

INTRODUCTION:

As with many sports, the demonstration of sport specific skills is important when coaching athletes. Golf, like some other sports, requires coaches to demonstrate a variety of these skills to complete the certification process in the competition stream of the NCCP.

PGA of Canada members demonstrate these skills in the form of a Playing Ability Test when they enter the PGA of Canada as Candidates for Membership.

As non-members of the association; the PGA of Canada has developed a skills evaluation that you will be required to successfully complete to complete your certification for the CNC context.

Coach candidates who undertake this evaluation will be evaluated in their ability to demonstrate their technical skills as well on the outcome of a number of different shots. The following skills will be evaluated as part of this process:

Putting

Pitching

Chipping

Full swing - iron

Greenside bunker

Full swing - driver

Each of the two portions of the evaluation will be weighted equally; Technique (50%) and Outcome (50%)

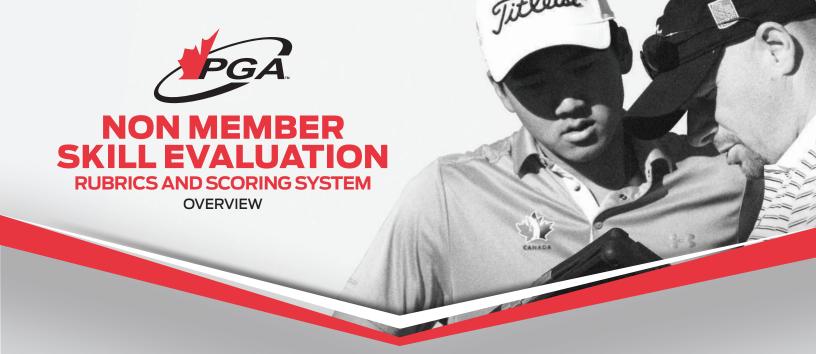
As a number of different skills will be evaluated, the facility must, at a minimum, have the following amenities available:

- Driving range with a grass tee
- Space to pitch to a course-quality green
- Putting/chipping green
- · Quality golf balls

Greenside bunker

It is expected the evaluation will last approximately 60-90 minutes.





PROCESS:

- The coach candidate will contact the PGA of Canada Education Department a minimum of four weeks prior to intended evaluation date.
- The PGA will confirm location site, date, and evaluator minimum 2 weeks prior to evaluation date.
- The coach will pay a \$500 evaluation fee prior to the evaluation.
- The evaluator will arrive at the evaluation site 60 minutes in advance to prepare the skill stations
- It is expected that the coach candidate will complete any needed preparation, including a warm-up prior to the booked evaluation time
- The evaluator will condcut a short pre-brief to reivew the skills to be evaluated, the rubric and the scoring system
- The evaluator will ensure they do not give any descriptive, evaluative or prescriptive feedback during the evaluation
- · The evaluator will make any required notes/scoring as the evaluation is being completed
- The evaluator will conduct a short debrief in order to answer any questions or clarify next steps
- · The evaluator will not share the final scoring results with the coach candidate at the debrief
- The evaluator will use the templated evaluation tools to record the final scores and communicate any strengths or areas of improvement
- The evaluator will use the PGA of Canada office to communicate the final results and any required next steps to the candidate





SKILL: PUTTING

SETUP:

- 10 putts from 10 pre-determined positions
- 15 foot putt

- Break no more than 1%
- Green speed approx. medium - fast
- Use quality golf balls

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	OUTCOME	Ball doesn't start on intended target line, distance control is poor, lack of attention to green slope, poor direction. Putt is not close to being holed with two-putts being unlikely.	Ball doesn't start on intended target line, distance control is poor, direction is satisfactory, attention is given to green slope. Putt is not holed but a two putt is a reasonable expectation.	Ball starts on intended target line, distance control and direction are satisfactory, satisfactory attention is given to green slope. Putt is nearly holed.	Ball starts on intended target line, distance control and direction very good. Very good attention to given to green slope. Putt is very nearly holed or holed.





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SKILL: CHIPPING

SETUP:

- 10 chips from 10 pre-determinded positions
- Chips range from 5 to 10 ft. off the green
- Hole location ranges from 10 ft. to 40 ft. on the green
- Moderate difficulty chip shot
- Green speed approx. medium fast
- Use quality golf balls

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SETUP:

- 10 pitches from 10 pre-determinded positions
- Pitches range from 15 to 40 yards off the green
- · Hole location are generally in the middle of the green
- Played from fairway length grass

- 2 pitches must be played with a lower trajectory
- 2 pitches must be played with a higher trajectory

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SKILL: GREENSIDE BUNKER

SETUP:

- 10 shots to 10 pre-determined targets
- Target to change with each shot
- 2 shots must be played with moderately poor lie
- Bunker should have a low to low/moderate face height
- Target to be 15 40 feet on the green
- Green should be only slighly sloping
- Use quality golf balls

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SKILL: FULL SWING - IRON

SETUP:

- 5 shots with 9-iron and 5 shots with 5-iron
- Target to change with each shot
- Ball played from fairway length grass
- Coach candidate to pick targets for both distance and direction
- 2 shots must be played with an intentional draw
- · 2 shots must be played with an intentional fade
- · 2 shots must be played attempting to hit it straight
- Remainder of shots are coaches choice but must inform evaluator of intention

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- Coach candidate to pick targets for both direction
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CONTEXT: CNC CDC

			CHECK ONE:	
	MIN SCORE REQ'D*	COACH'S WEIGHTED SCORE	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	MEETS EXPECTATION
PUTTING:	2			
CHIPPING:	2			
PITCHING:	2			
GREENSIDE BUNKER	2			
FULL SWING - IRON	2			
FULL SWING - DRIVER	2			
OVERALL SKILL EVALUATION	3			

COACH RECOMMENDED FOR SUCCESSFUL SKILL EVALUATION: YES NO

* MUST HAVE AN OVERALL WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF 3 TO MEET EXPECTATIONS, WITH NO SKILL SCORING LESS THAN 2





AREAS OF STRENGTH:
COMMENTS FOR IMPROVEMENT:
EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:
COACH CANDIDATE SIGNATURE:
DATE:

