



GOLF GROUP/LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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GOLF ONTARIO MEMBERSHIP POLICY:

Membership Categories & Definitions:

Golf Group Member - a group that pays a membership fee to the Association and has been formed by at least 15 individuals who are not members of a Golf Facility

Admission of Member:

No individual or facility will be admitted as a Member of Golf Ontario unless they have made an application for membership in the following manner, and in accordance with the Amended and Restated Bylaw April 2018, Section 2, completing the following requirements:

Golf Facility Member or Golf Group Member:

- Complete a membership application and pay a membership fee.
- Complete for the current season all required fields noted as required on the Membership Application Form.
- Submit the Individual Member count for the Golf Facility or Golf Group (if applicable)
- Agree to Conditions & Responsibilities of Membership

GOLF ONTARIO MISSION STATEMENT

We shape lives by leading, creating and promoting positive golf experiences.

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Conditions & Responsibilities of Golf Group Member

- Golf Group Members are encouraged to pay for **all golfing members**. 'Golfing Members' are — individuals, who purchase a season pass, pay a fee to your group: shareholders, corporate members, full members, members of the men/women or senior's sections.
- Golf Group Members are to inform Golf Ontario of any changes at the Golf Group throughout the year and re-apply for a change of membership status if/when necessary.
- Golf Group Members, if requested, are required to provide Golf Ontario with a complete listing of members including contact information.
- Golf Group Members will submit a signed Handicap License Agreement that acknowledges that your group complies with the requirements of the Golf Canada Score Centre.
- Golf Group Members must conform to the National and Provincial by-laws of Golf Canada and Golf Ontario.
- 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 applicant/group will be asked to agree to those terms and conditions by signing and returning that correspondence to Golf Ontario. Once the applicant/group signs that correspondence and returns it to Golf Ontario, the terms and conditions contained in that correspondence will form part of the applicant/group's agreement with Golf Ontario. Services will not be available to the applicant/group until the applicant/group signs and submits to Golf Ontario both the application and any subsequent correspondence containing any additional terms and conditions.

Golf Group Member Payment Policy & Agreement

- Payment of dues implies agreement with all membership terms.
- Golf Group Members invoiced 30 days prior to their roster expiration based on current membership information.
- ***NOTE: Failure to receive payment by the deadline will result in the suspension of the member services including golfer access to the Score Centre (handicap system). A Golf Group Member, who has not paid its annual dues by the deadline, will be deemed a non-member and will no longer receive Golf Ontario services until payment is received in full. Membership in Golf Ontario for the following year will require payment of the outstanding invoice from the previous year.
- Actual membership numbers will continue to be monitored throughout the season and the group invoiced accordingly.
- Golf Group Member is responsible to ensure that the group's golfing member names, which appear in the Score Centre, are complete and accurate.
- Interest of 15% per annum charged on fees outstanding after payment deadline.
- Golf Group Members in good standing are permitted to use the Golf Canada Handicap System and Golf Canada Course Rating System and related trademarks and service marks. Upon leaving membership, the group forfeits use of any course and slope rating data provided during their membership and their golfing members will no longer have access to an official handicap. These trademarks include: the GOLF CANADA HANDICAP SYSTEM; the proprietary mathematical handicap formula; and, iii) the trademarks "RCGA", "GOLF CANADA", "GOLF CANADA HANDICAP SYSTEM", "GOLF CANADA HANDICAP FACTOR", "HANDICAP FACTOR", "HANDICAP", "FACTOR", "HANDICAP SYSTEM", "SLOPE", "SLOPE SYSTEM", "SLOPE RATING", "HANDICAP DIFFERENTIAL", "COURSE RATING", "SLOPE RATING", "COURSE HANDICAP", "HOME COURSE HANDICAP", "BOGEY RATING", "ESC", "SHORT COURSE HANDICAP", "SHORT COURSE RATING", "COURSE RATING SYSTEM", "SLOPE SYSTEM", "HANDICAP DIFFERENTIAL", "GOLF CANADA COURSE RATING", "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, which has generously given Golf Canada permission to use the system.

OFFICIAL DECLARATION

"I declare that the information submitted on this 2019 Golf Ontario Golf Group Membership Application is correct. I have read and understood all policies and responsibilities of a Golf Ontario Golf Group Member. I further understand that only Golf Ontario/Golf Canada Golf Group Members in good standing have the right to use the Golf Canada Score Centre, Course Rating Systems and related trademarks; such rights terminate should the Group 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 our website (www.gao.ca/about-us/gao-policies-yearbooks/) for full disclosure of the Golf Ontario Privacy Policy.

Certified By _____ Signature _____

Club Name _____ Date _____

**GOLF ONTARIO
GOLF GROUP MEMBER FACT SHEET**

GROUP INFORMATION:

Registered Name of Golf Group: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Courier Address: *(if different)* _____

Telephone _____

General Email _____

Type: Group League

Membership Count (minimum 15): Adult _____ JR (18 or younger) _____

GROUP CONTACTS:

TITLE	NAME	Contact Email	Contact Telephone
Primary Contact:			
Secondary Contact:			
Handicap Chair:			
Accounting Contact:			
Other Contact:			

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Year Group/League Established _____

Notes: _____

Thank you for your support of amateur golf in Ontario!



Member Club Handicap License Agreement

By virtue of this Letter of Agreement, the _____ is hereby authorized by Golf Canada and Golf Ontario to use the Golf Canada Handicap System and issue Handicap Factors® in accordance with the procedures set forth in the *Golf Canada Handicap Manual*. The club is also hereby authorized to use and promote the official Course and Slope ratings as issued to the club by the authorized provincial golf association.

For purposes of this Agreement, a “golf club” is defined as 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 Golf Canada Handicap System. 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 the club’s Handicap Committee. The golf club must be a member in good standing of Golf Canada and the authorized provincial golf association.

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

1. This license shall commence when executed by Golf Canada and shall be effective through **4 years** after signage (the “Term”) provided the golf 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, the club shall comply with all provisions of the Golf Canada Handicap Manual including, but not limited to, those items in the Compliance Checklist in Section 8 of the manual.
3. The club shall ensure that all Handicap Factors issued under the terms of this Agreement are issued pursuant to the requirements established by the Golf Canada Handicap System, as set forth in the current Golf Canada Handicap Manual, including any amendments thereto that may be from time to time adopted.
4. Within the term of this Agreement, the club must send a representative to attend a Handicap System seminar conducted by the authorized provincial golf association or Golf Canada and pass a test exhibiting knowledge of the Golf Canada Handicap System and its policies.
5. The club acknowledges that, with the exception of the terms “Golf Canada”, “Golf Canada Handicap System”, “Golf Canada Handicap Factor”, “Handicap Factor”, and “Factor”, which are trademarks of Golf Canada, the trademarks and service marks used in the Golf Canada Handicap System Manual are the property of the United States Golf Association (USGA), used under license by Golf Canada (hereinafter referred to as the “Marks”). As the owner of the Golf Canada trademarks listed above and licensee of the USGA Handicap and Course Rating Systems and related trademarks, Golf Canada has the sole right to authorize the use of those marks within Canada and has the corresponding duty to ensure that those who are authorized to use such systems and trademarks do so in a manner which preserves the integrity and reliability which the public associates with these systems, Golf Canada and the USGA. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement, Golf Canada grants the club the non-exclusive, non-transferable right to use the Marks and the Handicap System during the term of this Agreement. The club agrees that:
 - (a) Nothing herein shall give the club any right, title, or interest in the Marks or Handicap and Course Rating systems (except the limited rights granted to the club pursuant to and in accordance with this Agreement);
 - (b) It will use the Marks only in the manner prescribed from time to time by the Golf Canada;
 - (c) It will permit Golf Canada, or authorized provincial golf association, upon reasonable notice, to inspect the club and its operations for the purpose of controlling the quality of the golf club’s use of the Handicap System and related Marks.
6. The golf club shall refer to any and all handicaps issued by it as the Golf Canada “Handicap Factor”, “Handicap Factors”, “Factor” or “Factors.” In addition, all references by the club to the Golf Canada Handicap System shall use the term “Golf Canada Handicap System” and all references by the club to course ratings shall use the terms “Course Rating” and “Slope Rating”.

