



Alberta Golf Tour Rules Sheet

1. Golf Canada rules govern all play except where modified by local rules. Please review local rules on the back of your scorecard. **Please familiarize yourself with Local Rules on the back of their scorecard.**
2. **We will be playing a local forest/fescue rule.** You may treat all heavily treed/grassed areas as a red lateral penalty area. You may search for your ball up to a **maximum of THREE minutes (if you are IN POSITION)**. You then have 3 options:
 - 1) re-hit the shot from the same spot, or
 - 2) drop as far back as you want keeping the ball (or point of entry to the penalty area) directly between you and the flag, or
 - 3) 2 club lengths from point of entry (on lost or found ball) in any direction no closer to the hole.You will take a **1 stroke penalty** for any of these options.
3. Being “in position” means: you are immediately (1 shot) behind the group ahead of you. Reminder, the group behind you has no bearing on whether YOUR group is in position or not.
4. Distance Measuring Devices: A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. General Penalty (2 strokes) for first breach. DQ for second breach.
5. **If you are unsure of a rule, play two balls and check with the Rules Committee immediately after your round. (Rule 20.1C3).**
6. Please hand in all scorecards signed and totaled to the Scoring Area *immediately* after your round, and then enter your official TOURNAMENT score into Golf Canada.
7. In the event of a tie for 1st place in any division, a playoff will ensue. For ties in all other positions the players will split the prize money evenly. Retrogression **will not** be used unless the golf course can not get us out to play the playoff holes.
8. The winners from each Flight receive a guaranteed spot into the AGT Championship. You may register for this tournament as soon as it opens up.
9. Yes, you may have an alcoholic beverage. No, you may not get belligerent. BE RESPONSIBLE, or this wonderful aspect of our tournaments may get revoked, or an individual may be asked to leave the Tour.
10. **GOOD LUCK & HAVE FUN!**

Alberta Golf Tour Pace of Play Policy

The Alberta Golf Tour policy leaves the responsibility for maintaining the pace of play where it belongs, with the player. Efficient pace of play is a huge factor of a successful and positive Alberta Golf Tour experience for all participants in accordance with the GOLF CANADA Rules of Golf.

PLAY READY GOLF WHEN IT IS SAFE AND REASONABLE TO DO SO.

Lead Group(s): The first group(s) must finish their first nine holes within the maximum allotted time established by the committee (on your scorecard). If the lead group finishes over the maximum allotted time after nine holes, each player in the group will be put on the clock for hole 10. The first group(s) off each tee must also finish 18 holes within the maximum allotted time established by the committee. Failure to finish under this maximum allotted time for 18-holes will result in a 1-stroke penalty, which will be assessed to the score on the final hole of play. If they finish over 14 minutes over maximum allotted time, a 2-stroke penalty will be applied.

Exception: If the lead group(s) are held up by public play that was sent out before them or that began on the opposite tee, they will be exempt from the pace of play penalty(s) if they finish over their maximum time but within 14 minutes of the group ahead of them.

Following Groups: A verbal warning will be assessed to any group failing to complete their 9th hole within 14 minutes of the group in front of them AND over their maximum allotted time. A 1-stroke penalty will be assessed to any group failing to complete their 18th hole over 14 minutes behind the group in front of them AND over their maximum allotted time, and a 2-stroke penalty will be assessed at the 22 minute mark.

Players are advised of the following:

- Rules officials are not required to notify a player and/or group that they are behind. This is the responsibility of the group and each individual player in that group
- Each group is responsible for monitoring its own pace and for being in position
- As a courtesy to each player, the pace of play policy will be reiterated on the starting hole
- As a courtesy to each player, the maximum allotted time will be on your official scorecard
- If a player is penalized three (3) times during the season that player will be suspended from tournament play for a minimum of six (6) months