



## Golf

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1. **Age Categories:** Men and Women: 55 to 59, 60 to 64, 65 to 69,  
70 to 74, 75 to 79, 80+
2. **Divisions**
  - (a) Women Division 'A' for golfers with an index of 0 – 24.3.
  - (b) Women Division 'B' for golfers with an index of 24.4 – 40.4
  - (c) Men Division 'A' for golfers with an index of 0 – 17.0
  - (d) Men Division 'B' for golfers with an index of 17.1 – 36.4
3. **Participation:**
  - (a) Two men and two women in each age category in each division. Each golfer must play in his or her own category.
  - (b) To ensure fairness of competition, golfers in the net division must have an updated Golf Canada Handicap Factor, a USGA Handicap Index or a handicap recognized by Golf Canada.
  - (c) If a participant does not have any of the above 3 (b), they will only be able to compete in the Gross Division.
  - (d) **In the event of an age group having 3 competitors, one can play down if space is available.**
4. **Competition:**
  - (a) R.C.G.A. Rules will apply with Local Rules also applying.
  - (b) The tournament is a 36 hole stroke play event, comprised of two rounds to be played at one or more 18-hole BCGA rated courses as determined by the committee.
  - (c) Foursomes will be drawn according to handicap groups. Foursomes may be re-drawn for second day's play.
  - (d) To determine "net score", golfer's handicap will be subtracted from his/her score to arrive at a net score. This will be done for each 18 holes played and the two net scores added to arrive at a total net score.
  - (e) In the event of a tie for any medal, the ties will be resolved by matching cards, as stipulated in the RCGA recommended method for tie breaking. (Ref. RCGA Rules of Golf Appendix 1, Section 11, Stroke Play – para (c)) Matching cards is a method that uses the competitor's scores on the last 9 holes of the course used in round two (the last round). Since the event is a shotgun, holes 10 through 18 are the last 9 holes of the course, not the last nine holes as played by the player. The process uses, first – the score over the last 9 holes; then, if necessary, the last 6, then, if necessary, the last 3, then, if necessary, the last hole. If the ties still persist, then finally by lot.
  - (f) Results should be posted in age groups, alphabetically showing gross / handicap / net for each day. No need of hole by hole – just totals should be listed as competitions "A" and competition "B".



- (g) Golfers will be responsible for paying a Sports Fee which will be one half of the Golf Green Fees and mandatory shared power cart. The Host Society Sports Chair will inform the BCSGS the amount of the Green Fees to be paid, as well as other information relative to the Golf Event, by December 31.
- (h) Both tournaments will have a shotgun start at both golf courses each day of competition.
- (i) **No caddying or coaching is allowed. Anyone wishing to walk the course must do so at a respectful distance away from the players, and at no time provide assistance to the player.**

## **5. Medals – Low Gross and Low Net:**

Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to the golfers with lowest gross scores and lowest net scores in each age category. If a Golfer is in position to win a medal in Low Gross and Low Net, that person will receive the Low Gross medal only.

## **6. Zone Playoffs**

- (a) 18-hole stroke play on a rated course selected by the Zone for both divisions.
- (b) Men and Women with Lowest Gross score and Lowest Net score in each age category in both Events will advance to the Games.
- (c) All competitors may need to show their current RCGA Handicap Factor Card or equivalent before entering the qualifying playoff game.
- (d) Regardless of how a golfer's Handicap Factor may change between the playoffs and the Games, he/she will remain in the Division for which they qualified.