



INDOOR WINTER SERIES

January 31 - March 26, 2024



PLAYER GUIDE

Please read in full before playing any
PGA of Ontario Indoor Winter Series Events

If you've been missing tournament competition and are looking to cure those winter blues, you've come to the right place...

The PGA of Ontario is excited to announce the return of our *Indoor Winter Series*. We will have 3 tournaments (sign up individually to register) played on some fun virtual courses that will be sure to challenge you, and offer a chance to win some prize money! Most importantly, keep your game sharp before hitting the links in the Spring! **Please note your email will be shared with Mike Grierson for the purpose of conducting the event.**

FORMAT:	SCHEDULE:	VIRTUAL GOLF:	REAL SKILLS:	PRICING:
2-person team scramble and a series-long Order of Merit	Every tournament is live for 2 weeks, spanning from January 31 to March 26	Playing virtually on a TrackMan simulator	Mixed field event Men's and Women's tees PGA of Ontario Members only	Entry fee is \$100 plus HST per player <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$85 to the purse• \$10 to the series-long Order of Merit• \$5 Administration fee



HOW IT WORKS

Play on any TrackMan simulator- You can compete in the *Indoor Winter Series* tournaments on any TrackMan simulator running the latest software **TrackMan Performance Studio 9.3 or newer**.

All players are required to video record their round - All rounds must be recorded using your mobile device and the recording must be sent to WeTransfer. (The link will be provided before the first stop). More information about recording is on page 7.

Three 2-person team scramble stroke play tournaments- Each event in the PGA of Ontario Indoor Winter Series consists of a single 18-hole 2-person team scramble stroke play round on a select TrackMan virtual golf course. We encourage you to maintain a consistent playing partner for all stops but you can change playing partners if necessary. Order of Merit will be adjusted accordingly.

This is a mixed-field event- Men and Women will play from different tee boxes. Play is governed by the Rules of Golf and all players must abide by PGA of Ontario Tournament Policies. Using an alignment aid is not permitted.

Participate to win - Players who enter all three stops will be entered into a draw to win a PGA of Ontario prize pack.

Two-week tournament windows - Complete rounds and submit video at any time within each tournament window.



TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The PGA of Ontario Indoor Winter Series is designed to be easy to join and provide Members a chance to compete and engage with fellow PGA of Ontario Members.

PRIZE FUND:

- **\$85 of each entry** goes towards the purse
- **\$10 of each entry** goes toward the Order of Merit fund
- **\$5 of each entry** supports administration
- **PGA of Ontario** will set the payout structure once registration for each stop has closed

SAMPLE PAYOUT:

100 PLAYERS

Total Purse

\$8,500

Purse Payout: 30-50% of field based on entries



PGA OF ONTARIO INDOOR WINTER SERIES SCHEDULE

Stop	Course	Entry Deadline	Tournament Dates
1	Oakdale Golf & C.C.	Sunday, January 28 @ midnight	Jan 31 - Feb 14
2	Medinah Country Club	Sunday, February 18 @ midnight	Feb 21 - Mar 6
3	Dye Fore Golf Course	Sunday, March 10 @ midnight	Mar 13 - Mar 26

Courses have been selected to ensure a rating and length that allows fair competition across a mixed field event. **Green speed**, fairway firmness, pin locations, etc. will be the same for all players. **Putting format** will be manually aimed with 8 foot gimmes.

Order of Merit is a points-based scoring system where each tournament round will give each member points towards an overall leaderboard. Individuals will be awarded points based on team score in each round.

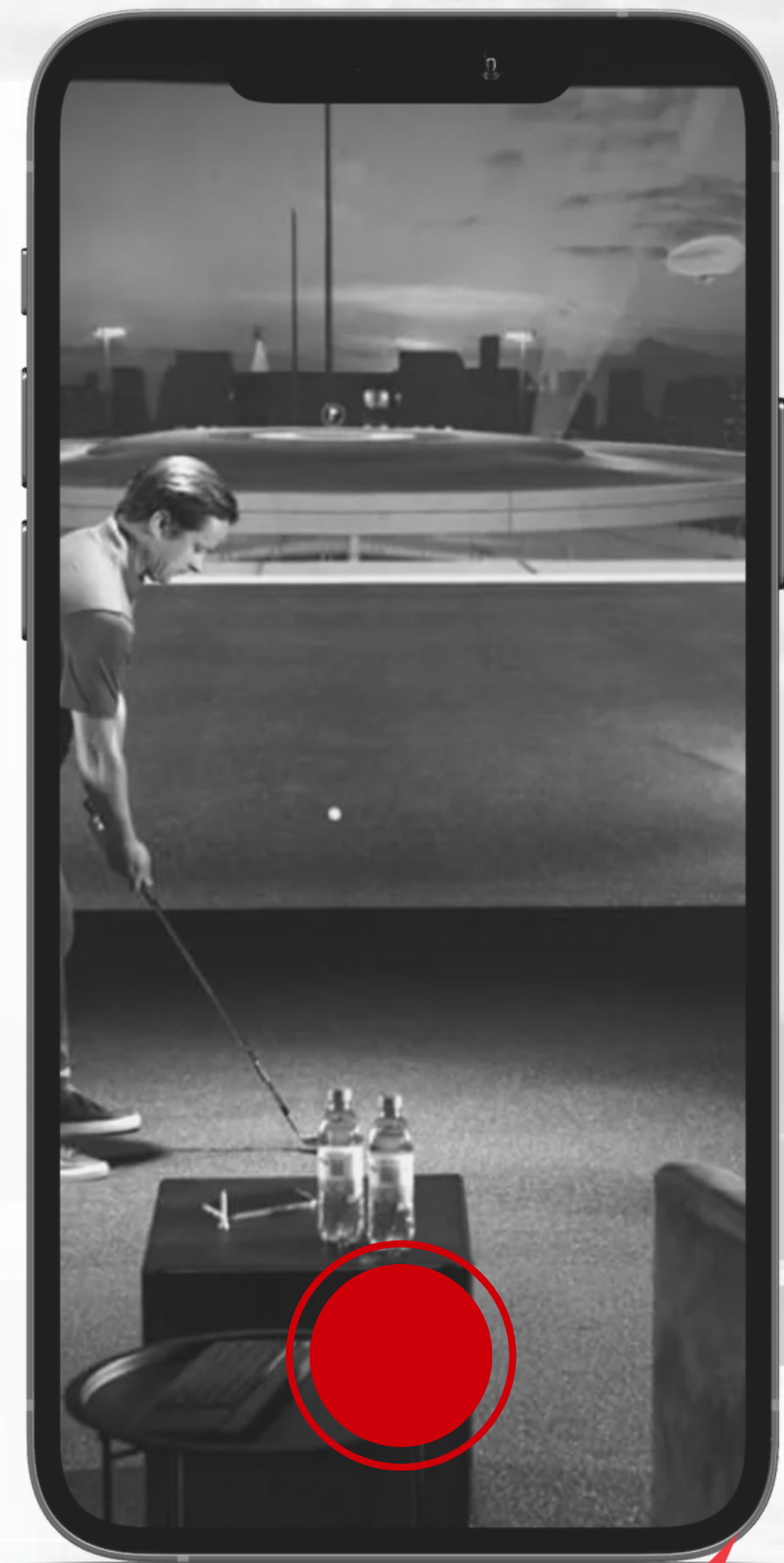
After each round, points are distributed and total points are accumulated.

The Order of Merit will replicate PGA of Ontario Player of the Year Standings. Click [HERE](#) for more.



RECORDING YOUR ROUND

- All teams **MUST** record their round
- Recording your round is **MANDATORY** to be accepted
- The video file must be uploaded using the **WETRANSFER** link following your round
- PGA of Ontario reserves the right to request the recording to ensure your round was played according to the rules of golf and the PGA of Ontario Indoor Winter Series
- WETRANSFER LINK WILL BE PROVIDED BEFORE THE FIRST STOP



RECORDING GUIDE

Note: You should have at least 3.5 GB of space available on your device (based on roughly 30 minutes of playtime recorded on an iPhone 12, shooting standard HD 1080x1920, 30 fps)

THE BASICS

- Round recordings should be done in vertical orientation
- Position the camera behind the hitting area so that your entire body/swing and the screen can be seen
- Keep the recording angle the same during the entire round
- Consider making two recordings: one for the front 9 and one for the back. This reduces file size and makes the upload process easier
- Do not pause the video — incomplete recordings may result in disqualification

BEST PRACTICES

- Fix your phone/camera on a tripod — asking a friend to hold the camera is not recommended
- Consider supplemental lighting if possible, we want to see your smiling face!!
- Set the simulator screen/projector brightness to max (ask your facility manager for help if necessary)
- Put your phone in flight mode /enable “do not disturb” so you don’t receive calls or notifications that may disrupt your recording

HAVE FUN!

- Publish social media posts about your round on your own social media profiles and remember to be CREATIVE!
- Be sure to tag @pgaofontario and use the hashtag #PGAIndoorWinterSeries and #PGAProud



KEEP CALM AND PLAY ON

Please bear with us in the event of any unfortunate technical issues. If anything happens that interrupts the integrity of the tournament round, contact the below for support.

TrackMan Technology, Tournament Rulings & Mobile App Support:

Rules Committee Lead, Mike Grierson

Email: mike@vtlgolf.com

TrackMan also offers support 24/7 click [here](#)

IF YOU ENCOUNTER TECHNICAL ISSUES DURING YOUR ROUND:

1. **Keep your camera running and finish your round.** The Rules Committee can retroactively edit your scorecard to remove any additional strokes resulting from verifiable technical issues.
2. **Best practice is to select the "REHIT +1" option** when a glitch occurs with a stroke and the Rules Committee can adjust scores via TrackMan portal.
3. **Upload your video to the WETRANSFER link.** Make sure to provide information about the issue as well as timestamps so the Rules Committee can assess your round and amend your scorecard if necessary.



READY TO GET STARTED?

Sign Up

1. **Create a TrackMan account** online at www.mytrackman.com or by downloading the TrackMan mobile app [HERE](#)
2. **Visit PGA of Ontario** events and [register](#)
3. **An invitation will be sent once registration closes** from TrackMan to invite you to play in the tournament, you must login and accept the invitation

NOTE: Your email will be shared with Mike Grierson to conduct the event.

Play

1. **Log in to the TrackMan simulator** using your TrackMan account or mobile app "Quick Login" feature
2. TrackMan simulator must be running at **version 9.3 or newer of TPS**. If you cannot see your event under TOURNAMENTS you likely need to update the software
3. Set up your phone/camera to record your round
4. Select the active **PGA of Ontario Indoor Winter Series event** and complete your round in one uninterrupted session

Results

- **Leaderboard** will be updated in real time in your TrackMan app
- If there are any issues regarding a ruling from the Rules Committee or an outstanding highlight you want us to know about, include timestamp information and a description of what happened, and email it to Mike@vtlgolf.com