



OTTAWA VALLEY GOLF ASSOCIATION

Policies for Adult Intersectionals (revised June 28, 2024) (Text in italics is new for 2024)

The OVGA Intersectionals is the largest golf event held in Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec each summer. Teams of men, senior men, women, senior women, and junior golfers from OVGA member clubs play simultaneous matches against three other clubs in their respective divisions.

1. **Green Fees:** Host clubs welcome visiting clubs on the day of the event at no charge for green fees.
2. **Meals:** *Each host club will offer a meal following the play. Each visiting club will pay each host club a meal fee of \$300 for each men's team and \$200 for each women's team to cover a meal for each player, taxes and tips. Each visiting club will forward the payment one (1) week prior to their event.*
3. **Practice Rounds:** To make this a fair competition, all participating host clubs *will* offer practice rounds to the visiting clubs. It is the host club's discretion to specify dates, times, and rates *and to communicate this to visiting clubs two weeks prior to the event.*
4. **Power Carts:** The OVGA policy is a maximum of two carts per 4-some charged to players at standard club rates. If a club has sufficient carts available for singles, the club, at its discretion, can offer them to players at its standard single rider rate. Players should expect to share carts. The host club is expected to provide each visiting club with one cart for their captain at no charge. OVGA policy is no carts on the course for spectators.
5. **Start Times:** *Start times for the first tee time will be no earlier than 11 am and no later than 12 pm. The host club will set up tee times and notify visiting clubs.*
6. **Host Club Rotation:** *Host clubs will be determined by a rotation method whereby every club will have a turn in hosting over a three- or four-year period depending on the number of clubs in each division. A Club will not host more than two (2) events in any given season, and no two events will be in the same month. Example, a club may host a*

Regular Men's event and a Senior Women's event, but not a Regular Men's event and a Regular Women's event.

7. **Opt-Out Year:** Entering a team into the Intersectionals is completely voluntary. However, if a Club chooses not to enter a team into an Intersectionals competition in any year, the Club's team *will have to wait one year* and will drop to the bottom of all the divisions the next time it chooses to participate (providing there is room). *If a Club enters a team for the first time, the team will be placed at the bottom of the Grid and only when there are 2 or more teams in the division.* The OVGA reserves the right to waive this policy in unusual circumstances.
8. **Participation Deadline:** For clubs wishing to join for the first time, or re-enter after an absence, the deadline to declare your intent to participate and be put into a division is *April 1st of any given year.* After this date, there is no guarantee that a club will be accommodated. Please note, this is not for the registration/payment process.
9. **Eligibility Criteria:**
 - Participants must be a member with full playing privileges of their club.
 - The Club must be a Golf Canada member in good standing, via membership with either Golf Ontario or Golf Quebec.
 - Weekday, senior, junior, and intermediate memberships qualify.
 - *Players must have a verifiable Golf Canada membership or another acceptable Handicap system.*

If there is a dispute regarding Eligibility Criteria, the fellow competitor may submit a request for review via email to the Director of Intersectionals (intersectionals@ovga.org). Requests for review must identify the player(s) in question and should be received within seven (7) days of the completion of the competition.

10. Age Requirements:

- *For Regular Men's and Women's Events, junior players under the age of 16 may participate, however they must adhere to the junior rules. They may not drive a power cart. **They may not have an immediate family member such as a parent acting as a caddie or offering advice (new June 28, 2024).***
- Participants in the Senior Men's event must have reached the age of 55 with at least three players aged 65 or over. As alternates must be able to substitute for any player, it is recommended that alternates should be 65 or older.
- Senior Women players must be at least 50 years of age with 1 player aged 65 or over. It is recommended that the alternate be 65 or older.