



Frequently Asked Questions

What is The Golf Channel Amateur Tour Canada?

- Golf Channel Am Tour Canada is most authentic amateur golf tour in the country and welcomes players of all ages and skill levels. We offer more than 60 stroke-play tournaments including 6 Majors each season, all leading to the Canadian National Championships.
- Members from across Canada will compete at some of the top class golf courses such as Jasper Park Lodge, Calbot Links, Osprey Valley, Wolf Creek, Northview, Angus Glen, Glen Abbey, Le Fontainebleau, Hamilton Golf & CC and many more.
- Find your local tour today at www.GCAmTourCanada.com.

Membership Benefits

- Access to any Golf Channel Am Tour Canada event
- 365 day membership
- Fair competition with golfers of your skill level
- Tournament style golf at elite courses
- Compete in any Am Tour Canada tournament across the country
- 8 flights
- Official Golf Canada® Membership and Index service
- Real-time player stats at www.GCAmTourCanada.com
- Free mobile app for iPhone and Android
- Top prizing and trophies
- Opportunity to qualify for 2015 Canadian National Championships
- Membership Pack – GC Am Tour Canada Hat, Performance Towel and, Exclusive Sponsor Discounts - via email
- WestJet discounts to all Majors and National Championship sites.

National Championships

- Golf Channel Am Tour Canada offers an amazing player experience to all qualified competitors. The 2015 Canadian National Championship is taking place at Hamilton Golf & CC.

Who Can join?

- Membership is open to **everyone** who loves to play tournament golf! Am Tour Canada offers 8 flights, including two senior flights, to accommodate for fair and competitive play. Whether you're an accomplished scratch player or a beginner, there's a place for you on Am Tour Canada.

What does membership include and how much does it cost?

- Annual membership is \$149 to join and good for 365 days. It includes the ability to compete in TOUR-style quality, professionally-run golf tournaments in more than 9 cities across Canada. Compete in 60 local tournaments and more than 6 two-day Major Championships. Membership does not include entry fees to individual tournaments which vary based on tournament location, time of year, number of rounds and venue. Membership does not include access US based Am Tour events, majors or National Championships. Please visit www.GCAmTourCanada.com for additional information.

How can I sign up for a membership?

- Sign up online at www.GCAmTourCanada.com or contact your local tour director to learn more.

Once I register, how long does it take to receive my Member Welcome Pack?

- Member Welcome Packs be distributed to players by their local director 6 to 8 weeks after registration. If you experience any issues receiving your items, please contact customer service at support@hi5golf.ca

What does it cost to play in each golf tournament?

- Entry fees for each event vary based on tournament location, time of year, number of rounds and venue. Check your Local Tour schedule for more information at www.gcamtourcanada.com.

Are golf carts included in tournament entry fees?

- Yes, golf carts are included in the price of all tournament entry fees at no additional cost.

I have a question about a tournament – who should I contact?

- Please contact the local tournament director with specific questions about events. Contact information is listed on the "Info" page for each tournament.

When and where are the tournaments held?

- Tournaments in cities across the Canada throughout the year, tournaments take place during the week and weekend days (either on Saturday or Sunday or both). View full schedules at your local tour page on www.GCAmTourCanada.com

How are Am Tour Canada events operated?

- Each Am Tour Canada tournament is designed to provide a quality Tour-style experience and are hosted on the best public and private courses utilizing professional scoring. All players are announced off the first tee and the top finishers in each flight win prizes and trophies. All Am Tour Canada events abide by Golf Canada[®] Rules of Golf including those rules pertaining to amateur status Additional tournament information can be found in the Am Tour Canada Player Handbook available at ww.GCAmTourCanada.com

How many tournaments do I have to play?

- Members can choose to play in as many tournaments as they wish – there are no requirements. However, in order to be eligible for the Canadian National Championship tournament, a player must compete in a minimum of 4 tournament rounds*, 2 of which must be on/after July 1st. The more events you play, the more opportunities you have to earn Order of Merit Points which are used to determine qualification for the Canadian National Championship.*Please note that playing in 4 events does not guarantee a position in the Canadian National Championship, for more information on qualifying for the Canadian National Championship, consult the Player Handbook.

Can I play in tournaments outside my tour?

- Yes, absolutely! Golf Channel Amateur Tour Canada members can compete in any local tournament or major championship across the country. Entries for these events are on a first come, first serve basis. The only tournament that requires eligibility and qualification to play is the Canadian National Championship.

How do I register for tournaments?

- You can register for tournaments via the official Golf Channel Amateur Tour Canada website, www.GCAmTourCanada.com, or by contacting the Local Tour Director in your area.

Does playing on Golf Channel Amateur Tour Canada affect my amateur status?

- No. Golf Channel Amateur Tour Canada conforms to Golf Canada[®] rules regarding Amateur Status, so it will not affect your amateur status.

Are guests allowed to compete in Am Tour Canada Tournaments?

- Non-members, or guests, are allowed to compete in up to 1 local Am Tour Canada event per year, based upon space availability. However, they are not eligible for prizes, winnings, or Order of Merit Points, nor are they eligible to compete in any Majors or the Canadian National Championship. A non-member may join the Tour at any time. Please contact your Local Tour Director to register as a guest

If I have an existing handicap (i.e., GHIN[®], EZLinks, etc.), can I import my scores into the Golf Channel Handicap Service?

- Unfortunately, no. At this time the Am Tour Canada does not have the ability to pull/post scores directly in to Golf Canada[®] site.

What are the tournament rules?

- All Golf Channel Amateur Tour Canada events conform to Golf Canada[®] Rules and are generally individual stroke play events at scratch within each flight. Am Tour Canada Players are initially flighted based on their Golf Canada[®] Handicap Index and are re-flighted monthly based on their Golf Channel Am Tour Canada index to compete only against players in their flight. For a complete listing of tournament rules and all Golf Channel Amateur Tour Canada flights, refer to the [Am Tour Canada Player Handbook](#).

What is a Major Championship and do I need to qualify in order to play in one?

- A major championship is a competitive, 2-day, 36-hole tournament that typically draws registrants from across the country. Players earn double the Order of Merit Points they would find at a local event, and each flight winner, including ties, receive invitations to the Canadian National Championship. Players do not need to qualify for Majors, as they are open to all current and active Am Tour Canada Players. Guests are not allowed to compete in Majors.

What are Order Of Merit points?

- Order of Merit Points are points awarded to tournament players in each flight based on their order of finish. The more events you play, the more opportunities you have to earn Order of Merit Points, which are used to determine qualification for the National Championship. Points carry NO monetary value.

What is the Canadian National Championship and how do I qualify?

- The Canadian National Championship is a 54-hole stroke-play tournament that takes place at the end of the Golf Channel Amateur Tour Canada season and will determine the Canadian National Champions in each player flight. In order to receive an invitation to compete in the National Championship tournament, an Am Tour Canada player must be ELIGIBLE AND QUALIFIED. To become eligible, a player must compete in a minimum of 4 tournament rounds*, 2 of which must be on/after July 1, 2015. A tournament round is designated as a posted 18-hole or 36 hole tournament score. There are many ways a player can become qualified, including winning their flight at a Major tournament, by earning a qualifying number of Order of Merit Points by way of local one day events among other ways.

For a complete listing of National Championship tournament rules and ways to qualify, refer to the Am Tour Canada Player Handbook.

*Please note that playing in 4 events does not guarantee a position in the National Championship.

2015 National Champions (Men's Women's and Men's Senior) are extended and invite to the 2016 Golf Canada® Amateur Championships respectively.

Do women compete on Golf Channel Am Tour Canada?

- Yes. Everyone who loves golf is welcome to sign up and compete on the Golf Channel Amateur Tour. Women play from one tee in front of their similarly-flighted male counterparts.
- The National Championship will have a Women's Flight.
- Golf Canada® also extends an exemption into the following season's Canadian Women's Amateur Championship.