



# PGA OF MANITOBA TOURNAMENT POLICIES

## GENERAL

1. The regulations set out below shall govern the operation of all tournaments run under the auspices of the PGA of Manitoba and the conduct and responsibilities of the competitors therein.
2. The Players' Declaration is considered signed and acknowledged when the player completes the online registration for an event.

## TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATION

The Tournament Chairman and the Executive Director shall administer the rules laid down by the Tournament Committee. They shall refer to the Committee any matter, which they feel requires the Committee's consideration. Players have the right to appeal in writing any penalties they are assessed to the Tournament Committee within 7 days of the assessment.

The Tournament Committee for each event will be comprised of the following:

- The Executive Director (Deb Pritchard: [deb@pgaofmanitoba.com](mailto:deb@pgaofmanitoba.com))
- The Tournament Chair (D'Arcy Lachance: [dlachance14@shaw.ca](mailto:dlachance14@shaw.ca))
- The host course Class "A" Head Professional
- The Golf Manitoba Rules Official on site for the event
- For all Team Events where no Rules Official is present, the Committee shall consist of only 3 members

## ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for PGA of Manitoba sanctioned tournaments is open to all PGA of Manitoba members in good standing. For PGA of Manitoba "Player of the Year" sanctioned tournaments, non-resident professionals and PGA of Manitoba professionals who are members and/or participants of recognized professional tours are not eligible. Professional Tour membership and participation will be determined by the PGA of Manitoba Board of Directors.

Professional Tours are defined as multiple events under one name which offer official prize money. Professional Tours recognized for the current season are as follows: LPGA Tour, Epson Tour, PGA Tour, Korn Ferry Tour, PGA Tour Champions, DP World Tour, PGA Tour Canada and Euro Legends Tour. Tours

not listed are subject to the approval of the PGA of Manitoba. A PGA of Manitoba member will be considered a member of a professional tour if that member participates in more than two events during that accepted season (November 1<sup>st</sup> of previous year to October 31<sup>st</sup> of current year.)

## ENTRIES

1. All entries must be completed through the online registration system. This can be done through the PGA of Manitoba site utilizing your PGA of Canada member login & profile.
2. **Entry deadline for any tournament is 96 hours before the tournament date.**
3. See the individual entry forms for deadline dates for each tournament.
4. **Any Entry accepted after the 96 hour deadline date will be subjected to a \$50.00, plus GST, late fee. The late fee will be in addition to the original entry fee.**
5. Entry fees, including any applicable late fees, must be paid before play is permitted. There will be no entry fee payments accepted the day of the tournament.
6. Provision for acceptance of late entries will be solely at the discretion of the Executive Director with input from the Tournament Committee.
7. All withdrawals must be made in writing to the Executive Director at [deb@pgaofmanitoba.com](mailto:deb@pgaofmanitoba.com).
8. Withdrawal, past the entry dead line, but before the posting of the draw will be subject to a \$50.00 forfeiture fee.
9. Withdrawals made after the draw has been posted but before the start of the event will be subject to forfeiture of the full entry fee unless a medical certificate is provided.
10. Withdrawals made by phone after the deadline may be subjected to a loss of the entire entry fee.
11. No person may participate unless he/she is a member in good standing of the PGA of Manitoba.
12. Starting Times: It is the player's responsibility to check with the host tournament site for the most up- to- date tee times. The draw will be posted on the PGA of Manitoba website two days prior to the event.

## DRESS CODE

All PGA of Manitoba tournaments will adhere to the PGA of Canada Dress Code. Please [click here](#) for full details.

## ALCOHOL & DRUG POLICY

All PGA of Manitoba events will adhere to the Alcohol & Drug Policy. Please [click here](#) for full details.

## PACE OF PLAY POLICY

All PGA of Manitoba events will adhere to the Pace of Play Policy. Please [click here](#) for full details.

## STOPPAGE OF PLAY OR CANCELLATION OF TOURNAMENT

1. If the judgment of the Tournament Committee, adverse weather conditions or any other occurrence beyond the control of the PGA of Manitoba, renders the commencement or continuation of the tournament impractical, play shall be postponed until such a time as the Tournament Committee considers that play can be continued.
2. **Suspension of Play:** If it becomes necessary to suspend play due to a potentially dangerous situation during a round, a member of the Tournament Committee will sound one prolonged blast on the air horn or siren. Once play is suspended proceed under Rule 5.7b. All other types of suspension shall be signaled by 3 consecutive short blasts.
3. **Resumption of Play:** Two consecutive air horn or siren blasts will signal the resumption of play, please resume play immediately.
4. In the event weather shortens a tournament, prize money will be distributed as agreed to by the Sponsor and the Tournament Committee.

## RULES OF PLAY

\*Golf Canada rules govern all play.

\*\* Local Rules to be determined at each event based on playing conditions.

1. **LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS — Model Local Rule G-3:** Only brands of golf balls on the most current [USGA.org](https://www.usga.org) list of conforming golf balls may be used. Penalty for use of ball not on the list is disqualification.
2. **ONE BALL RULE — Model Local Rule G-4 - LIMITATION OF GOLF BALLS USED DURING ROUND:** This rule is in effect at all PGA of Manitoba sanctioned tournaments except for Amateurs in Pro-Am. Rule 4.2a and Committee Procedures 5C
3. **LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVERS – Model Local Rule G-1:** Any driver the player uses to make a stroke must have a club head, identified by model and loft, which is on the current list of conforming drivers found at [USGA.org](https://www.usga.org). Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this rule is Disqualification.

4. **GROOVE SPECIFICATION** - The Local Rule for groove and punch mark specifications, effective January 1, 2010, has been adopted as a condition of competition for all PGA of Manitoba championships. For full details on the groove and punch mark specifications, please visit: [Grooves \(usga.org\)](http://usga.org)
5. **TIME OF STARTING:** Rule 5-3a provides: "The player shall start at the time laid down by the committee." The penalty for breach of rule 5-3a is disqualification. However, if the player arrives at their starting point, ready to play, no more than 5 minutes late: the player gets the General Penalty applied to their first hole.

Note: All competitors in a group must be present and ready to play at the time laid down by the rules committee. The order of play is not relevant.

6. **UNREASONABLE DELAY:** A player shall be subject to penalty if they unduly delay play. Rule 5.6. Please [click here](#) for the full PGA of Manitoba Pace of Play Policy and corresponding penalties.
7. **PRACTICE:** Model Local Rule I-2 is in effect for all competitions
  - i. A player shall not make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the last hole just completed. (For other practice see Rule 5.5)
  - ii. During suspension of play other than due to a dangerous situation, practice is permitted but only in areas specifically designed for practice by the rules committee.
8. **SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION** (lighting, tornado, etc.) Rule 5.7: When play is suspended due to a dangerous situation, players in a group between the play of two holes shall not resume play until the rules committee has ordered so. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they shall discontinue play immediately and shall not thereafter play until the rules committee has ordered a resumption of play. Penalty for breach of local rule: Disqualification. All practice areas shall be closed during suspension of play due to a dangerous situation until the rules committee has declared them open for use. Players who disregard closed practice areas shall be subject to DISQUALIFICATION.

NOTE: A suspension for a dangerous situation shall be signaled by one prolonged blast of the horn or siren. Three short intermittent notes of a horn shall signal all other types of suspension. Two intermittent horn blasts shall signal resumption of play.

9. **TRANSPORTATION:** Automotive transportation is permitted at all PGA of Manitoba sanctioned tournaments.
10. **RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION:** When all scores have been approved by the PGA of Manitoba rules committee, the result of the competition is deemed to have been officially announced.

## **DECISIONS OF THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE ARE FINAL.**

### **TIES**

1. In the event of ties, prize money will be divided equally among those tied, except that is when a competitor wins a sudden victory playoff for the Tournament, he or she will receive first place money.

2. Any player involved in a playoff and not immediately available takes the last playoff position.
3. Tee order for two-player playoff will be based on a coin flip with the first player in getting the call and choice. A multiple player playoff will result in a number cap draw with the first player in getting first pick. This may not apply to pro-am competitions.

## **OFFENCES AND FINES (DISCIPLINE)**

The fines below are the minimum amount that will be assessed. The Tournament Committee, based on the severity of the occurrence, deems the fines may be subject to change. Should the Committee deem it to be an egregious offence, it will be escalated to [ITP Sport and Recreation Inc.](#)

1. All penalties must be paid - or an appeal made - before play will be allowed in the next tournament.

- **No Show: \$200.00**

Less than 24 hours cancellation notice provided by the Golf Professional to the Host professional. Any PGA of Manitoba Sanctioned Event.

- **Etiquette: Maximum fine \$500.00**

Generally accepted rules of golf course etiquette, some of which include but are not limited to the following. These offences do not exclude the clubhouse, parking lot and non-golf related areas of the facility.

- Removing ball from hole with putter or other club
- Failure to repair ball marks
- Failure to rake bunkers
- Spitting
- Purposeful damage to the golf course, negligence etc.
- Walking or driving in prohibited areas
- Yelling or shouting

- **Failure to return scorecard (within 15 minutes): DSQ**

- **Failing to complete round: \$100**

- **Failing to comply with Dress Code: \$100**

- **Conduct or Language likely to injure the reputation of the PGA of Manitoba, the Host Club or the Sponsor: \$250**

- **Absence at the Prize Presentation (without prior written notice to the Executive Director or the Tournament Chair): \$200**

2. All penalties will be doubled for a second offence. A third offence may lead to expulsion from participation in future PGA of Manitoba events. Penalties also apply to all practice rounds.

3. All penalties must be paid to the PGA of Manitoba upon assessment and any appeal must be made in writing to the Tournament Chairman of the PGA of Manitoba within 7 days.

## **PLAYER'S DECLARATION**

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

1. I certify that I have read the PGA of Manitoba tournament rules and conditions governing each tournament to be conducted under the auspices of the PGA of Manitoba and acknowledge as the sole authority the Committee appointed by the Association.
2. I accept the terms and conditions laid down as outlined here, together with 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 Manitoba and the PGA of Canada By-laws, Categories of Membership and PGA of Canada Rules.
4. I agree to abide by the decisions of the Tournament Committee and will accept their decision as final.
5. I agree to abide by the conditions listed for each tournament that I enter.
6. I agree to co-operate with the media upon request for an interview.
7. I agree that I will not share any part of the prize money that I may win in a Championship with any other contestant. I will not enter any arrangement such as "prize splitting."

## **PGA OF MANITOBA EXEMPTIONS AND TEAM SELECTIONS**

### **CPC CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**

The top four eligible Class "A" Professionals in the PGA of Manitoba Championship will comprise the Manitoba Team to attend the CPC Championship. Eligibility includes the following categories:

Owner / Operator	Head Professional
CEO	Head Teaching Professional
COO	Director of Instruction
General Manager	Head Golf Coach
Manager of Golf Operations	
Pro Manager	
Director of Golf	
Director of Operations	

### **PGA ASSISTANT'S CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**

The Assistant's Championship team will be determined by placing at the PGA of Manitoba Championship. The top four eligible players from the following categories will comprise the Manitoba Team to attend the Assistant's Championship.

Assistant Golf Coach	Club Fitting Specialist
Associate Professional	Teaching Professional
Assistant Professional	Professional
Apprentice Professional	Sales Representative