



## Tournament Set Up Guidelines for Host Club

The PGA of Manitoba asks that all host clubs follow these guidelines to the best of their ability and resources. It is our tournament mandate to provide a fair and challenging competition each week. The set-up of the course should encourage low scores for those who play well, and one that does not detract from our members participating in events.

Proper course set up will improve our participation in events by providing playing conditions that are FAIR to our zone's caliber of play. Correct course set up also allows our players to score, which improves our image as professionals within our zone. We would ask that you set the course, with the cooperation of your Superintendent.

### Pin Locations

- Pin locations **must** be set or overseen by the host professional or one of his or her professional staff
- Course is to be set up in a **fair** manner providing a challenging test with an opportunity to score
- Guidelines for locations are as follows:
  - **7 EASY Pins** - in locations that are very accessible on approach and on a generally flat area of the green
  - **7 MEDIUM difficulty pins** - In an area on the green that is challenging to approach OR challenging to putt but NOT both
  - **4 CHALLENGING pin locations** - Located in an area on the green that is difficult to access on approach and challenging to putt to
- In reference to "challenging" and "difficult", all pin locations are to be fair
  - Pins are not to be located less than 4 paces from the edge of a green
  - Pins are to be located in areas where balls cannot run back in the opposite direction from where they were putted.
  - Pins should be located, if possible, in an area that is generally flat in a 3-foot diameter from the center of the hole.

### Tee Locations / Course Yardage

- Length of golf course should be minimum 6500 yards (if possible) and maximum 6800 yards
- Length of the golf course should be modified in the event of high winds and/or rain in the forecast with particular attention paid to:
  - Par 3's over 170 yards
  - Long par 4's and 5's that are into the wind
  - Holes that drain poorly
- Adjustments are within reason and up to the host professional
- Adjustments like this are made on most major tours and our zone events should be making these adjustments in the best interest of the long-term success of our events.

## Marking the course

- Host Professionals are asked to have the course marked for all ground under repair and turf conditions that are not suitable for tournament golf
- If marking is unreasonable, the professional shall submit local rules to the Executive Director 24 hours in advance of play, understanding that weather may change these conditions the day of the event.
- The goal of our events is to avoid modifying the rules and playing the ball as it lies, but recognize that in our climate, fair tournament conditions occasionally require the professional to mark the course in areas or create local rules to accommodate the current course condition

Please contact D'Arcy Lachance, Tournament Chair (431-283-3082) or Deb Pritchard, Executive Director (204-470-3493 / [deb@pgaofmantitoba.com](mailto:deb@pgaofmantitoba.com)) if you have any questions or require assistance.