

# 2023 GENERAL TOURNAMENT POLICIES

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All British Columbia Golf tournaments are conducted using the Conditions of Competition and Local Rules adopted by British Columbia Golf. Copies of these documents are available on the British Columbia Golf website and office and copies will be distributed to all players at the tournament. British Columbia Golf reserves the right to decline or withdraw any entry at any time.

#### OFFICIAL TIME

The digital clock at the tee where the player begins his/her stipulated round indicates the official tournament time. Starters will not page players in advance of their starting time. Players should report to the tee one starting interval prior to their starting time.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

All competitors must be a member of a recognized provincial, state or national golf association and may be requested to submit with their entry form a photocopy of their official membership card. Proof of membership card may also be requested for inspection at the registration table. Note: Entrants other than foreign players must be eligible to play in club and zone tournaments.

#### **ENTRY PROCEDURES**

All entries must be done online by the entry deadline unless otherwise approved. Phone and email entries will not be accepted. Payment must accompany all entries.

The player is responsible for ensuring entries arrive at the British Columbia Golf offices on time. Please check the British Columbia Golf website to ensure your entry has been received.

#### TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

All information for specific tournaments, such as information regarding practice rounds, pairings and starting times will be available on the British Columbia Golf website approximately 5 days before the tournament commences. Email notification of pairings and starting times will be sent to players who have supplied valid email addresses.

## **WITHDRAWALS**

A competitor withdrawing during the course of the event must immediately fill out a Withdrawal Form. The reason must be acceptable to a tournament official on medical or compassionate grounds. Failure to do so may result in suspension from events sanctioned or conducted by British Columbia Golf. A "no-show" will be deemed an unauthorized withdrawal.

## **REFUND POLICY**

Tournament entry fees will be refunded in full if British Columbia Golf is notified by phone, email or through online cancellation at least 30 days prior to the tournament. Entry fees, less a \$25.00 service charge, will be refunded when British Columbia Golf is notified by phone, email or through online cancellation at least 7 days prior to the tournament. Refunds, less the service charge, for any cancellation within 7 days of the tournament will only be given for medical or compassionate reasons. Such cancellations require written confirmation. No refund will be given for any reason once the tournament begins.

# POWER CARTS AND CADDIES

Power carts are not permitted in British Columbia Golf Championships, except Mid-Amateur/Mid-Master, and Senior Events. Caddies are permitted in all tournaments except junior events.

# **ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

As provided in Rule 4.3, players should ensure that any electronic device taken onto the course does not distract other players. The use of electronic devices, such as a mobile phone or handheld device, is not a breach of Rule 4.3, as long as they are not used in such a manner that would breach the Rule.

The use of electronic devices to communicate with others, except in the case of a medical emergency or to call for a Referee, is strictly prohibited.

# INTERPROVINCIAL COMPETITION

Only players belonging to British Columbia Golf are eligible to represent British Columbia in interprovincial competitions. Further, they must have been residing in Canada for one year and in BC for at least three months. Selection will be based in part on play in BC events. British Columbia Golf reserves the right to consider other matters in the team selection at its sole discretion.