



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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GOLF ONTARIO MEMBERSHIP POLICY

Membership Requirements

Ontario based Golf Facilities or Golf Groups (herein collectively referred to as “Members”, unless otherwise specified) may be admitted as a Member of Golf Ontario subject to approval of the application for membership, in accordance with Section 2 of the Association By-Law currently in force, and the following requirements:

- Complete a membership application and pay a membership fee
- Complete all required fields noted as required on the Membership Application Form
- Submit the individual member count for the Member Facility or Member Golf Group
- Agree to Conditions & Responsibilities of Membership

Conditions & Responsibilities of Membership

- Members are encouraged to pay for **all of their golfing members**. ‘Golfing Members’ are any individuals who purchase a season pass or pay a fee to your facility or golf group (including but not limited to; shareholders, corporate members, full members, section members including men’s/women’s, junior girls/boys, senior’s sections or affiliated leagues and their golfers).
- Facility Members are encouraged to periodically host amateur or grow the game participation events conducted by Golf Ontario. This supports the development of amateur golf and participation programming, and strengthens golf for all in Ontario. Compensation is provided to host facilities.
- Facility Members are to inform Golf Ontario of any changes at the Facility throughout the year and re-apply for a change of membership status if/when necessary.
- Members, upon request, are required to provide/update Golf Ontario with a complete listing of their members and related contact information.
- Facility Members will submit a signed Handicap License Agreement that acknowledges that your facility complies with the requirements of the World Handicap System (WHS).
- Members must conform to the National and Provincial by-laws of Golf Canada and Golf Ontario, where applicable.
- In addition to these stated terms and conditions, Golf Ontario may specify other terms and conditions, which will be contained in subsequent correspondence from Golf Ontario. The Member will be asked to agree to those terms and conditions by signing and returning that correspondence to Golf Ontario to maintain access to Member benefits and services. Once the Member signs that correspondence and returns it to Golf Ontario, the terms and conditions contained in that correspondence will form part of the Member’s agreement with Golf Ontario.

Member Payment Policy & Agreement

- Payment of dues implies agreement with all membership terms.
- Members will be invoiced annually 30 days prior to their roster expiration, based on current membership information.
- Actual membership numbers will continue to be monitored throughout the season and the Member will be invoiced accordingly.
- Members are responsible to ensure that all golfing member names and information (gender, email address, birthdate, etc.), which appear in the Score Centre, are complete and accurate.
- Interest of 1.5% per month may be charged on fees outstanding after payment deadline.
- ***NOTE: Non-payment of member dues may result in the suspension of all member services including golfer access to the Score Centre (handicapping system), any associated course ratings issued, and all other association member benefits. Any Member who has not paid its annual dues by the deadline may be subject to suspension, in accordance with the Golf Ontario By-Law. Inactive or suspended Members

will no longer receive Golf Ontario services until payment is received in full and Membership is reinstated by vote of approval.

- Members in good standing are permitted to use the World Handicap System (WHS), the Course Rating System, and all related trademarks and service marks. These trademarks include but are not limited to: the World Handicap System (WHS) ; the proprietary mathematical handicap formula; and, iii) the trademarks "RCGA", "GOLF CANADA", "WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM", "HANDICAP INDEX" GOLF CANADA HANDICAP FACTOR", "HANDICAP FACTOR", "HANDICAP", "FACTOR", "HANDICAP SYSTEM", "SLOPE", "SLOPE SYSTEM", "SLOPE RATING", "HANDICAP DIFFERENTIAL", "COURSE RATING", "SLOPE RATING", "COURSE HANDICAP", "PLAYING HANDICAP", "HOME COURSE HANDICAP", "BOGEY RATING", "ESC", "MAXIMUM HOLE SCORE" "SHORT COURSE HANDICAP", "SHORT COURSE RATING", "COURSE RATING SYSTEM", "SLOPE SYSTEM", "HANDICAP DIFFERENTIAL", "GOLF CANADA CERTIFIED HANDICAP SOFTWARE", "SCORE CENTRE", "GOLF CANADA SCORE CENTRE". With the exception of the term "Golf Canada", some of these trademarks and services marks are the property of the United States Golf Association, R&A, or the World Handicap Authority, which has generously given Golf Canada permission to use the system.
- The use of the Course and Slope Rating provided to the facility is limited to the term of membership only. Should membership be terminated or not renewed, the facility forfeits any/all use of course and slope rating data provided during membership, and golfing members will no longer have access to post scores for official handicap.

OFFICIAL DECLARATION

"I declare that the information submitted on this Golf Ontario Membership Application is correct. I have read and understood all policies and responsibilities of a Golf Ontario Member. I further understand that only Golf Ontario/Golf Canada Golf Members in good standing have the right to use the Golf Canada Score Centre, Course Rating System (facility members only), related trademarks, and other member benefits; such rights terminate should the Member cease to be a Member of Golf Ontario/Golf Canada. By providing my signature below, I further consent to allow the use of said information for the purposes as outlined in the Golf Ontario Privacy Policy." Please visit <https://www.gao.ca/golf-ontario-policies/> for full disclosure of the Golf Ontario Privacy Policy.

Certified By:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Position/Title: _____ Date: _____

Golf Facility Name: _____ (or) Golf Group Name: _____

MEMBER FACT SHEET

CONTACT INFORMATION			
Position	Name	Email	Phone Number
Primary Contact			
General Manager / COO			
Accounting			
Head Golf Professional			
Handicap Chair			
Other			

MEMBER FACILITY/GROUP INFORMATION			
Registered Name			
Mailing Address			
Courier Address (if different)			
Telephone	()	General Email	
Pro Shop Phone	()	Pro Shop Email	
Member Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Private Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Private Member Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Group		
Membership Count(s)	Adult:	Junior (<18yo):	

FACILITY INFORMATION			
Year Established		Course Architect	
Banquet/Dining Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	→ If yes, seating capacity	
Junior Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Golf Simulator(s)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes # ____ <input type="checkbox"/> No
Junior Camp/Programs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Golf Instruction Available	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the Facility interested in hosting a Championship or Qualifying Event? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure, interested in learning more			
Number of Golf holes: <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 27 <input type="checkbox"/> 36 <input type="checkbox"/> 54 <input type="checkbox"/> 72 <input type="checkbox"/> other # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> short course			
Putting Green	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	PGA of Canada Lessons	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Practice Net	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Chipping Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Driving Range	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Bunker Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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**MEMBER CLUB
HANDICAP LICENSE AGREEMENT**

The _____ (hereinafter, "Member Club") by virtue of this Letter of Agreement, is hereby authorized by the Royal Canadian Golf Association – Association Royale De Golf Du Canada, operating as Golf Canada™ (hereinafter "Golf Canada" and the ("the authorized provincial golf association") to use the World Handicap System™ and issue Handicap Indexes® in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Rules of Handicapping™, a copy of which is available at www.golfcanada.ca/handicapping. Member Club is also hereby authorized to use and promote the official Golf Canada Course and Slope Ratings™ as issued to Member Club by the authorized provincial golf association.

For purposes of this Agreement, the Member Club certifies that it is a "golf club" defined as follows: an organization of at least ten individual members (for administrative purposes, the authorized provincial golf association may require a higher minimum number of members) that operates under bylaws with a Handicap Committee and other committees as required to supervise golf activities, provide peer review, and maintain the integrity of the World Handicap System™. Further, members of a golf club must have a reasonable and regular opportunity to play golf with each other. They must be able to return scores personally, and these scores must be readily available for inspection by others, including but not limited to fellow members and members of the golf club's Handicap Committee

In consideration of these mutual rights and obligations the parties agree as follows:

1. This Agreement shall commence when executed by Golf Canada™ (the "Effective Date") and shall be effective through 4 years after signage (the "Term") provided the Member Club remains a member in good standing of the authorized provincial golf association and Golf Canada™ during the Term. Thereafter, this Agreement may be renewed only upon written agreement of the parties hereto.
2. Upon the Effective Date of this Agreement and throughout the Term, Member Club shall comply with all provisions of the Rules of Handicapping™ including, but not limited to, those items in Rule 1.3, Rule 7 and Appendix A.
3. Member Club shall ensure that all Handicap Indexes® issued under the terms of this Agreement are issued pursuant to the requirements established by the World Handicap System™, as set forth in the current Rules of Handicapping™, including any amendments thereto that may be from time to time adopted.
4. Within the Term of this Agreement, Member Club must have a minimum of one representative to complete a Handicap Certification seminar (conducted by the authorized provincial golf association or Golf Canada™) and pass a test exhibiting knowledge of World Handicap System™ and its policies. Certification can be achieved online or in person.
5. Member Club acknowledges that, with the exception of the terms "Golf Canada" and "Golf Canada Score Centre", the trademarks and service marks used in the Rules of Handicapping™ are the property of the World Handicap Authority ("WHA") and are used in Canada by Golf Canada™ under a head license between Golf Canada and the WHA (hereinafter referred to as the "Marks"). As the owner of the Golf Canada Trademarks and as head licensee in Canada of the Marks and of the World Handicap System (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "World Handicap System" or "WHS" and individually as the "Rules

of Handicapping” and the “Course Rating System”), Golf Canada™ has the sole right to authorize the use of the Golf Canada Trademarks, the Marks, and the World Handicap System to Member Club within Canada, and has the corresponding duty to ensure that those who are authorized by it to use the WHS do so in a manner which preserves the integrity and reliability which the public associates with Golf Canada™, the WHA and the WHS. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, Golf Canada™ grants Member Club the non-exclusive, non-transferable right to use the Golf Canada Trademarks, the Marks and the World Handicap System during the Term of this Agreement. Member Club agrees that:

- (a) Nothing herein shall give Member Club any right, title, or interest in the Golf Canada Trademarks, the Marks or the World Handicap System (except the limited rights granted to Member Club pursuant to and in accordance with this Agreement);
 - (b) It will use the Marks and the WHS, including any Course Rating™ obtained under the Course Rating System, only in the manner prescribed from time to time by Golf Canada and only during the Term of this Agreement; and
 - (c) It will permit Golf Canada™, or the authorized provincial golf association, upon reasonable notice, to inspect Member Club and its operations for the purpose of controlling the quality of the Member Club's use of the World Handicap System, the Golf Canada Trademarks and the Marks.
6. The Member Club shall refer to any and all handicaps issued by it as the “Handicap Index”, “Index” or “Indexes.” In addition, during the Term of this Agreement, only, all references by Member Club to the World Handicap System shall use the term “World Handicap System” and all references by Member Club to course ratings and/or the Course Rating System shall use the terms “Course Rating”, “Slope Rating”, and “Course Rating System”, as appropriate.
 7. With respect to World Handicap System-related functions which Member Club may not perform itself, including but not limited to the posting of scores, (e.g. third party software service; postings by an individual member), Member Club agrees to meet the responsibilities of the club as set out in the Rules of Handicapping, including supervision of members in meeting the golfer responsibilities, including any amendments thereto that may be from time to time adopted.
 8. Without an official Handicap Index, players are ineligible to enter national or provincial amateur competitions. A Handicap Index is only “official” when it has been issued in accordance with the authorized handicapping body holding jurisdiction where primary membership is held.
 9. Golf Canada™ or the authorized provincial golf association may terminate this Agreement upon written notice, effective immediately, if: a) Member Club ceases to be a Member Club in good standing of Golf Canada™ and the authorized provincial golf association; b) Golf Canada™ determines in its discretion that the requirements of the World Handicap System are not being followed by Member Club; or c) Golf Canada™ determines in its discretion that Member Club is in breach of any term or condition of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this agreement shall terminate automatically upon notice by Golf Canada that its agreement with the World Handicap Authority has terminated.
 10. All information requested under this Agreement should be sent to the authorized provincial golf association.
 11. This Agreement supersedes all previous agreements and authorizations to use of the World Handicap System (including the Rules of Handicapping and Course Rating System), the Golf Canada Trademarks and the Marks. If these conditions are acceptable to Member Club, please have the Handicap Committee Chairman or delegate indicate agreement by signing this Letter of Agreement and returning it to the authorized provincial golf association.


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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

(Name of) Golf Facility			
Street Address			
City/Township			
Province	Ontario	Postal Code	

Authorized By Facility Handicap Committee Chairman this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Printed Name

Signature of Handicap Committee Chairman

Reviewed By Golf Ontario this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Authorized Golf Ontario Representative

Signature of Golf Ontario Representative

Approved By Golf Canada this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Authorized Golf Canada Representative

Signature of Golf Canada Representative