



Fiji Golf Association of Canada

House Rules



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1. Change Log

Version	Date	Author	Activity
V 1.0	June 21 st , 2021	FGA Board	- Created first draft
V 2.0	Mar 14 th , 2023	FGA Board	- Minor changes to Items 4 & 9
V 3.0	Mar 15 th , 2024	FGA Board	- Added Jun 30 deadline in #10 - Added countback rules in #11 - Added #12
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1. Initials or Name on Golf Ball

Each golfer must mark his or her golf balls with their initials or name. Each time anyone is found playing without an initialed or named ball, the golfer will be penalized TWO STROKES per occurrence during the course of 18 holes.

2. Establishing Handicap

New members must have a minimum of 3 score cards to establish their handicap. If they do not have 3 score cards they will be playing with a "zero" handicap until such time for the member to establish their handicap, however they will be able to compete for all prizes – Low Net, KPs, LD and Leaderboard points from day one.

3. Capping of Handicap

In accordance with the new rules of Golf Canada, there will be no capping of Handicap. Rules for maximum handicap a player can have has changed with the new rules the maximum handicap is now set at 54.

4. Handicap Violation

Deadline to enter scores on the FGA eHandicap system is Wednesday at midnight Pacific Time prior to the Saturday tournament.

A player must enter golf scores from all games he/she has played besides the FGA sanctioned tournaments into the FGA eHandicap System on Wednesday or prior to Wednesday before the tournament the following Saturday, they must enter their scores by midnight Pacific Time on Wednesday.

If a player fails to do so, their handicap will be deemed to be incorrect. For not posting scores by the deadline the player will be penalized and will be deemed to be playing at "zero" handicap for the upcoming Saturday tournament, however the player will be eligible to compete for all the prizes - Low Net, KPs, LD and Leaderboard points. At the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee further actions may be taken for repeat offenders.



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5. Score Cards

There will be two official score cards per foursome. The Captain and Vice-Captain of each group are responsible for keeping scores for the foursome. The Captain and Vice-Captain should verify the hole by hole scores after nine holes and then after the end of the round, scores do not need to be totalled. Please sign and date the score cards and submit to the scoring committee. Please ensure that the score cards are legible and accurate. Submitting an illegible or incorrect score cards could be grounds for disqualification. Once the score cards are handed in to the scoring committee no changes will be accepted.

It is recommended that the Captain or Vice-Captain announce the scores for each player before teeing off at the next hole so everyone in the foursome is aware of other players scores.

6. Tournament of Champions

Members who have won low net prizes in each flight during the season qualify for this tournament.

Members who do not qualify can play as guest players however, they will not be eligible for any prizes, and this includes the LD and KPs prizes.

7. Long Drive for Men's and Women

Everyone will contest for this category on a specific hole and there will be only one long drive winner declared regardless of their gender.

8. President's Cup

There will be two trophies golfers will be competing for:

1. Low Gross
2. Low Net, based on 75% handicap.

Any golfer is eligible to win BOTH trophies.



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9. Pace of Play

This has been a chronic problem with a handful of our members. The Captain and Vice-Captain of the foursome are responsible for the pace of play. At the first tee box, the Captain should inform the foursome group about "ready golf" from tee to the green emphasizing to those that are riding a power cart that once they drive to where their ball is lying and if the fairway in front of them is clear to take a shot instead of waiting for others who are walking to catch up. The captains must encourage their playing partners to play 'ready golf' to speed up the pace of play and to be within a shot or two of the foursome in front of them in order not to fall too far behind them.

Once everyone is on the green only then, the "furthest away putts first unless someone requests to finish their putt"

It is imperative we enforce these rules and the Captain and Vice-Captain can warn a playing partner two times before imposing a 1 stroke penalty on a third infraction.

10. Jiffy Lube Leaderboard Prize Breakout

Prize breakout for Flights 1, 2 and 3 will be as follows:

1 st Place	\$150
2 nd Place	\$100
3 rd Place	\$80

Points are given to the top 10 low net scores in each flight starting at 100 points for first place, in 10-point decrements down to 10 points for the tenth place. In case of ties points are shared. Best 9 out of 11 tournament scores count towards the overall leaderboard standings.

Any member joining the club after Jun 30th in any year, will not be eligible for the Leaderboard.



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11. Tournament Prize Breakout

Stableford Tournament	Based on 50% of Index. Points Structure: 5 points for an Eagle, 3 points for a Birdie, 2 points for a Par, 1 point for a Bogie.
1 st Place	\$40 + Tournament Trophy
2 nd Place	\$35
3 rd Place	\$25
4 th Place	\$20
4 x KP's	\$15 per KP
LD	\$15
President's Cup	
Low Gross	Tournament Low Gross Trophy + \$30
Overall Low Net (based on 75% handicap)	Tournament Low Net Trophy
Low Net Winners (based on 100% handicap) for Flights 1, 2 & 3.	
1 st Place	\$30
2 nd Place	\$20
3 rd Place	\$15
4 th Place	\$10
4 x KP's	\$15 per KP
LD	\$15
2 Person Team Event	Based on 75 % handicap
1 st Place	\$30 each + Tournament Trophy
2 nd Place	\$20 each
3 rd Place	\$15 each
4 th Place	\$10 each
4 x KP's	\$15 per KP
LD	\$15



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Tournament of Champions	Players who have won during the season qualify for this tournament. All others play as guests and are not eligible for any prizes.
Overall Low Net (based on 75% handicap)	First Prize \$50 + Tournament Trophy
	Second Prize \$30
	Third Prize \$20
4 x KP's	\$15 per KP
LD	\$15
All other Tournaments	
Overall Low Net (based on 75% handicap)	Tournament Trophy
Low Net Winners (based on 100% handicap) for Flights 1, 2 & 3.	
1 st Place	\$30
2 nd Place	\$20
3 rd Place	\$15
4 th Place	\$10
4 x KP's	\$15 per KP
LD	\$15

Matching Score Cards Tie Breaking Method (Countback Rules):

In case of ties for low net and gross scores, the following are the countback rules to break ties:

- 1 - Gross score for last 9 holes minus one-half of the handicap: if still tied continue:
- 2 - Gross score for last 6 holes minus one-third of the handicap if still tied continue:
- 3 - Gross score for last 3 holes minus one-sixth of the handicap if still tied continue:
- 4 - Gross score for 18th hole minus one-eighteenth of the handicap if still tied continue to 9th, 8th, 7th, 6th, 5th, 4th, 3rd, 2nd, and 1st holes deducting appropriate handicaps.



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12. Code of Conduct

All Members are expected to show respect to Club officials, group captains and course marshals, as well act and play in keeping of the spirit of the game by:

- Acting with integrity by following Rules of the game and applying all penalties and being honest in all aspects of play;
- Showing consideration to others by playing at a prompt pace, looking out for the safety of others, and not distracting play of another player; and
- Take good care of the course by replacing divots, raking bunkers, repairing ball marks, and not causing unnecessary damage to the course.

Violations of Code of Conduct:

- Unsportsmanlike conduct including harassment, discrimination, intimidation, abusive and/or offensive language, club throwing, disrespecting playing partners, group captains, course marshals or Club officials;
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages, cannabis or any illegal substance on the competition course or any designated practice area during the entire competition including smoking and vaping where prohibited;
- Failure to adhere to the dress code policy of the facility;
- Vandalism or abusive behavior at the host, or other hotel/motel or to a host family or their property; and
- Any other conduct unbecoming of a member of Fiji Golf Association during a competition and or club sanctioned events.

Penalties

The Club's Rules and Discipline Committee may assess any or all of the following penalties outlined below which are based on the Rules of Golf by Golf Canada (the "Rules of Golf") if the Rules of golf and/or Tournament Rules are compromised:

- Warning
- One Penalty Stroke
- General Penalty (Two Stroke Penalty)
- Disqualification



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If more serious violation(s) is/are committed, based on the severity and/or frequency of the violation, the penalty could include disqualification and suspension from the Club.

The violation are outlined below and include but not limited to:

- Character Assassination
- Unacceptable Language;
- Abuse of clubs or course;
- Being Disrespectful to Club officials, group captain(s) and/or marshal(s) and/or playing partners.