



INDOOR
WINTER SERIES

January - April
2025

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**Please read thoroughly before playing any
PGA of Ontario Indoor Winter Series Event**

KEY UPDATES FOR 2025

Elimination of mandatory round recordings - Teams/players are asked to **submit a photo of their scorecard** from the Trackman screen within 24 hours of completing their round. Along with the scorecard, players should include any relevant notes about situations that might affect the score, such as re-hits.

The PGA of Ontario operational team will input the scores into Golf Genius, enabling us to finalize rounds, post leaderboard results, and update the Order of Merit more promptly. Since we don't have direct access to the Trackman system, this approach will also help us address any corrections efficiently, particularly for re-hit scenarios.

Please submit the picture of your scorecard to stacey@pgaofontario.com or text it to 905-903-6274.

Direct Deposit for Purse Payouts - The PGA of Ontario is transitioning to direct deposit for **ALL** tournament payouts.

If you have not yet signed up for direct deposit for your tournament winnings, please email Kristine Schmidt at kristine@pgaofontario.com or call the office at 905-887-6060 Ext. 223.

If you have registered for direct deposit with the PGA of Ontario **and have recently changed your banking details or mailing address this also applies to you.**

Tournament winnings for the Indoor Winter Series will be issued upon the completion of Stop Four.

ARE YOU 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* for the third season. We're hosting four tournaments (sign up individually to register), played on exciting virtual courses designed to challenge you, with an opportunity to win 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 to conduct the event. You will be required to provide the email address that is connected to your Trackman account.

| FORMAT: | SCHEDULE: | VIRTUAL GOLF: | REAL SKILLS: | PRICING: |
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| <p><u>Stops 1,2,3</u> 2-person team scramble</p> <p><u>Stop 4</u> Individual stroke play</p> <p>Series-long Order of Merit</p> | <p>Every tournament is live for 2 weeks, spanning from January 27 to April 13</p> | <p>Playing virtually on a Trackman simulator</p> | <p>Mixed field event Men's and Women's tees</p> <p>Open to PGA of Canada Members in good standing</p> | <p>The entry fee is \$100 plus HST per player</p> <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 10 or newer.**

Stops 1 through 3 will consist 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.

Stop 4 will consist of a single 18-hole individual stroke play round on a select Trackman virtual golf course.

All are welcome - 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.

Professional Recognition Points - Players will earn 2 PRP points for each Indoor Winter Series event they play.

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

Two-week tournament windows - Play your round any time within each tournament window.

Have some content to share from your round? Share it by posting and tagging @pgaofontario

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 during the off-season.

PRIZE FUND:

- **\$85 of each entry** goes towards the purse
- **\$10 of each entry** goes toward the Order of Merit
- **\$5 of each entry** supports administration
- **Purse Distribution** will be determined once registration for each stop has closed

SAMPLE PAYOUT:

100 PLAYERS

**Total Purse
\$8,500**

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

Please note that members outside the Ontario zone will not be eligible for the Order of Merit

INDOOR WINTER SERIES SCHEDULE

| Stop | Course | Entry Deadline | Format | Tournament Window |
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| 1 | Royal County Down Golf Club | Wednesday, January 22 @ midnight | 2-person team scramble | Jan 27 - Feb 9 |
| 2 | Chileno Bay Golf Club | Wednesday, February 12 @ midnight | 2-person team scramble | Feb 17 - March 2 |
| 3 | Lahinch Golf Club | Wednesday, March 5 @ midnight | 2-person team scramble | March 10 - March 23 |
| 4 | Firestone Country Club | Wednesday, March 26 @ midnight | Individual stroke play | March 31 - April 13 |

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.

KEEP CALM AND PLAY ON

IF YOU ENCOUNTER TECHNICAL ISSUES DURING YOUR ROUND:

Please bear with us in the event of any unfortunate technical issues...

The 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.

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](#)



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 log in 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 10 or newer of TPS**. If you cannot see your event under TOURNAMENTS you likely need to update the software
3. Select the active **PGA of Ontario Indoor Winter Series event** and complete your round in one uninterrupted session
4. Please take a picture of your scorecard and send to [Stacey](#) or text 905-903-6274

RESULTS

- **Leaderboard** will be updated in real-time in your Trackman app
- The PGA of Ontario website will be updated upon receiving players/team scorecards upon completion of each round.
- 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