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TOUR POLICIES

1. **Membership Qualification**

Golf Channel Amateur Tour Canada (Am Tour Canada) is wholly owned and operated by Hi5golf Inc, headquartered in Brantford, Ontario Canada and in cooperation with Golf Channel, headquartered in Orlando, Florida USA. Membership to the Am Tour Canada is open to any amateur golfer with a verifiable handicap index. Before you can compete you must have a verifiable Golf Canada ® Index.

2. **Membership Fees**

The cost of an annual membership into the Am Tour Canada is \$149 + taxes for members for the 2015 season. Potential members can sign up for the Tour on the official website at www.GCAmTourCanada.com. Am Tour Canada member benefits include, but are not limited to: the Member Pack and ability to play in any Tour event in Canada, with the exception of Local Tour Championships, which may be closed to Local Tour Members only, and the National Championship, which members must qualify to participate.

3. **Membership Cancellation/Refund**

All Am Tour Canada memberships begin the day a member submits his/her registration for service. Only cancellations made within three (3) days of the initial registration will receive a full refund. After this point, a pro-rated refund will be issued, subtracting a \$100 fee for the Member Pack. Am Tour Canada will not accept returned Member Packs. No Refunds (of membership) will be made after 7 days or after a member has participated in one of our tournaments.

4. **Assumption of Risk and Release from Liability**

By signing or electronically submitting a member application and entering and playing in a Am Tour Canada tournament ("tournament"), the participant understands and agrees that there are certain dangers involved with the participation in a golf tournament, including but not limited to being struck by lightning, getting hit by a golf club, suffering from heat exhaustion, heart attack or injury from uneven terrain, all of for which risks participant assumes and solely accepts, and waives all claims of injury to body or property against Hi5Golf inc or Golf Channel. Further, the participant agrees that while on the premises of a Am Tour Canada tournament, the participant, and any guest, relative or anyone else affiliated with participant, shall be present at their own risk and that Hi5Golf inc or Golf Channel shall not be liable for any claims for injuries or damages whatsoever to person or property of the participant or related person arising out of or in connection with the participation in the tournament or presence at the tournament. Participant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Hi5Golf inc and Golf Channel from all claims by or liability to participant or affiliated person.

5. **Tour Format**

The majority of tournaments are stroke play, gross competition within one's assigned flight. Am Tour Canada play will be governed by the current Rules of Golf as approved by GOLF CANADA®, and modified by the Rules or "Notice to Competitors" sheet prepared by the Am Tour Canada Committee. Other specialized formats, such as match play or best ball, will be played in accordance with GOLF CANADA® rules of golf. Am Tour Canada Officials will be on site at every tournament to handle player registration/check-in, provide assistance, handle scoring/prize pools, monitor the pace of play and make rulings. Any Am Tour Canada Official may assess penalty strokes for rules infractions or slow play subject to review by the Am Tour Canada Committee. All decisions made by the Am Tour Canada Committee shall be final.

6. Flight Placement and Movement

The Am Tour Canada is divided into six separate flights and two divisions (Open and Senior). Seniors are 55 yrs+. Senior flights will be offered at the Senior National Championship but may or may not be available at local events or Majors depending on participation. Any player with an index of 8.0 or higher will fall into the open flight structure.

OPEN FLIGHT		SENIOR FLIGHT	
FLIGHT	INDEX	FLIGHT	INDEX
CHAMPIONSHIP	0-3.9	SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP	0-3.9
PALMER	4.0-7.9	SENIOR PALMER	4.0-7.9
HOGAN	8.0-11.9		
SARAZEN	12.0-15.9		
JONES	16.0-19.9		
SNEAD	20.0+		

Players are flighted initially based upon their lowest and most current Golf Canada® Index. A current Golf Canada® Index includes a minimum of six (6) scores within the past year.

Once a Tour Player has completed at least four (4) rounds on Am Tour Canada, that player will have obtained a Tournament Index, which only factors scores played on the Am Tour Canada. Once obtained, this Tournament Index will be used to coincide with the appropriate flight if it is lower than a player's Golf Canada® Index. Similarly, the Tournament Index may be used to coincide with the appropriate flight if it is higher than a player's GOLF CANADA® Handicap Index, however, this request must originate from the player and in accordance with our policies, procedures, and timing explained below.

Final decisions on re-fighting are solely at the discretion of the Local and National Directors. Please note Am Tour Canada Officials reserves the right to re-flight a player at anytime.

The Tournament Index is calculated by the following:

<u>Number of Acceptable Scores</u>	<u>Differentials to be Used</u>
4	Lowest 3
5	Lowest 4
6	Lowest 5
7 or 8	Lowest 6
9	Lowest 7
10	Lowest 8
11 or 12	Lowest 9

The Am Tour Canada will revise tournament handicap index's on the second of every month.

Special Considerations – Handicapping and Flighting:

- Am Tour Canada reserves the right to promote a player to a better flight at anytime and/or re-flight a player at anytime
- A Tour Player with an established Tournament Index may only play in one flight higher than his/her lowest form of verifiable handicap information (i.e. John Doe has a GOLF CANADA® Index of 6.5 and a Tournament Index of 13.5. Mr. Doe will compete in the Palmer Flight (4.0 - 7.9) or the Hogan Flight (8.0 - 11.9) and not the Sarazen Flight (12.0 - 15.9). This policy is the responsibility of the player and failure to comply may result in immediate re-flighting and/or disqualification, as well as a deduction in points
- If a Player's Tournament Index improves to correspond with a lower flight, he/she will be awarded with a Performance Promotion and notified, promoted, and automatically re-flighted for his/her next event, following the Tournament Index revision/promotion dates which occur on the 2nd of each month. To be eligible for the "Performance Promotion", a player must have had an established Tournament Index for a minimum of one revision
- If a Player's Tournament Index increases more than one full point above the lowest threshold of a higher flight, it is the sole responsibility of the Tour Player to request a flight change. This request must be made to one's Local Director and National Director a minimum of 5 days prior to a local event, and 10 days prior to a Major Championship. Final decisions on re-flighting are solely at the discretion of the National Director.

Special Considerations – Order of Merit & National Championship:

- Tour Players who have had an established Tournament Index and receive a "Performance Promotion" will be qualified for the 2015 National Championship in their newly promoted flight only and will forfeit the qualification if they move to a higher-handicapped flight
- Any player who is promoted to a new flight will have points deducted so that they are placed into a tie for third in their new flight if their points are equal to or higher than 3rd place in the new flight
- Any player who is demoted to a higher-handicapped flight will also have their points deducted so that they are placed into a tie for third place in their new flight if their points are equal to or higher than 3rd place in the new flight
- Any Major Champion during the 2015 season is not eligible to move back to a higher-handicapped flight
- If a player qualifies for the 2015 National Championship via a top-three finish in a Major Championship and moves to a higher handicapped flight, that player will forfeit the qualification status.
- 2015 National Champions will automatically play in the next best flight for the duration of the 2016 season

The following represents examples of player movement to a better flight:

- If a player's Tour Index improves to correspond with a better flight, he/she will be notified and automatically promoted and re-flighted for his/her next event following the Tour's index revision/promotion dates, which occur on the 2nd of every month
- If Player A is in the Palmer Flight and his/her Tournament Index becomes 3.9 or less as of a revision date, that player will be promoted to the Championship Flight
- If Player B is competing in the Hogan Flight and has a valid Tournament Index in the Hogan Flight range, but is found to have a GOLF CANADA® handicap that is lower than 4.0, that player will be automatically promoted to the Palmer Flight

The following represents examples of player movement to a lesser flight:

- A player who is promoted to a better flight based on their Tournament Index will only be considered for re-flighting to their former flight if their Tour Index reaches 1 full point higher than the lowest threshold of the former flight. EX: Johnny Smith is promoted from the Snead Flight to the Jones Flight based off of his Tournament Index of 19.8. Mr. Smith would not be eligible to move back to the Snead Flight until his Tournament Index is 21.0 or higher
- If a Player's Tour Index increases to correspond with a higher flight, it is the sole responsibility of the Player to request a flight change. This request must be made to one's Local Director and Regional Director a minimum of 5 days prior to a local event and 10 days prior to a Major Championship to be considered for re-flighting
- For the 2015 National Championships, any petition by a player to be moved from a flight must be made in writing prior to August 14, 2015 to the National Directors.

7. Senior Flight Placement / Women's Division

Senior flights are for players 55 years of age and older. All tour players who turn 55 years of age before December 31, 2014 have the option to be flighted in the senior division if senior flights are available. A player that qualifies for the National Championship in the Open flight but turns 55 during the season is **not** permitted to play in the Senior Category at the Championship. **ONLY SENIORS WHO TURN 55 ON/BEFORE December 31, 2015 ARE PERMITTED TO COMPETE IN THE SENIOR FLIGHT AT THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.**

If there are 3 or more women in any 1 event, there will be a separate Women's division flight, if there are 6 or more we will look to incorporate a dynamic flight structure based on splitting the divisions to best suit equitable flight structures.

8. On Course Rules

All play will be governed by the current GOLF CANADA® Rules of Golf as set forth by the GOLF CANADA®. The Tournament Committee will provide a "Notice to Competitors" rules sheet containing local rules, and those rules will govern play for that tournament.

9. Spectators and Caddies

Spectators are welcome at all Am Tour Canada tournaments provided the course allows spectators to walk the course and the spectators do not interfere with pace of play. Spectators are the responsibility of the player they are watching and must remain out of play (i.e. cart path, rough, etc) and practice proper golf etiquette at all times.

Caddies are welcome at all Am Tour Canada tournaments provided the course allows caddies to walk the course and the caddies do not interfere with pace of play. Caddies are the responsibility of the associated player and are requested to practice proper golf etiquette. If there is an issue with the behavior of a spectator(s), or caddie(s), the individual(s) will be asked to leave the premises. Per Rule 6.1 of the GOLF CANADA® Rules of Golf, the player incurs the applicable penalty for any breach of a rule by his/her caddie, including unsportsmanlike conduct.

Spectators and/or caddies are not permitted in a player golf cart (exception: A caddie or spectator may ride in a cart to the starting hole and from green to tee. In addition a spectator or caddie may sit in a cart only when it is parked at a tee or at a green). Use of golf carts is for the sole purpose of the players. Any spectator or caddie found riding in a golf cart during play of a stipulated hole competition may result in the immediate disqualification of the player(s) who are associated with the violating spectator(s) and/or caddie(s) at Major Championships and the National Championships.

10. Dress Code

The Am Tour Canada will strictly enforce a tournament dress code with no exceptions. Collared shirts/mock turtle necks are required, and no jeans, denims, jogging outfits, or sweat pants are permitted. When at any Private Club, members are to remove hats while inside the clubhouse; are required to tuck in golf shirts and have a general neat appearance.

Note: Dress Code also applies to Caddies. Caddies are not permitted to wear Golf Shoes. Caddies must wear proper footwear, Sneakers, Running shoes or like.

11. Player Conduct

Players and/or their guest(s) shall conduct themselves in a responsible manner at all times. Any excessive display of anger, vulgar language, club throwing, alcohol abuse, illegal drug use, lack of golfing etiquette or disrespect to a fellow player or any other individual may be grounds for disqualification from any tournament. Am Tour Canada

reserves the right to revoke the membership, without a refund, of any individual at any time for conduct deemed inappropriate or damaging to the Tour.

12. Prizes

For each tournament, a portion of each player's entry fee is used to generate each flight's prize pool. The value of the prize pool at each tournament will be established prior to the tournament and is based on participation. The prize pool may vary slightly the day of the tournament due to late entries or withdrawals. In order to adhere to the GOLF CANADA® Rules of Amateur Status, no single prize awarded will exceed \$1,000.00 in value. Under no circumstances will cash awards be distributed.

13. Trophies

The winner from each flight will receive a trophy, plaque or like item, presented the day of the tournament.

14. Pace of Play Policy

The Am Tour Canada Canada policy leaves the responsibility for maintaining the pace of play where it belongs, with the player. Efficient pace of play is a huge factor of a successful and positive Am Tour Canada Canada experience for all participants in accordance with Rule 6-7 of the GOLF CANADA® Rules of Golf.

Lead Group(s):

The first group(s) must finish their first nine holes within the maximum allotted time established by the committee (typically, this time will be 2 hours 15 minutes). If the lead group finishes over the maximum allotted time after nine holes, each player in the group will be assessed a 2-stroke penalty on their 9th hole.

The first group(s) off each tee must also finish 18 holes within the maximum allotted time established by the committee (typically, this time will be 4 hours 30 minutes). Failure to finish under this maximum allotted time for 18-holes will result in a 2-stroke penalty, which will be assessed to the score on the final hole of play.

Exception:

If the lead group(s) are held up by public play that was sent out before them or that began on the opposite tee, they will be exempt from the pace of play penalty(s) if they finish over their maximum time but within 14 minutes of the group ahead of them

Following Groups:

A 2-stroke penalty will be assessed to any group failing to complete their 9th hole within 14 minutes of the group in front of them AND over their maximum allotted time

A 2-stroke penalty will be assessed to any group failing to complete their 18th hole within 14 minutes of the group in front of them AND over their maximum allotted time

Players are advised of the following:

- Rules officials are not required to notify a player and/or group that they are behind. This is the responsibility of the group and each individual player in that group
- Each group is responsible for monitoring its own pace. Being in position means to be immediately behind the group in front of you.
- As a courtesy to each player, the pace of play policy will be reiterated on the starting hole
- As a courtesy to each player, the **maximum** allotted time will be on your official scorecard
- If a player is penalized three (3) times during the season that player will be suspended from tournament play for a minimum of six (6) months

CONCERNED PLAYERS AND APPEALS

A player concerned about slow player(s) in a group should first remind that player of the pace of play policy and encourage them to play more efficiently. The concerned player may, before or after penalties are assessed, request an Official to monitor the group. If a player is identified as holding up the pace of the group, penalties may be applied to that player and rescinded from the others. Appeals for exceptional situations will be considered only in the scoring area after the completion of the round and prior to the return of a player's scorecard.

15. Inclement Weather

Severe weather-related conditions may delay or suspend play. Such conditions are as follows:

- The safety of the player due to the danger from lighting
- The course being deemed unplayable (as determined by the host course)

If such inclement weather is present, every effort will be made by the tournament committee to complete the full number of holes. If play is delayed, all players should remain on property at the host facility and await official announcements from the tournament committee.

If the course remains unplayable and/or lighting is present, and as the last option, the following may result in an official tournament:

- 18-hole (local) events may become official and shortened. If a minimum of 9-holes is not possible, local events may be rescheduled
- 36-hole Major Championships may become official and shortened to an 18-hole tournament
- 54-hole Duel in the Desert may become official and shortened to an 18-hole tournament
- 72-hole National Championship may become official and shortened to a 18-hole tournament

While the tournament committee will do everything possible to complete the full number of holes, there will be no refunds should inclement weather shorten the events.

16. Member Packs

Member Packs will be distributed directly to the Tour Player by their Local Tournament Director at their first Tour Event for the 2015 season. If the Member Pack is not received, players are encouraged to contact Am Tour Canada Support at Support@hi5golf.ca.

17. Miscellaneous

The policies and regulations of Am Tour Canada are subject to revision.

All Tour Players in Am Tour Canada tournaments are deemed to be familiar with these policies and regulations, as well as the GOLF CANADA® Rules of Golf and agree to abide by them. Failure to comply with the aforementioned policies and regulations could result in penalties, suspension or expulsion from the Am Tour Canada or a tournament.

TOURNAMENT POLICIES

1. **Tournament Registration**

Only Tour Players may participate in Am Tour Canada tournaments, with the exception that guests may participate in up to one (1) tournaments per year, but are not eligible for Order of Merit Points, prizing or trophies.

Tour Players can register online for local, Major and National Championships at www.GCAmTourCanada.com. Events may have a limitation on the number of entries, and therefore each event will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Tour Players are encouraged not to wait until the entry deadline as any event may sell-out well in advance of the entry deadline.

Entry fees typically include all green fees, cart fees, range balls, scoring, prize fund, and trophies. Taxes and convenience fees apply.

2. **Tournament Application and Payment Policy**

It is the responsibility of the Tour Player to submit the required entry fee for each tournament prior to the entry deadline as payment will secure a position in the tournament field. Entry fee payments should be made via the Tour website using a credit card. It will be assumed that a Tour Player is not participating in a Tournament if the entry fee is not submitted on time. For all Major Championships and National Championships, a credit card must be paid prior to the closing of the entry deadline. Cash and cheques payments will NOT be permitted to secure a position in any Local, Major or National event.

3. **Cancellations and No Shows**

Withdrawal from any tournament must be done in accordance with the posted tournament cancellation policy. If a Tour Player withdraws prior to the tournament he or she is subject to a cancellation fee.

Any Tour Canada Player that has registered for an event and does not show will forfeit his/her registration fee and may have his/her player privileges revoked for future events.

4. **Tournament Flight Guidelines**

Each tournament field will vary in its size. It is up to the Local Tour Director to determine if there is enough interest to offer Senior flights at the local level. Senior flights will be offered at all Major and National Championships, provided there are at least 6 players within the flight.

While a Tour Player may have played a tournament in a flight lower than their flight, the Order of Merit Points will accrue to their assigned flight. This is the same for Senior flights; if a Senior plays in an Open flight due to a small number of Senior players, the Order of Merit Points awarded will carry over to his/her Senior flight. For example: If John Smith, a 55 year old Senior Hogan player, plays in the Open Hogan flight and comes in second place, earning 125 Order of Merit Points, those points will count toward his Senior Hogan flight points.

5. **Tournament Format**

With the exception of the Majors and the National Championships, most tournaments are 18-hole stroke play events. At the discretion of the Local Tour Director or National Director, a local or Major tournament may utilize an alternate scoring system. All tournaments are scratch or gross score within each flight. There is no net scoring and under no circumstances are players to receive strokes.

6. Tournament Payout Schedule

Local Tournament Payout Schedule – Single Day 18-hole Tournament

<u># of Players in Flight</u>	<u># Places to Payout</u>	<u>Minimum Payout for Flight</u>	<u># of Players in Flight</u>	<u># Places to Payout</u>	<u>Minimum Payout for Flight</u>
3	1	\$60.00	22	6	\$440.00
4	1	\$80.00	23	6	\$460.00
5	1	\$100.00	24	6	\$480.00
6	2	\$120.00	25	6	\$500.00
7	2	\$140.00	26	7	\$520.00
8	2	\$160.00	27	7	\$540.00
9	2	\$180.00	28	7	\$560.00
10	3	\$200.00	29	7	\$580.00
11	3	\$220.00	30	8	\$600.00
12	3	\$240.00	31	8	\$620.00
13	3	\$260.00	32	8	\$640.00
14	4	\$280.00	33	8	\$660.00
15	4	\$300.00	34	9	\$680.00
16	4	\$320.00	35	9	\$700.00
17	4	\$340.00	36	9	\$720.00
18	5	\$360.00	37	9	\$740.00
19	5	\$380.00	38	10	\$760.00
20	5	\$400.00	39	10	\$780.00
21	5	\$420.00	40	10	\$800.00

**All payouts are in the form of a gift card in accordance to the GOLF CANADA® Rules of Amateur Status*

**Minimum Amount Contributed Per Player is \$20*

**Paying out 25% of field, rounding upwards, per flight*

7. Starting Times

Tournaments will typically utilize starting times (straight or split tee) with occasional shotguns (depending on the course and field size). Pairings will be available on the Am Tour Canada website prior to the event and emailed to all tournament players. Pairings are subject to change anytime prior to the event. If an individual starting time has been changed, the Tournament Director will notify that individual of the change.

8. Check-In and Starting

For all local Am Tour Canada tournaments, Tour Players must check in on site at least 30 minutes prior to the assigned starting times and be at their starting point at least 10 minutes prior to their assigned starting time. For Majors and National Championships, all Tour Players are required to check in during the posted registration times and be at their starting point at least 10 minutes prior to their assigned starting time.

If a player arrives at their starting hole at the starting time that player is deemed to be late to the tee and incurs a penalty of 2-strokes. A player will be disqualified if they arrive at their starting hole five or more minutes after their starting time.

9. Tees

Below is a breakdown of the average yardages typically used, by flight, on Tour (based on course/flight availability):

Flight	Open Yards	Senior Yards	Ladies Yards
Championship	6500-7000	6000-6600	5800-6300
Palmer	6500-7000	6000-6600	5800-6300
Hogan	6000-6600	6000-6600	5400-6000
Sarazen	6000-6600	5800-6300	5400-6000
Jones	5800-6300	5800-6300	4800-5300
Snead	5800-6300	5800-6300	4800-5300

The yardage will vary depending on the course teeing grounds, slope and rating. Am Tour Canada will attempt to provide every golfer with an opportunity to participate under the most competitive tournament set-ups possible.

When flights are combined (Open with Senior), players will compete from the tee yardages from the flight that has the majority of the players (i.e. 2 players in the Sarazen flight and 4 players in the Senior Sarazen flight – there will be one combined Sarazen flight with all 6 players playing from the Senior Sarazen tee yardages) At Majors and when there are enough Senior players to field their own flight, the Seniors will play from their own yardages set by the National Director and Local Tour Director.

10. Scorekeeping and Scorecards

Players must exchange their scorecards with another player in the group. A separate area (tear-off strip at the bottom of card) is provided to allow each player to keep his/her own score. Each player and marker must sign the scorecard in the designated area on the card attesting that each hole score is correct. At the end of the round, the tear-off strip should be used to check the accuracy of one's own official card. Each player must sign his/her card and each "marker" must sign his/her card as well.

Immediately upon conclusion of the tournament round, each player in the group should proceed to the designated scoring area collectively. At the scoring area, Tour Players will exchange cards, bring up any rulings to the tournament committee, and thoroughly check the accuracy of the scorecard at the designated scoring area. Once signed, the group will turn in their scorecards collectively and may depart from the scoring area. Any player who is tardy to the designated scoring area by more than 10 minutes after completion of round may be disqualified.

Each player is responsible for the correctness of his/her scorecard even though a fellow competitor will be marking the scores on each hole. Players, though, are only responsible for the score on *each hole* and not the total score. If a player signs for an incorrect scorecard with a lower score on a hole than they actually shot, that player will be disqualified per rule 6-6d

In an effort to equitably resolve any scoring disputes all players in a pairing should submit their scorecards at the **same time** to the scorer's area **immediately upon completion of play** and each player should be available for a reasonable amount of time afterwards to answer questions by the Tournament Committee in the event that a ruling is required. Any protests need to be made to the Tournament Committee as soon as possible after an incident occurs so that a proper ruling can be made in a timely fashion. **Competition in each flight is deemed to have closed when the trophy has been presented to the champion.**

11. Results and Order of Merit Points

The Order of Merit is designed to qualify players for the National and Sr. National Championships. Points will be awarded in each flight based on the order of finish. Points will be awarded as follows:

**LOCAL TOURNAMENT
ORDER OF MERIT POINT DISTRIBUTION**

		NUMBER OF TOUR PLAYERS IN FLIGHT									
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11+
FINISHING POSITION	1st	65	75	85	95	105	115	125	135	145	175
	2nd	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	125
	3rd		30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	100
	4th			30	40	50	60	70	80	90	90
	5th				30	40	50	60	70	80	80
	6th					30	40	50	60	70	70
	7th						30	40	50	60	60
	8th							30	40	50	50
	9th								30	40	40
	10th									30	30
	11th +										20

If there are 10 tour players or fewer in a flight, the Order of Merit Points will be totaled from the bottom up. For example: In a flight with fewer than 10 tour players, the last place finisher in the flight will receive 30 points, second to last will receive 40 points and so on up the schedule of points, with the flight winner earning a 25 point bonus.

Tour Players may compete in as many tournaments as they choose, however, only the best 10 finishes will count for the Order of Merit standings. For example, Tour Player A plays in 15 tournaments of 11+ players and finishes in 3rd place each time (15 tournaments x 100 points). Tour Player A will have accrued 1,500 total points, but his total for the Order of Merit would be 1,000 points (10 x 100 is 1,000 points).

12. Determination of Tied Scores

For all **first place ties** in flight, there will be an on-course playoff (course/weather/daylight permitting along with course availability). The playoff will continue until a player records a lower score than the other(s) on a particular hole (sudden death). If an on-course playoff is not possible, a scorecard playoff will take place using the cumulative score of the back nine (#10 - #18), then the last 6 holes (#13 - #18), then the last 3 holes (#16 - #18). If the players are still tied after matching the final 3 hole scores, then it goes to the #1 handicap hole on the back nine (#10 - #18) then to the #2 handicap hole on the back nine (#10 - #18) until a winner is determined. For 36-hole events, the scorecard playoff will start with the final round score and work down, if necessary, according to the above schedule.

For awarding **Order of Merit Points** in the event of a tie, the Tournament Director will add up all points for the tied places and divide by the number of players tied for the spot. The tied players will then be awarded the same number of points. For example: If there are 3 players tied for 2nd place in an 11+ player flight, points of 125, 100 and 90 will be added and divided by 3, with each player to receive 105 points. Because a first place winner is always determined with a playoff or scorecard playoff, the sole winner of first place will be entitled to first place points. The player that loses the playoff will receive second place points.

13. Distance Measuring Devices

Distance measuring devices are allowed at all tournaments as long as the device does not measure slope, grade or wind.

14. Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

Cell Phones may be used only if doing so does not unduly delay play, cell phones must be on silent at all times. In the spirit of competition, cell phone usage during competition is discouraged. A player should be respectful of their fellow competitors. The device may only be used to make phone calls in emergency situations.

15. Guest Policy

Guests are always welcome to play in any local Am Tour Canada tournament on a space available basis by contacting the Local Tour Director and are subject to the same registration deadlines and fees. Every effort will be made to accommodate a guest whenever possible. Guests are limited to one (1) tournament per Am Tour Canada season and are **not eligible for trophies, prize fund, or Order of Merit Points**. Guests are not allowed to compete in the Majors or National Championship tournaments.

16. Major Championships

A Major Championship is a multi-day tournament that typically includes Tour Players from all across the country. Majors award double Order of Merit Points. The top three finishers and ties in each flight at a Major Championship automatically qualify for the Am Tour Canada National Championships. However, the Tour policy regarding minimum playing requirements must be attained (see reference #18 below) in order to be eligible for National Championships.

17. National Championship

The National Championship is a 54-hole stroke play championship. Qualifiers from all across the country will compete for a place in Am Tour Canada history and the honor of becoming the National Champion in their respective flight.

18. National Championship Qualifying

Each flight, per local Tour, may qualify up to 33% of their Tour Players. Tour Players who have qualified through a Major Championship will not count against a Tour's % allotment. In order to receive an invitation to compete in the National Championships, a player must be both "Eligible" and "Qualified":

Eligibility

A Tour Player becomes eligible for the National Championships by completing in a minimum of four (4) tournaments on the Am Tour Canada Canada with the following restriction:

- A) Two (2) of the tournaments must come on/after July 1, 2015
A tournament is considered a posted 18-hole or 36-hole tournament score

Qualified Players

The following is how players can qualify for the 2015 National Championships in order of priority:

- 1) Flight Winners from a 2015 Major Championship
- 2) Any 3-time local tournament winner from the 2015 season (non-major) (min flight size required = 3 players)
- 3) Any player who earns a Performance Promotion during the 2015 season and remains in the promoted flight
- 4) Top three, not exempt in another category, from the 2015 Order of Merit
- 5) Top 33% of each flight per Tour

Qualifiers for the Senior and National Championship must be a member in good standing with Am Tour Canada Canada. A position in the field is not guaranteed and is limited to the first 153 per Championship.

19. Tour Contact Information

Any questions or comments on the Player Handbook should be submitted to the Local Tour Director or the National Directors. Local Tour Director contact information may be found on each province's Tour page at www.GCAmTourCanada.com.

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