all tournaments run under the auspices of the PGA of Alberta and the conduct and responsibilities of the competitors therein. These regulations may be amended or appealed from time to time by the Tournament Committee, if it is felt to be in the interests of the Sponsors and/or the competitors of the game of golf.

2. TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATION

The Executive Director shall administer the tournament rules laid down by the Tournament Committee. He shall refer to the Tournament Committee any matter that he feels requires the consideration of the Board of Directors of the PGA of Alberta. On notice of appeal, the Executive Director shall submit a written report to the Board in time for such meeting.

3. ENTRIES & PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES

- (a) **Entries and payments may be made using the online registration system using a valid credit card number. Members electing to pay by cheque may submit their entry by mail or fax, however they will not be registered into an event until their cheque has been received.** As an alternative, Members who wish to pay by cheque may register online using a valid credit card number, and once a cheque has been received in the office, the credit card charge will be refunded. Players are responsible for contacting the office and ensuring the Tournament Eligibility Form as well as all event payments have been received and processed. Phone entries will not be accepted.

Credit Cards will be charged at the time of registration.

Cheques must be dated the **day of registration**.

Send cheques to PGA of Alberta, 517 - 23 Avenue NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 1S7

- (b) Provision for acceptance of entries, other than those announced, will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
- (c) All draws are final and will not be adjusted for any reason.
- (d) No person may participate unless they are a member in good standing of the PGA of Alberta and they meet the tournament eligibility criteria as laid out in the Tournament Eligibility Form
- (e) Starting times will be available on the tournament page of the PGA of Alberta website. It is the player's responsibility to visit the tournament website to confirm starting times.
- (f) Cancellation: Players who wish to withdraw from a tournament must do so no later than 4:00pm on the Thursday of the week prior to the event. Please refer to the Withdrawal/Registration Deadlines on the tournament page of the website to see exact dates.
- Withdrawal up to two weeks prior to event, before Withdrawal Deadline = 100% Refund
 - Withdrawal less than two weeks before event after Withdrawal Deadline but before Registration Deadline = \$50 Administration Charge
 - Withdrawal after draw is posted, after Registration Deadline = NO REFUND
- (g) A player who fails to notify the Tournament Coordinator/Manager of their withdrawal from an event will not receive a refund of their entry fee and will receive an automatic fine. Should a player wish to appeal this fine, it must be appealed to the Disciplinary Committee in writing.



4. PRO-AM AND TEAM EVENTS

If an amateur is not searchable on the Golf Canada database, amateurs must submit a detailed scoring record of their last 20 rounds, which must be approved by a PGA of Alberta Class A Professional. If a scoring record is not provided or they are not searchable on the Golf Canada database, the amateur will play the event as a '0' handicap for the purposes of net prizes.

5. DRESS CODE

All professionals are required to present a neat, professional appearance, in both clothing and personal grooming, and are required at all times to maintain an acceptable standard of dress both on the golf course and in the precinct of the clubhouse. For example, male professionals are strictly forbidden to wear denim-type jeans, t-shirts or shorts on the premises of a golf course hosting a Tournament. Female professionals must be dressed professionally and must follow the requirements of each host club. This dress code applies to all sanctioned PGA of Alberta events. Violation will result in disqualification.

6. SHORTS POLICY

In the best interests of our Members and competitors, the PGA of Alberta looks to protect the safety and well-being of members at all sanctioned events. Only under extreme weather conditions (temperatures exceeding 25 degrees Celsius, including Humidex) will shorts be permitted. The office staff will notify players of a specific tournament if shorts are permitted. When this condition is in effect, the following guidelines apply:

- (a) Shorts with an elasticized waist, shorts supported by a drawstring, shorts extended below the knee and shorts with large "cargo" style pockets are all prohibited.
- (b) Socks must be worn at all times – ankle socks are permitted as long as they can be seen with shoes on.
- (c) Penalty for breach of this condition is Disqualification.

7. FOOTWEAR - GOLF SPIKES

It is a condition of the competition that shoes with metal or traditionally designed spikes not be worn at any sanctioned PGA of Alberta tournaments. Penalty for breach of this condition: DISQUALIFICATION.

8. TIME OF STARTING

All players in a group must be present and READY TO PLAY at the time laid down by the Committee, this includes both players in all team competitions. The order of play is not relevant. READY TO PLAY is defined as being on or near the players' first tee accompanied with the necessary equipment needed to put a ball in play. Notification by a PGA of Alberta Rules Official or the Tournament Committee of a two-stroke penalty will be given to late starters (within five minutes) on the first tee or as soon as possible. Players failing to be present when the group begins play shall be classified as a 'No Show'.

9. RULES AND LOCAL RULES

The Rules of the Golf Canada govern play as modified by these Local Rules of the PGA of Alberta. Should any Supplementary Local Rules be required, they will be given to each competitor at the players' first tee. **Local Rules on the host club scorecards shall not apply.**

10. CADDIES

Caddies may be used at all PGA of Alberta sanctioned events. Caddies are eligible to ride in a power cart, providing it does not exceed the two-cart maximum per group or takes a seat away from a player. Caddies must wear running shoes or a suitable equivalent. Shoes must not have metal or soft spikes. **It is the player's responsibility to ensure the caddy is well informed as to the etiquette of the game of golf as well as the Rules of Golf and all Local Rules & Regulations as they pertain to caddies.**



11. DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES

A multi-functional device may be used as a distance measuring device, but it must NOT be used to gauge or measure other conditions (such as slope or wind) where doing so would be in breach of Rule 4-3a.

12. CELL PHONES & LISTENING DEVICES

Cell phones are permitted and refer to Rule 4.3 for clarification on what is permitted during play.

13. PACE OF PLAY

A player is subject to penalty if they unduly delay play under the provisions of this Pace of Play Policy under Rule 5.6. All players are required to finish their rounds within the allotted total time par round duration posted on the first tee. A round is considered complete when the scorecard has been handed into the Tournament Committee. Time par for each competition will be placed on all scorecards with each host club's pace of play policy taken into consideration. A group is also deemed to be out of position if at least one member of the group is not on a tee box before the group in front puts the flag in for that same hole. The individual(s) will be assessed a two-stroke penalty based on the warning guidelines below. The PGA of Alberta Tournament Committee Pace of Play guidelines and penalties for slow play are in effect for all sanctioned PGA of Alberta tournaments and enforceable by the Tournament Rules Committee.

PACE OF PLAY WARNING GUIDELINES

1st Warning	Rules Official warns entire group that they are out of position
2nd Warning	Rules Official must warn one or more individuals who are the cause of the group being out of position and commence timing the individual(s)
3rd Warning	Rules Official to assess a two-stroke penalty to each individual in the group who takes more than 40 seconds to make a stroke when it is clearly their turn to play
4th Warning	Rules Official to assess a penalty of DISQUALIFICATION to one or more individuals who have been assessed a two-stroke penalty and incur a subsequent bad time

In administering the Pace of Play, the PGA of Alberta Tournament Rules Committee is acting to improve the general pace of play for all PGA of Alberta tournaments at the direction of the PGA of Alberta Board of Directors. In performance of these duties, a PGA of Alberta Rules Official shall not be subjected to abuse, oral or otherwise. Such abuse by a player is conduct unbecoming of a professional and is subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the Code of Professional Practice.

14. MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION

Automotive transportation is permitted at all PGA of Alberta sanctioned tournaments. **A maximum of 2 carts will be permitted for each group at every event.** Except where permitted by a PGA of Alberta Rules Official or the Tournament Committee, automotive transportation is prohibited by Candidates at all Play Ability Tests. Automotive transportation is also only available to tournament players and caddies; no spectators. When automotive transportation is authorized, it is forbidden to travel beyond the ball in play. Penalty in stroke play for breach: Two (2) strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round: four (4) strokes. Use of any unauthorized form of transportation shall be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.

15. STOPPAGE OF PLAY OR CANCELLATION OF TOURNAMENT

If in the judgement of the PGA of Alberta Tournament Committee, adverse weather conditions or any other occurrence beyond the control of the PGA of Alberta renders the commencement or continuation of the tournament impracticable, play shall be postponed until the PGA of Alberta Tournament Committee considers that play can be continued. In the event of the curtailment or cancellation of a tournament, prize money shall be

distributed as agreed between the Sponsor and the PGA of Alberta Tournament Committee. A portion of the players entry fee may be forfeited to cover any costs incurred by the host venue.

Suspension of Play: If during a tournament it becomes necessary to suspend play, PGA of Alberta Rules Officials will circulate the course, sounding a suspension of play signal prescribed in the PGA of Alberta Rules of Play. Competitors shall proceed under this Rule.

Resumption of Play: When conditions allow play to be resumed, PGA of Alberta Rules Officials will circulate the course and sound the resume play signal as prescribed in the PGA of Alberta Rules of Play. Competitors shall proceed under this Rule.

Re-scheduled Event: If a tournament has been rescheduled to a different date or location, the original registrations will be automatically transferred. If you are unable to participate you are required to withdraw from the event.

16. RETURN OF SCORECARDS

Competitors must go directly to the scoring tent (or designated scoring area) immediately following the completion of their final hole. Competitors must not complete and sign their scorecards outside the scoring area. If a competitor fails to report to the scoring area by the time all competitors in the following group have completed play of their final hole, the competitor shall be deemed not to have returned his or her scorecard and shall be disqualified. Competitors in the final group of the draw must report to the Scoring Area without undue delay. A scorecard is deemed to be returned when it has been submitted to the PGA of Alberta Tournament Committee. It is the competitor's responsibility to hand in his or her own scorecard.

17. CLOSE OF THE COMPETITION

When all scores have been approved by the PGA of Alberta, the result of the competition is deemed to have been officially announced and the competition closed.

18. TIES

- (a) Any competitor involved in a playoff, and not immediately available, takes last playoff position. Multiple no-shows for playoffs shall be decided by lot.
- (b) In the event of a tie, Pro-Am events will be decided by retrogression rule. Ties and prize amounts for all Professionals at every Pro-Am team competition will be divided equally amongst all professionals.
- (c) In the event of a tie in an Individual stroke play event, prize money and any points associated with the event will be divided equally among those tied, except that if a competitor wins a playoff for the Tournament, he or she will receive the first place prize money and points.

19. MEDIA RELATIONS

A competitor posting one of the top three scores in a Championship or an individual championship round MUST report to the Media Area if requested by a PGA of Alberta Tournament Committee.

20. PRIZE PRESENTATION

The top three competitors in individual competitions and all competitors in team competitions must be present at the prize presentation or be subject to forfeiting their prize monies and/or gift certificates to the PGA of Alberta, unless consent is given by the Tournament Committee.

21. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

All entrants who have been assessed penalties by the Disciplinary Committee must make payment before being permitted to play in any competition or participate in other PGA of Alberta events.



22. PENALTIES

All penalties must be paid or an appeal made before participation will be allowed in any PGA of Alberta sanctioned Events, Tournaments or otherwise.

ACTION	MAX. PENALTY
No Show - Any PGA of Alberta Sanctioned Event	\$200.00
Withdrawing without approval of Committee	\$200.00
Failing to complete round	DQ & \$200.00
Not returning scorecard (Within 15 minutes)	DQ & \$200.00
Not following Dress Code	DQ
Withdrawing from event caused by lack of preparation (i.e. running out of golf balls)	\$200

ACTION	MIN. PENALTY
Throwing/damaging golf club or equipment	\$200.00
Conduct/language likely to injure the reputation of the Association, Club or Sponsor	\$200.00

All Offences are subject to the above stipulated monetary fine and/or Meeting with the PGA of Alberta Disciplinary Committee.

23. HOLE-IN-ONE

For Hole-in-One insurance purposes, only Holes-In-One on par-threes 175 yards or longer are eligible. The PGA of Alberta will notify players which par threes are eligible for Hole-In-One cash prizes.

24. LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS

Only golf balls named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls recognized by the USGA may be used. Penalty for use of ball not on List: Disqualification.

25. LIST OF CONFORMING EQUIPMENT

Only equipment listed in the USGA database of clubs with conforming grooves may be used in PGA of Alberta events, with the exception of the Play Ability Test. Penalty for use of non-conforming equipment: Disqualification.

26. LIMITATION ON GOLF BALLS USED DURING ROUND (ONE BALL RULE) EXCEPT FOR AMATEURS IN PRO-AM

This rule is in effect at all PGA of Alberta sanctioned tournaments except for the Play Ability Tests and the Scotch Ball format of the Pro-Assistant.

27. TIME OF STARTING - NOTE UNDER RULE 5.3

Note under Rule 5.3 as prescribed shall be in effect. All competitors in a group must be present and ready to play at the time set by the Committee. The order of play is not relevant.

28. PRACTICE - NOTE UNDER RULE 5.5 & 13.1

A player may not practice on or near the putting green of the hole last played and may not roll a ball on the putting green of the hole last played.

29. SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SITUATION - NOTE UNDER RULE 5.7

In potentially dangerous situations, play shall be discontinued immediately following a suspension of play by the PGA of Alberta Tournament Committee. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he shall be disqualified,



unless circumstances warrant waiving such penalty as provided in Rule 20.

Note: A suspension for a potentially dangerous situation shall be signalled by one prolonged air horn (or siren) note. All other types of suspension shall be signalled by several consecutive, short air horn (or siren) notes. Resumption of play shall be signalled by two consecutive air horn (or siren) notes.

All practice areas shall be closed during suspension for a potentially dangerous situation until the PGA of Alberta Tournament Committee has declared them open. Players who disregard such closed areas shall be subject to disciplinary action.

30. EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN

Course conditions, including mud and extreme wetness, may interfere with proper playing of the game and warrant relief for an embedded ball anywhere in the general area. Rule 16.3a provides relief, without penalty, for a ball embedded in its own pitch-mark in the general area of the course (does not include the putting green, teeing area, penalty areas, and no play zones). Exceptions:

- (a) A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in sand in an area that is not closely-mown.
- (b) A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule makes the *stroke* clearly impracticable.

31. MARKING POSITION OF LIFTED BALL

Before a ball on the putting green is lifted, its position shall be marked by placing a small coin or some similar artificial object immediately behind the ball; if the ball marker interferes with another player, it should be moved one or more putter head lengths to one side. If the position of the ball is not so marked, the player shall incur a penalty of one stroke and the ball shall be replaced. If the ball is not replaced, the player shall incur the penalty for breach of Rule 9.7, but no additional penalty under this Local Rule shall be applied.

32. OUT OF BOUNDS - RULE 18.2

Defined by the nearest inside points of white stakes and/or property fence posts at ground level.

33. GROUND UNDER REPAIR - RULE 16.1

All areas enclosed by white lines and/or French drains (exposed trenches filled with rocks or stones) whether they are marked or not.

34. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS - RULE 16.1

White lined areas tying into artificially surfaced roads, paths or obstructions are declared to have the same status, thus are part of the obstructions and are not ground under repair.

35. PENALTY AREAS - RULE 17

Penalty areas are defined as either red or yellow as stated in Rule 17.

36. INTEGRAL OBJECTS

When closely attached to objects, wrappings, wires, cables, etc., are not considered obstructions. No free relief is provided. They are integral parts of the course and are deemed to be fixed.

37. SEAMS OF CUT TURF

The Local Rule for seams of Cut Turf as prescribed in Appendix 1 is in effect.



38. ALCOHOL & CANNANIS

The consumption of alcoholic beverages and use of Cannabis is not permitted by any Member of the PGA of Alberta prior to, or during the stipulated round of a stroke play or best ball competition. The stipulated round is deemed to be completed upon the return of the competitor's scorecard.

39. ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A BALL ON A PUTTING GREEN – RULE 13.1

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 13.1d.

Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water, or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. However, if the ball was lifted and then replaced and then moved, it must be replaced. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

40. PGA OF ALBERTA CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY RULE

Eligible Members for PGA of Alberta Championships (Club Pro, Assistants', PGA of Alberta, Fall, Seniors' and Ladies' Championships) MUST NOT have played in more than two Canadian or foreign tour events in the period of 60 days prior to the start of the Championship. Tours under this clause include all tours used in the Official World Golf Rankings plus the Champions Tour, European Senior Tour and Symetra Tour. The Canadian Open and PGA of Canada Championships is not included in the restrictions as stated above.

41. WAITING PERIOD FOR PLAY ABILITY TEST EXEMPTIONS

Any Member that receives a Play Ability Test (PAT) Exemption from the PGA of Canada will have a 60-day waiting period before they will be eligible to play in PGA of Alberta sanctioned Tournaments. The 60-day waiting period begins when the Member who receives the PAT Exemption becomes an official Member of the PGA of Canada and the Zone office is notified.

If any Member who receives a PAT Exemption wants to play in PGA of Alberta sanctioned Tournaments prior to when the 60-day period ends, they will be eligible to play in one of the Zones PAT's. Once they successful pass the PAT (IN or OUT score), the waiting period will be waived and they will be eligible to play in PGA of Alberta sanctioned Tournaments after submitting the Tournament Eligibility Form online and meeting the eligibility requirements.