

IMPORTANT TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

TO: NBGA Members
NBGA Member Clubs

DATE: May 20th, 2010

SUBJECT: REQUIREMENTS FOR 2010 TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

To all NBGA Members and Member Clubs,

This is a reminder to all New Brunswick Golf Association (NBGA) members who wish to participate in either NBGA or Club Events in 2010. With the Royal Canadian Golf Association's (RCGA) recent rebranding to Golf Canada, there have been some changes that you may not be aware of. With the creation of the new Golf Canada Membership Card, Golf Canada will no longer be producing "RCGA Handicap Cards" and therefore the process of handicap verification for tournament play has changed slightly.

Although Golf Canada will no longer be providing clubs and players with handicap cards there are still processes in place for handicap verification.

Members Using the RCGA Network

Those NBGA members whose clubs use the RCGA Network, for handicap purposes, have the ability to print a handicap card directly from the RCGA Network. Simply click on the "**Print Handicap Card**" icon on your RCGA Network home page to print a handicap card that can be used as verification of handicap at any event.

Members Not Using the RCGA Network

Those NBGA members whose clubs do not use the RCGA Network, for handicap purposes, you will still need to have a member of your club's handicap committee verify your handicap prior to participating in an event. In order to ease this process, your club has been provided with an "**RCGA Certified Handicap Factor**" sheet which can be used as verification of handicap at any event. If, for some reason, your club does not have this sheet, it can be accessed in English and French, through the "Member Resource Center" at www.rcga.org, or by going to the following links.

English

<http://www.rcga.org/uploads/documents/Handicap/RCGA%20Certified%20Handicap.pdf>

French

<http://www.rcga.org/uploads/documents/Handicap/Facteur%20de%20handicap%20de%20la%20RCGA.pdf>

NBGA TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS

Membership:

All players must be a member in good standing of a recognized golf association and in possession of a "Golf Canada Membership Card" or a recognized national equivalent.

Handicap Verification:

- Players whose member clubs use the RCGA Handicap System will not be required to present verification of handicap, as NBGA staff will verify handicaps, using the RCGA Network, the day before the event.
- Players whose member clubs does not use the RCGA Handicap System will be required to present an 'RCGA Certified Handicap Factor' form, certified by a member of their home club's handicap committee.

Entrance Policy:

Entry preference will be given to members and teams with at least one member of the NBGA. All players allowed entrance to an event are eligible to be named champion.

Conduct:

Entrants are warned that conduct considered detrimental to the best interests of the game, or unbecoming of a contestant, either 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 the NBGA Discipline Committee. Player's actions and conduct will be governed by NBGA Disciplinary Guidelines.

NBGA Dress Code:

Players must dress in a manner that is appropriate. Golf Shoes (soft spikes only) and running shoes are the only footwear allowed on the golf course. Golf shirts must have collars and sleeves. All pants worn on the course or in the club must be in good repair (no holes, badly stained, etc.), must have hems, and no blue jeans allowed. Dress shorts may be worn but they must have pockets and should reach not more than 4" above the knee. No other shorts, rigger pants, tank tops, etc. will be allowed in any NBGA event. Women's shirts without sleeves must have hems and a collar. See through, haltered and tank tops are not allowed on the course as well as gym wear, tops with slogans or numbers, and any athletic apparel or sweaters from any other sport.

CLUB TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS

Membership:

Membership requirements are at the discretion of the host club, and its tournament committee, but all players should be prepared to show their "Golf Canada Membership Card" or a recognized national equivalent.

Handicap Verification:

Handicap Verification is at the discretion of the host club, and its tournament committee, but all players should be prepared to show verification of handicap.

- Players whose clubs use the RCGA Network may print a handicap card directly from the RCGA Network by clicking the “**Print Handicap Card**” icon on your RCGA Network home page.
- Players whose clubs do not use the RCGA Network should be prepared to show a “**RCGA Certified Handicap Factor**” sheet which has been properly attested to by a member of their club’s handicap committee.

Entrance Policy:

Entrance Policy is at the discretion of the host club, and its tournament committee.

Conduct:

Conduct deemed to be unacceptable is at the discretion of the host club, and its tournament committee.

NBGA Dress Code:

The dress code for the event is at the discretion of the host club, and its tournament committee.

Should you have any questions or would like more further information on NBGA, its policies, events or programs please contact the NBGA office at at (506) 451-1324 or on the web at www.nbga.nb.ca. For further information on club event, policies and requirements please contact the host club.

Regards,

New Brunswick Golf Association