



## **Golf NB Tournament Guidelines**

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### **1) Proof of Membership:**

All players must be members in good standing of a recognized golf association and be in possession of a "Golf NB / Golf Canada Membership ", or a recognized national equivalent. Proof of membership will be REQUIRED upon check in at all Golf NB Provincial Championships and events.

### **2) Handicap Verification:**

Golf New Brunswick (Golf NB) will be verifying everyone's handicap index, using the Golf Canada Score Center, prior to all Golf NB events. However, it remains the responsibility of the competitor to make Golf NB aware of any changes in their handicap index, upward or downward, upon check in at the event.

### **3) Registration Policy:**

With the exception of exempt players, entry preference will be given to members, and teams with at least one member, of Golf NB until June 1<sup>st</sup> with the exemption to the first three (3) out of Province Players who register for an event as outlined in the Golf NB Out of Province Player Policy. After June 1, all Golf NB championships will be filled on a first come first serve basis, providing applicants meet all entry requirements as described in Golf NB's Tournament Guidelines. All players allowed entrance to an event are eligible to be named champion.

Once event registration has opened Golf NB....

**ACCEPTS:** Entries on a first come, first serve basis, unless otherwise stipulated

**WILL NOT ACCEPT:** Late or postdated entries

**WILL NOT ACCEPT:** Late or postdated payments

**ACCEPTS:** Entries by fax only if they include payment by credit card.

**WILL NOT:** Assume responsibility for entries lost in the mail, by courier or that have been improperly submitted via fax or online methods; Check the entry list on Golf NB website to ensure your entry has been received.

## **OUT OF PROVINCE PLAYER POLICY**

Golf New Brunswick Provincial Championships will allow up to **3 Out of Province Players** to register under the same guidelines as New Brunswick golfers and that they will be accepted to play in said tournaments based on their position on the registration list.

Any additional **Out of Province Players** who are not the first **3** to register for the Golf NB Provincial Championships will be placed on their respective waiting list. Once all registered New Brunswick golfers are entered into the tournament, **Out of Province Players** will then be considered for play if space permits.

### **4) Entry Closing Date:**

Entries close on the date of closing, as outlined on the various event information pages ([CLICK HERE](#)), or when the maximum number of entries have been realized; whichever comes first. A list of alternates will be kept in case of withdrawals or medical cancellations.

Golf NB reserves the right to extend the Entry Closing Date if it is deemed necessary.

### **5) Player's Responsibility:**

Once selected into a championship, players are expected to participate. If a player wishes to



withdraw prior to the start of a championship, they must notify Golf NB well in advance to ensure an alternate fair opportunity to play. Failure to comply may result in **DISQUALIFICATION** from future provincial competitions.

**6) Refund Policy:**

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**WILL:** Only issue refunds if Golf NB is notified of the player's intention to withdraw prior to the application deadline.

**WILL NOT:** Issue refunds after the application deadline without a medical certificate.

**WILL CHARGE:** A \$25.00 administration fee on all refunds.

**WILL ISSUE:** Legitimate refunds only after an event has been completed, all entries have been reconciled.

**7) Conduct:**

Entrants are warned that conduct considered detrimental to the best interests of the game, or unbecoming of a contestant, while on or off the golf course, and coming to the attention of the Tournament Committee, will be dealt with and can result in disqualification of the offending person(s). Extreme misconduct may be referred to Golf NB Discipline Committee. Players' actions and conduct will be governed by [Golf NB Disciplinary Guidelines](#).

**8) No Shows:**

Players failing to appear for their scheduled tee time without informing the Tournament Committee will be referred to the Golf NB Discipline Committee and may be subject to future sanctions up to and including **DISQUALIFICATION** from future Golf NB competitions.

**9) Golf NB Dress Code:**

The Golf NB Dress Code policy is in effect at all Golf NB competitions in conjunction with any additional dress code restrictions of the host facility. Players and Caddies must adhere to Golf NB dress code and dress in a manner that is appropriate;

**Permitted Attire:**

- Men are required to wear golf shirts with collars (mock necks and turtle necks are permitted). Shorts may be worn, but they cannot be rugger or cargo shorts (outside external pocket).
- Women are permitted to wear pants, slacks, shorts, skorts, capris and dresses. Mock style, v-neck and sleeveless shirts are permitted. Tops may be worn untucked. Bare midriff or cleavage is not acceptable.
- Hats or visors must be worn in a forward position.

**Attire Not Permitted:**

- Denim or jeans of any kind or color, cut-offs, tennis shorts, rugger/cargo pants or shorts (outside external pocket), tank tops, halter tops, mesh shirts, workout attire, or t-shirts.
- Hats or visors in the clubhouse, unless permitted by the host club.
- Sandals;
  - **Exception: Sandals with soft spikes that are specifically designed for playing golf.**
- If the host facility has additional restrictions, it will be communicated to all competitors.
- Any other inappropriate attire determined by the Tournament Committee.

**Footwear**

- Competitors **MUST** wear soft spiked, or spikeless, golf shoes or other flat-soled shoes.



- *Shoes with traditionally designed spikes (regardless of composition, i.e. ceramic, plastic etc.) or spikes, regardless of design, comprised either entirely or partially of metal (if such metal may come in contact with the course) are prohibited during the competition rounds, including the official practice rounds.*
- Sandals are NOT permitted;
  - *Exception: Sandals with soft spikes that are specifically designed for playing golf.*

**Penalty for Breach of Dress Code:** Disqualification.

**Note:** Players participating in event being administered by other organizations (provincial, regional or national) are responsible to familiarize themselves with the dress code policies that will be implemented for the administration of such events.

**10) Automotive Cart Policy:**

The use of automotive transportation is permitted by all competitors in all Golf NB Championships, EXCEPT for the following.

- NB Under 13 & Under 15 Championships
- NB Under 19 Championships
- East Coast Junior Championship
- Atlantic Junior Match Play (when held)

Automotive transportation is permitted for all competitors provided they meet all the eligibility requirements, set forth by the host club, for the rental of automotive transportation.

**11) Caddies:**

Caddies may be used in Golf NB Championships, EXCEPT for Golf NB Junior events and championships. Players may employ their own caddie, or caddies may be arranged through the host club if available. Players wanting to employ a caddie from the host club should contact the club directly. Caddies must adhere to Golf NB dress code and MUST wear SPIKELESS flat-soled shoes.

Please Note: A player **MUST** not have another player in the competition, who has played or will play in the same round, as his or her caddie during a round.

**12) Cellular Phones and Electronic Devices:**

A local rule restricting the use of cellular phones and other electronic devices will be in effect for all Golf NB Class I events. Please see the standard local rules available at [www.golfnb.ca](http://www.golfnb.ca), or through the Tournament Information Page.

**13) Distance-Measuring Devices:**

A local rule allowing the use of distance-measuring devices will be in effect for all Golf NB Class I events. Please see the standard local rules available at [www.golfnb.ca](http://www.golfnb.ca), or through the Tournament Information Page.

**14) Champions:**

Champions of the Men's Amateur, Women's Amateur, Under 19 Boys, Under 19 Girls, Men's Mid-Amateur, Men's Senior, and Women's Senior Championships will earn automatic berths onto their respective NB teams for national competition provided they meet Golf NB eligibility requirements and the Golf Canada residency requirements.



**15) Ties:**

If there are ties at the completion of play, ties will be broken in the following manners;

- ***For the Gross/Overall Championship – Hole-By-Hole Sudden Victory***  
In the event of a tie for the championship, there will be a hole-by-hole sudden victory play-off beginning immediately following the completion of play. The play-off hole(s) will be determined by the Championship Committee and will be identified as part of the event's supplementary local rules.
- ***For Provincial Team & Alternate Positions – Hole-By-Hole Sudden Victory***  
When determining positions on Provincial Teams, a hole-by-hole sudden victory playoff format, as outlined above, will be used when ties exist for initial team positions (i.e. If three positions are available, and there is a tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> position then a playoff would determine the final position).

Should any individuals in the initial Team Positions decline the opportunity to represent Team NB, and ties exist further down the field, all ties will be broken by matching score cards.

- ***For Net Champions (if applicable) – Matching Score Cards***  
Ties for the Net Champion(s) will be decided by matching score cards unless otherwise stipulated.
- ***All Other Ties – Matching Score Cards***  
Unless otherwise stipulated, all ties will be decided by matching score cards.

***Note: Method for Matching Score Cards***

Unless otherwise stipulated, the following steps for matching score cards will be used as recommended on page 403 of the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf (Effective January 2019).

1. The best score for the last round
2. The best score for the last nine holes
3. The best score for the last six holes
4. The best score for the last three holes
5. The best score for the final hole
6. The best score for the last nine holes on first nine
7. The best score for the last six holes on first nine
8. The best score for the last three holes on first nine
9. The best score for the final hole on first nine

If the process does not result in a winner, the Committee reserves the right to consider the competition a tie, or alternatively deciding the winner by chance (such as tossing a coin).



**16) Conforming Equipment:**

Golf New Brunswick follows the USGA's regulations surrounding the use of conforming equipment, including golf balls and golf clubs. For the USGA's Lists of conforming clubs [CLICK HERE](#) and balls [CLICK HERE](#).

**17) Waiver of Media Rights:**

In consideration of Golf New Brunswick (Golf NB) services in sponsoring the tournament, participating players grant and assign to Golf NB, without limitation, their individual television, radio, motion, print advertising, internet and all other related media rights with respect to their participation in Golf NB Championships.