



INDOOR WINTER SERIES

February - March 2023

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PLAYER GUIDE

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PGA of Ontario Winter Series Events

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

The PGA of Ontario is excited to bring you our inaugural *Indoor Winter Series* supported by VTL Indoor Golf & Academy. We will have 3 tournaments played (sign up individually to register) played on some fun virtual courses that will be sure to encourage camaraderie, competition, and a chance to win some prize money! Most importantly, keeping your game sharp before hitting the links in the spring! **Please note your email will be shared with VTL GOLF for the purpose of conducting the event.**

3 TOURNAMENTS:

2-person team scramble and a series- long Order of Merit

FEB 13 TO MAR 26:

Every tournament is open for 2 weeks. First tournament starts Feb 13

VIRTUAL GOLF:

Playing virtual golf on a TrackMan simulator

REAL SKILLS:

Mixed field. Men's and Women's tees. PGA of Ontario Members only

PRIZING:

Entry fee is \$100+HST per player. \$75 of entry fees go towards prize fund. IF 100 players = \$7500 prize fund. Breakdown will be sent out by PGA of Ontario



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 (min. version 9.1 of TrackMan Performance Studio).

Players are encouraged to play their tournament rounds at VTL Indoor Golf & Academy- VTL Golf has locations in Milton & Vaughan and will be blocking off time for players. There is no additional cost to play your round at VTL Golf. More information about registration and booking your tee time on page 9. Players who play their round at VTL Golf will not be required to record their round. More information about recording on page 7.

Three 2 person team scramble stroke play tournaments- Each event in the PGA of Ontario Winter Series consists of a single 18-hole 2 person team scramble stroke play round on a select TrackMan Virtual Golf course. We encourage teams to play the events as a team but you can select a new teammate for each event if needed. 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.

Win additional payouts with the VTL Golf Eagles - Teams that record an eagle or better during any of the 3 stops will receive a ticket into a sidegame draw. No limit on number of tickets in the draw, make as many eagles as you can! There will be 3 tickets drawn following the last event and each winning ticket will receive \$350.00. **Only eligible to those who play at a VTL Facility.**

Build a following on social media- PGA of Ontario Winter Series is also an opportunity to grow your following online. By posting and tagging @PGAofOntario, you can get promoted to the wider PGA of Ontario fanbase as well as potentially win extra prize money.

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



TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The PGA of Ontario 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:

- **\$75 from each entry** goes towards the prize fund
- **PGA of Ontario** will set payout structure once registration has closed.
- **VTL Indoor Golf & Academy** has provided the prize fund for the side games.

SAMPLE PAYOUT:

100 PLAYERS

Total Purse

\$7500

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

SideGames:

- Eagle or better contest (**only eligible to those who play at a VTL Facility**)
- Social Media Standouts chosen by PGO



PGA OF ONTARIO WINTER SERIES SCHEDULE

Stop	Course	Location	Dates
1	PGA National	Florida	Feb 13 - Feb 26
2	St. George's Golf Club	Ontario	Feb 27 - Mar 12
3	Teeth of the Dog	Dominican Republic	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 Auto Fixed: automatic one putt inside 10 feet, two putt 10-65 feet and three putt outside 65 feet.

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

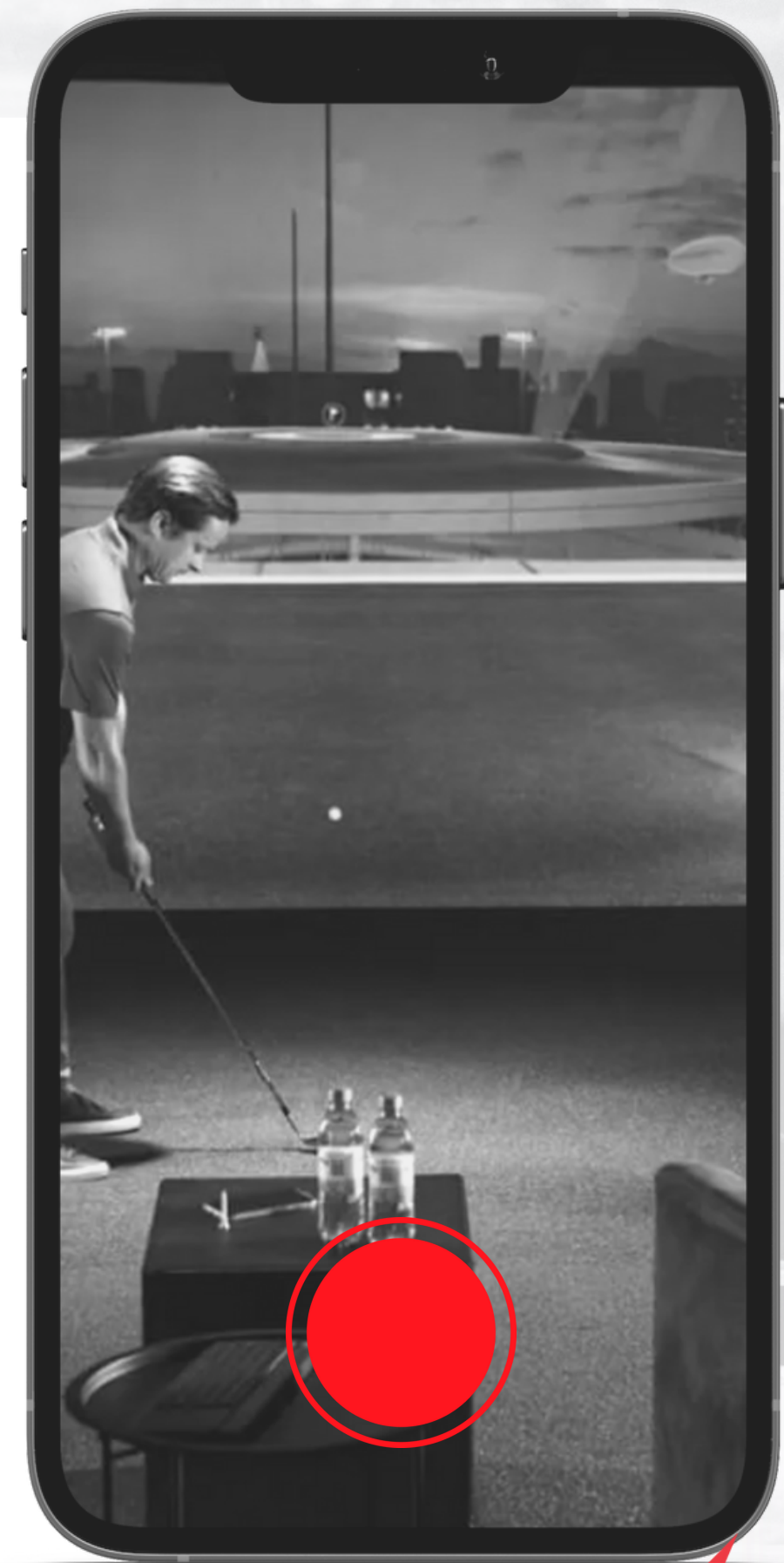
After each round, points are distributed and total points are accumulated.

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



RECORDING YOUR ROUND

- Teams that play their round at VTL Golf and play with another team **DO NOT** have to record their round.
- VTL Golf will have someone on site to assist with any technical issues and ensure accuracy of scoring
- Recording is still encouraged to create engaging social media content for your own personal brand and for use by the PGA of Ontario to promote our Winter Series
- **If you DO NOT** play your round at a VTL Golf location, recording your round is **MANDATORY**. Video file must be uploaded using the **WETRANSFER** link. Teams that do not play at a VTL location and do not submit a video recording are not eligible for prizing.
- PGA of Ontario reserves the right to request recording to ensure your round was played according to the rules of golf and the PGA of Ontario Indoor Winter Series
- WETRANSFER LINK CAN BE FOUND BY CLICKING [HERE](#):



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.

EXTRA CREDIT

- Publish social media posts about your round on your own social media profiles and remember to be CREATIVE!
- Be sure to tag @pgaofontario & @vtlgolf and use the hashtag #PGAOWinterIndoorSeries and #PGAProud to be eligible to win the social media payouts from side games!



KEEP CALM AND PLAY ON

The PGA of Ontario Indoor Winter Series has never been done before. That's why we hope you'll bear with us in the event of any unfortunate technical issues. If anything happens that interrupts the integrity of the tournament round, contact the following below for support.

TrackMan Technology, Tournament Rulings & Mobile App Support:

Dave Lambert, VTL Golf, Email: milton@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 (milton@vtlgolf.com) 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 VTL 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 (milton@vtlgolf.com) 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 invitation

NOTE: Your email will be shared with VTL GOLF for the purpose of conducting 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 **minimum version 9.1 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 *if applicable
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 Dave Lambert, or an outstanding highlight you want us to know about, include timestamp information and a description of what happened. and email it to milton@vtlgolf.com

