



OTTAWA VALLEY GOLF ASSOCIATION

Policies and Procedures for Junior Intersectionals

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Policies for Junior Intersectionals Tournament

A one-day competition between teams of juniors representing their respective OVGA member clubs. The results of the competition determine which clubs are grouped the following year. The winning teams advance to the Division above, while the team accumulating the fewest points drops to the Division below.

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 may offer a meal following the play. If so, each host club will inform each visiting club of the meal costs and, if so, the amount. This information should be communicated no less than one (1) week before the tournament date
3. **Practice Rounds:** To ensure fair competition, all participating host clubs will offer practice rounds to the visiting clubs. The host club will specify dates, times, and rates and communicate this to the visiting clubs two weeks before the event.
4. **Power Carts:** No Power carts are allowed by players, caddies or spectators.
5. **Start Times:** Start times for the first tee time will be no earlier than 11 am and no later than noon. The host club will set up tee times and notify visiting clubs.
6. **Host Club Rotation:** The team that placed second in their respective division will determine the Host clubs. The "A" Division host will be determined by the club that won the division. No club can host more than two (2) years in a row.
7. **Eligibility Criteria:**
 - Participants must be members 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.
 - Players must have a verifiable Golf Canada membership or another acceptable Handicap system.

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

- 8. Age Requirements:** All players must meet their age category requirement U19 or U15 as of the date of the tournament

Procedures for Junior Intersectionals

- 1. Registration:** You will register your club only (not individual team members) via Golf Genius. The captain or designated person will log into Golf Genius and register on behalf of their club. At that time, each visiting club must pay **\$40.00 plus HST** (Host Clubs do not pay but must register). Registering by the designated deadline will ensure entry and commitment to participate.

- Registration opens May 1st
- Registration closes July 5th

- 2. Tournament Formats:** Two formats are available to choose from: Match Play or Stableford

- 1. Match Play Format:** Each team will consist of eight (8) players and a maximum of two (2) alternates for a total of ten (10) players. The composition is as follows:
 - 5 players, 18 years of age or under ("U19")
 - 2 players, 14 years of age or under ("U15")
 - Junior Girl, 18 years of age or under ("Girl")
 - Both alternates must be U19 and one must be U15.
- 2. Stableford Format:** Each team will have four (4) players, all U19. One player must be a girl. If a girl cannot fill a spot, that spot may remain empty.
 - Only the best three (3) scores count
 - Different tee decks are used for U19 and U15 and girls

- 3. Club Teams:** This consists of players plus alternates, who their clubs select in qualifying rounds and who meet the eligibility requirements.
- 4. OVGA Host Club and Captain's Meeting:** This meeting will be held virtually at least two weeks before the event. Host club responsibilities will be reviewed, and all host clubs are encouraged to have a representative attend. Each club should have its team captain attend. Dates will be posted on the website in advance.
- 5. Submission of Team Rosters:** Teams are expected to exchange rosters between captains and the Intersectionals Director for each format at least five days before the event.

Team Captains should fill out the roster form emailed to them with the complete list of players on their team. In Match Play format, list players in order of highest to lowest handicap index for each

age category. For Stableford format, fill out the roster form from highest to lowest handicap index. The Team Captain shall sign and date the roster indicating that all Handicap Indexes have been verified, and all players meet the Eligibility Criteria.

The Handicap Indexes are frozen 5 days before the event, when rosters are due.

No changes may be made to the roster after the 1st tee time.

6. **Event Day Captain's Meeting**—One hour before the first time, there will be an in-person captain's meeting during which the Host Club will confirm rosters to be posted on the official OVGA scoring sheet and review any local rules or procedures for the event.
7. **Caddies:** No Caddies permitted.
8. **Recommended Tees/Yardages:** Players will play from the following tee (as per provincial guidelines):
 - Boys, U19 – tees should be between 6200 and 6400 yards
 - Boys, U15 – tees should be between 5800 and 6000 yards
 - All Girls – tees should be between 5000 and 5400 yards

The above-noted yardages are guidelines, and it is acknowledged that not every course has tees to match these yardages. The OVGA will work with the host club to confirm the tees that should be used for the competition.

9. **Scoring:**

- Match Play score is based on holes won, lost or tied. Each Host Club player will keep the Official Score Card to be handed in at the end of the match. A parent or other adult volunteer is suggested to accompany the younger age groups to assist with scoring. (and safety). Volunteers must refrain from offering any advice to any player. Each player MUST sign the Official Score Card at the end of the match and before leaving the course. If there is a dispute at the end of the competition and a card is without a signature, the Official Score Card will stand as presented.
- Modified Stableford Scoring:
 - i. Double Bogey 1 point
 - ii. Bogey 2 points
 - iii. Par 3 points
 - iv. Birdie 4 points
 - v. Eagle 5 points

10. **Determining the Winning Team (Stableford):** The team that has accumulated the highest number of points by the top three (3) players on their team will be the winner. Winning teams will move up one division the following year, and the team with the lowest points will move down one division. The second-place team will host the following year.

11. Tiebreaker: Should two teams be tied at the conclusion of the round, retrogression will be used to break the tie as follows:

- The team that has accumulated the most points over the last nine holes will be the winner. If still tied, then
- The team that has accumulated the most points over the last six holes, and if still tied
- The team that has accumulated the most points over the last three holes, and if still tied
- The team that has accumulated the most points on the last hole

12. Termination of Play: Due to inclement weather or darkness,

- Every effort will be made to ensure that all matches are completed, due to the impossibility of rescheduling the competition.
- Any matches that have not completed the stipulated round will be decided by the standing in the match at the last hole completed.
- Should teams be tied at the termination of play, the placing will be decided by the formula set out under Tiebreaker.