



# TOURNAMENT MANUAL

**RULES & REGULATIONS**

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## EVENT SCHEDULE 2024

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
May 6	PAT	Saskatoon Golf & CC	
May 13	PAT	Saskatoon Golf & CC	
May 27	Pro Partner	Royal Regina GC	Ken Rodgers
June 1-2	Scotia Wealth Open	Evergreen GC	
June 3	Pro Lady	Moon Lake	Clubcar/Sunice
June 10-11	Lobstick Open	Waskesiu GC	
June 19-20	Asst/Women's/Sr's	North Battleford	Mint Green Group
July 6-7	Saskatoon Open	Holiday Park/Riverside	
July 15	Team Championship	Riverside	Callaway
July 29/30	Zone Championship	Cooke Municipal	Oakcreek
Aug 8	Pro Junior	Willows Club	Ping
Aug 15	RBC Scramble	Willows Club	RBC
Aug 19-20	2-Man Pro Am	Deer Park	
Aug 26-28	Northern ProAm	Waskesiu/Elk Ridge/Cooke	
Sept 3	Pro Pro Best Ball	Murray GC	Cobra/Puma
Sept 9-10	Tour Championship	Elk Ridge	CMX EZGO Golf

### NATIONAL EVENTS

June	PGA Championship	BetRegal
July	PGA Women's Championship	Ororo
Aug	PGA Seniors Championship	GOLFTEC
Sept	PGA Assistants Championship	Callaway
Oct	PGA Scramble Final	RBC
Nov	PGA HP Championship	Callaway



## **TOURNAMENT PROGRAM**

### **1.1 Zone Events**

- The Zone tournaments will be those that are listed as such on the Tournament Schedule each year published on May 1st.
- To appear on the Tournament Schedule the event must be:
  - conducted by the Zone Office
  - by a member in good standing of the Zone who has agreed to meet the Zone Tournament policies in conducting the event.
  - or an event approved by the Tournament Committee.

### **1.2 Administration**

- The Executive Director shall oversee and administer the organization of all events on the Tournament Schedule reporting directly to the Tournament Committee. The Zone Office will only conduct the Zone Championships and the season ending Tour Championship.
- All other events will be conducted by the Host Professional/ Event Committee at each event.

### **1.3 Eligibility**

- Professionals: Events on the PGA of Saskatchewan Tour are open only to current Saskatchewan Zone members and apprentices in good standing. Any exemptions to this rule must be approved by the Tournament Committee.
- Amateurs: All amateur team participants must appear on the current Golf Canada Score Center and have a current handicap index. Professionals are responsible for the correctness of all of their amateur team member's handicaps including ensuring their team members have updated their indexes and posted all scores. You are required to submit your amateur names and indexes to the Host Professional by the entry deadline one week prior to the event.

### **1.4 Entries**

- Entries can be made through the Events section of the Zone website where each event entry requirements will be posted.
- Entry fees to the Zone Championships are waived for LIFE MEMBERS or those members over 65 years of age.

- Entry deadlines will be one week in advance for events needing handicap verification and 4 days in advance all others.

### **1.5 Cancellations**

- All cancellations must be sent in writing (text/email) to the Zone Office and /or Host Professional. Cancellation of any entry must be received before the entry deadline in order to receive a refund.
- Failure to attend an event without proper cancellation of a confirmed entry will be considered Unprofessional Conduct.

### **1.6 Powercarts**

- Powercarts are allowed to be used in all events.
- Powercart use/cost for events not covered by the entry fee will be the responsibility of the individual.

### **1.7 Rules**

- It is the individual member's responsibility to obtain and understand the conditions of play. The Zone Conditions of Play are included in the Appendix. The Zone Office/Host Professional will provide a local rule sheet on site at the registration for each event.

- **SEPERATE TEE POLICY**

- As general guideline for events on the calendar, the yardage is not to exceed 6,500 yds. All Female/Senior members **MAY** have the option to play from a designated forward set of tees in Zone events. Mixed events that are using the separate tee policy will notify participants at the time of registration.
- The following guidelines will be used to determine tees:  
Senior Males (age 65 +) yardages will be set approximately 10% shorter.  
All Females yardages will be set approximately 15% shorter.

**The following Zone Run Events will have one designated tee:**

PGA of SK Zone Championship  
Senior Championship  
Women's Championship

**\*\*All other Zone associated events will have the separate tee policy decided by the host professional. \*\***

## 1.8 Prizes/Purses

- All prizes will be determined in advance of the event and a list of such will be posted at the registration table prior to the start of registration.
- In the event of a tie for first place at any tour event, a sudden death playoff will be played if feasible. The sequence of holes for any playoffs will be determined in consultation with the Host Professional depending on the course availability. All other ties will have the prizes split.
- Individual winnings will not be distributed at the event. Payment will be made via E-transfers as soon as possible after the conclusion of the event.

## 1.9 Professional Conduct

Entrants are advised that conduct considered detrimental to the best interests of PGA of Saskatchewan or unbecoming of a contestant, either on or off the course and coming to the attention of the Tournament Committee, will be strictly dealt with.

Detrimental conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following actions:

- No show without notification
- Conduct and/or language likely to injure the reputation of the PGA of Canada, the host club or sponsors. Examples are Throwing or “planting” a club; breaking a club in anger; damaging property.

Breaches will result in a \$100 Fine for the 1<sup>st</sup> offense. A second offense within a year will be dealt with as deemed appropriate by the Tournament Committee including suspension from further play. All entrants who have been assessed penalties by the Tournament Committee must make payment within 30 days. If you wish to play in an event within the 30 days then the fine must be paid before registering.

## 1.10 Awards

The Order of Merit will include all events on the Tournament Schedule. The Order of Merit points available for each event will be calculated based on:

- The number of PGA of Saskatchewan participants multiplied by the number of rounds in the event. (Any event exceeding 2 rounds of golf will be capped at double points for the event point structure)
- Winners of any event will receive a bonus of 5 points per round of the event.
- Team event points will be split amongst the team members.
- A maximum of 5 events from the eligible events may be used to calculate a member’s final

point total.

#### **THE PETER CUSHNER TROPHY**

The Peter Cushner Trophy will be presented annually to the member who finishes first on the season's Order of Merit.

#### **THE FRANK FOWLER TROPHY**

The Frank Fowler Trophy will be presented annually to the member with the lowest stroke average for the season. Every individual stroke play round on the Tournament Schedule will be included in the calculation. A member must play a minimum of 7 rounds to be eligible for the award.

#### **THE SCOTT KNAPP TROPHY**

The Scott Knapp Trophy will be awarded to the Player of the Year, given to the member who had the best season on the PGA of Saskatchewan Tour as decided by a vote of the membership.

#### **THE BILL TAYLOR TROPHY**

This award will be given to the member judged to best demonstrate the traits of a true Professional - integrity, sincerity, and sportsmanship, as decided by a vote of the membership.

#### **1.11 National Events**

- Should it be necessary, Zone teams in any National events will be determined by the standings in the current Order of Merit.
- Monetary support for participation in National events will be determined yearly by the Zone Board. There is no Zone monetary support allocated for 2024.



## ZONE EVENT CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Play is governed by the current Golf Canada Rules of Golf, and where applicable, by the following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition, subject to changes, additions or deletions for particular championships by the PGA of Saskatchewan. Complete Local Rules may be found in the current Golf Canada Official Guide to the Rules of Golf. Unless otherwise noted, the general penalty for breach of a Local Rule is loss of hole in match play or two (2) strokes in stroke play.

### 1. CLUBS AND BALLS

- a. List of Conforming Driver Heads: Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of the Local Rule: Disqualification
- b. List of Conforming Golf Balls: Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect. Penalty for breach of the Local Rule: Disqualification

### 2. PACE OF PLAY (Rule 5.6) A player is subject to penalty if he unduly delays play in breach of the **PGA of Saskatchewan Guidelines:**

All participants are required to finish their rounds within the allotted time posted on the first tee or within 15 minutes of the group directly in front of them. A round is considered complete when the scorecard is handed into the Tournament Committee who will be greenside at the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. Any player in a group who does not meet the posted guideline, is subject to being timed by a member of the Tournament Committee at any time during subsequent rounds in any Zone event for the remainder of the year. Once told they are on the clock, failure to execute any shot within 40 seconds of when it clearly their turn to play will result in a one stroke penalty for each offence.

### 3. PRACTICE (Rule 5.2 and 5.5) Before and between rounds in stroke play, Rule 5.2b is modified in this way:

A player must not practise on the competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for first breach: General Penalty. Penalty for second breach: Disqualification. During a round, Rule 5.5b is modified in this way: Between the play of two holes, a player must not:

- make any practice strokes on or near the putting green of the hole just completed, or
- test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball.

In match play, on any day of a competition, practice on the championship course is prohibited before the player's first match and between matches.

### 4. SUSPENSION OF PLAY (Rule 5.7) The course and all practice areas are closed when play is suspended for a dangerous situation until the Tournament Committee has declared them open. A player practicing in these areas when closed will be subject to a penalty of disqualification under Rule 5.7.

Note: A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged air horn note. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short air horn notes.

**5. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (Including Immovable Obstructions) (Rule 16)**

Ground Under Repair includes: a. Areas defined by white lines (excluding out of bounds) b. French drains filled with stones c. Seams of Cut Turf – If a player’s ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player’s area of intended swing (does not include the player’s stance): (a) Ball in the General Area: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. (b) Ball on Putting Green: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d. All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief. d. Immovable Objects - White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced road or path or other identified obstruction they tie into are treated as a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

**6. WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH** Wood chips and mulch are loose impediments.

**7. TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS** Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect. Temporary immovable obstructions include, but are not limited to, starting and scoring tents.

**8. PENALTY AREAS (Rule 17)** When a red penalty area is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When a red penalty area adjoins a boundary, the penalty edge extends to and coincides with the boundary.

**9. INTEGRAL OBJECTS** The following are integral objects from which free relief is not allowed:

- a. Wrappings, wires, cables, and other similar objects when closely attached to trees,
- b. Artificial walls and/or pilings which are adjacent to the edge of bunkers,
- c. Interference by bunker liners in their intended position with a player’s stance, is not of itself, interference under this Rule.

**10. PERMANENT ELEVATED POWER LINES OR CABLES** If a ball strikes a permanent elevated power line or cable, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made (Rule 14.6).

**11. ONLINE SCORING** Use of the online scoring is mandatory for all participants in all events. The hard scorecard however will be the official score for all rules purposes.