

## **2.03 MEMBERSHIP POLICY**

### **Purpose**

- The purpose of this Policy is to contribute to the growth and development of golf for all Ontarians in a safe sporting environment by providing facilities and individual member categories with rules and requirements, including member obligations, fees and the terms/conditions of membership.
- Membership is required to participate and/or compete at any Golf Ontario or Golf Canada competitions and/or events.
- The Membership application process will be in accordance with Amended and Restated Bylaw April 2018, S 2.1.

### **Membership Categories & Definitions**

Golf Ontario has the following categories of membership:

- i. Golf Facility Member – any golf facility that pays a facility membership fee to the association
- ii. 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
- iii. Individual Member – any individual who is an official, athlete, volunteer or administrator registered with a Golf Facility Member
- iv. Unaffiliated Member – an individual not affiliated with a Golf Facility Member that pays a membership fee to the association

### **Admission of Members**

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 following requirements:

- i. 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

- ii. Individual Member:
  - Register via online registration system
  - Complete for the current season all required fields noted as required in the online registration system.
  - Agree to comply with all Golf Ontario procedures, policies, and code of conduct
- iii. Unaffiliated/Public Members:
  - Register via online registration system and pay membership dues
  - Complete for the current season all required fields noted as required in the online registration system.
  - Agree to comply with all Golf Ontario procedures, policies, and code of conduct

### **Membership Dues**

- i. Golf Facility Members – The membership year of the Association will be April 15th - October 31st.
- ii. Individual and Unaffiliated/Public Members – The membership year will be 365 days from the date joined.
- iii. Dues – Annual membership dues for all categories of Membership will be determined annually by the Board of Directors. See Appendix A for membership rate by category.

### **Withdrawal and Termination of Membership**

Withdrawal and termination of Membership will be in accordance with Amended and Restated Bylaw April 2018, Section 2.4.

### **Related Documents:**

Appendix B: Conditions & Responsibilities of Golf Facility Membership / Golf Facility Member Payment Policy & Agreement

**APPENDIX A**
**Membership Rates - 2019**

Category	Golf Ontario Fee	Golf Canada Fee	Sub Total	HST	Total Fee
<b>Golf Facility Members:</b>					
9-Hole Facility	375.00	375.00	750.00	97.50	847.50
18-Hole Facility	500.00	500.00	1,000.00	130.00	1130.00
27-Hole Facility	625.00	625.00	1250.00	162.50	1412.50
36-Hole Facility	750.00	750.00	1500.00	195.00	1695.00
45-Hole Facility	875.00	875.00	1750.00	227.50	1977.50
54-Hole Facility	1000.00	1000.00	2000.00	260.00	2260.00
63-Hole Facility	1125.00	1125.00	2250.00	292.50	2542.50
72-Hole Facility	1250.00	1250.00	2500.00	325.00	2825.00
<b>Individuals Members (registered with a Golf Facility or Golf Group):</b>					
Junior Member (Junior)	12.50	13.50	26.00	3.38	29.38
Adult Member (Adult)	18.50	18.00	36.50	4.75	41.25
Golf Facility Staff	3.00	5.00	8.00	1.04	9.04
GO Board Member	18.50	18.00	36.50	4.75	41.25
GO Committee Member	18.50	18.00	36.50	4.75	41.25
GO Volunteer	18.50	18.00	36.50	4.75	41.25
Officials	18.50	18.00	36.50	4.75	41.25
<b>Unaffiliated/Public Members:</b>					
Unaffiliated Member (Adult and Junior)	29.95	20.00	49.95	6.49	56.44

## APPENDIX B

### Conditions & Responsibilities of Golf Facility Membership

- Facility Members are encouraged to pay for **all golfing members**. 'Golfing Members' are — individuals, who purchase a season pass, pay a fee to your facility; shareholders, corporate members, full members, members of the men/women or senior's sections.
- Facility Members are encouraged periodically to host events conducted by Golf Ontario. This support helps the development of amateur golf and strengthens golf in Ontario. Compensation 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.
- Facility Members, if requested, are required to provide Golf Ontario with a complete listing of members including contact information.
- Facility Members will submit a signed Handicap License Agreement that acknowledges that your facility complies with the requirements of the Golf Canada Score Centre.
- Facility 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/facility asked to agree to those terms and conditions by signing and returning that correspondence to Golf Ontario. Once the applicant/facility signs that correspondence and returns it to Golf Ontario, the terms and conditions contained in that correspondence will form part of the applicant/facility's agreement with Golf Ontario. Services will not be available to the applicant/facility until the applicant/facility signs and submits to Golf Ontario both the application and any subsequent correspondence containing any additional terms and conditions.

### Golf Facility Member Payment Policy & Agreement

- Payment of dues implies agreement with all membership terms including consent to the use of information provided for the purposes as outlined in Golf Ontario's Privacy Policy. Please visit our website ([www.gao.ca](http://www.gao.ca)) for full disclosure of the Privacy Policy.
- Facility 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 Member Facility, who has not paid its annual dues by deadline, deemed a non-member and will no longer receive Golf Ontario services until payment 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 continue monitored throughout the season and facility invoiced accordingly.
- Facility Member is responsible to ensure that facility's member names, which appear in the Score Centre, are complete and accurate.
- Interest charges at 15% per annum charged on fees outstanding after payment deadline.
- Facility 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 facility is forfeiting use of any course and slope rating data provided during their membership and their members 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. The use of the Course and Slope Rating provided to the facility is limited to the term of membership only.