



2020 RBC CANADIAN OPEN QUALIFYING

ELIGIBILITY:

The RBC Canadian Open qualifying competition is open to:

1. Members in good standing of the PGA of Canada or other PGA affiliates.
2. Amateur golfers who are members of Golf Canada or in good standing with their respective association. Handicap Index **must not exceed 2.0** on the date of the application filing and must be within the Handicap Index requirements at the entry deadline. **It is the player's responsibility to inform Golf Canada of any change to his Handicap Index before the entry deadline.**
3. Other golf professionals.

QUALIFYING FORMAT:

Golf Canada will conduct a two-stage qualifying procedure for the 2020 RBC Canadian Open.

Regional Qualifying Competitions: 18 holes stroke play with the low qualifier at each site receiving an exemption directly into the 2020 RBC Canadian Open field, provided a minimum of 100 competitors participate at each site. The top 15% of finishers, beyond the low qualifier, at each regional qualifying competition are eligible to compete at Final Qualifying.

Final Qualifying: Available to those exempt or who have qualified through regional qualifying. 18 holes stroke play, with a minimum of 4 spots directly into the 2020 RBC Canadian Open field.

***Note:** Golf Canada reserves the right to reduce or add to the number of qualifying spots available from regional qualifying competitions due to the quality or size of each field.*

EXEMPTIONS INTO FINAL QUALIFYING:

- a) PGA TOUR members (not otherwise exempt)
- b) Canadians in the Top 70 and ties of the 2019 RBC Canadian Open (not otherwise exempt)
- c) Current Members of the Golf Canada National Amateur Squad and Junior Squad (not otherwise exempt)
- d) Current members of the Golf Canada Young Pro Squad (not otherwise exempt)
- e) Top 15 players on the Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada Order of Merit (at the conclusion of the event preceding the RBC Canadian Open)
- f) Top 5 players on the PGA of Canada Order of Merit
- g) Top player on the Great Lakes Golf Tour Order of Merit (following the event preceding the RBC Canadian Open)
- h) Other competitors at the sole discretion of Golf Canada

REGIONAL QUALIFYING:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ENTRY DEADLINE</u>
May 14	TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley (North)	Caledon, Ontario	May 11
May 19	Meadow Gardens Golf Club	Pitt Meadows, British Columbia	May 15
May 21	Club de golf Pinegrove	Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Québec	May 18

FINAL QUALIFYING:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ENTRY DEADLINE</u>
June 8	Oakdale Golf & Country Club	Toronto, Ontario	June 5

***Note:** Entry Deadlines are as of 5:00 pm (EDT) on the day listed*

** For exempt players not competing in regional qualifying AND players that finished in the top 15% at regional qualifying, Golf Canada must receive your application to play by 5:00 pm (EDT) on June 5.*

PERFORMANCE IN QUALIFYING

If a player fails to return a score within 10 strokes of the final qualifying score, an entry filed by him for a future RBC Canadian Open Qualifying Competitions may be declined, unless the player can document that he is capable of competing at the national championship level. 2019 RBC Canadian Open Qualifying scores will be taken into account for the 2020 RBC Canadian Open Qualifying field. Those posting a score higher than 10 strokes in 2019 will not be entered into the field until after the closing date at which time if playing spots are available preference will be given to the best finishers from 2019 RBC Canadian Open Qualifying.

ENTRY FEE/DEADLINE PROCEDURE:

- Entry fee is \$250 including GST (CDN or U.S. funds). Funds are payable by credit card and must accompany the online application form.
- The first 144 entries received for each Regional Qualifying Competition on or before 5:00 pm on the entry deadline will be accepted. The field will be posted at www.rbccanadianopen.com, and players will be notified by email of their status, following the entry deadline.
- Entry fees will not be refunded after the entry deadline date. Late entries will not be accepted.
- All entries are subject to the approval of Golf Canada. Golf Canada will acknowledge each entry.
- Starting times will be established by Golf Canada and will be posted at www.rbccanadianopen.com, within three (3) days of the competition.

Note: Entry fee (\$250 CAD or USD) is subject to \$50 non-refundable administration charge.

CADDIES

1. Caddies may be used in this tournament. Players may employ their own caddie, or caddies may be arranged through the host club. Players wanting to employ a host club caddie should contact the club directly.
2. Caddies must adhere to the Golf Canada Dress Code. Upon acceptance into the championship each player will be sent a copy of the Golf Canada Dress Code.
3. Smooth rubber sole shoes are required. Sandals, open toe shoes, and golf shoes with traditional metal or soft spikes are prohibited. Violation of this condition may result in the DISQUALIFICATION of the competitor.

RULES OF GOLF; CLOSE OF COMPETITION; CONFORMING GOLF BALLS; CONFORMING DRIVERS

1. Golf Canada Rules of Golf will govern all play. The Golf Canada Tournament Rules Committee shall have the final decision on all claims and disputes. The competition is deemed to have closed when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee.
2. Only brands of golf balls on the most current List of Conforming Golf Balls may be used.
3. Any driver selected for play must have a clubhead that is listed on the most current List of Conforming Driver Heads.

TRANSPORTATION

Golf Canada will evaluate each individual request to use motorized transportation in Golf Canada Championships or qualifying rounds due to a claimed disability. In order for Golf Canada to properly evaluate such requests, it is necessary to submit medical documentation setting forth the exact nature of the disability and how that disability prevents such player from walking during a stipulated round. In addition, players will have to submit sufficient information to enable Golf Canada to determine that providing a cart would not provide a player with an advantage over other players. Please visit www.golfcanada.ca/policies to download via Adobe Acrobat Reader a copy of the [Golf Canada's Transportation Request Form](#), which **each player seeking a golf cart for himself due to a disability must complete and submit to Golf Canada with the original entry form prior to the applicable closing date.**

CODE OF CONDUCT, DRESS CODE AND FOOTWEAR

Golf Canada's Player Code of Conduct, Spectator & Parent Code of Conduct and Dress Code are in effect during the entire Championship. Violations will be dealt with based on the severity of the misconduct. If you have any questions, please consult with a Golf Canada Tournament Official. Competitors must adhere to the Golf Canada Dress Code, except that players may wear shoes with traditionally designed spikes on the day of the qualifier (not during any practice rounds). All competition policies are available at <https://golfcanada.ca/about-us/#golf-canada-competition-policies>.

ANTI-DOPING POLICY

Golf Canada has adopted the Canadian Anti-Doping Program set by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport. For further information please visit <http://www.cces.ca>.

GROOVE SPECIFICATIONS FOR OPEN/EVENT QUALIFYING

The PGA TOUR has adopted the **new groove policy** as a condition of competition as of January 1, 2010. All qualifier participants must comply with the new policy. The complete technical specifications can be found in the Test Protocols For Equipment section at www.usga.org.

Open/Event Qualifying contestants on the PGA TOUR, Champions Tour, and Nationwide Tour **MUST** use equipment which conforms to the 2010 Condition of Competition for Groove Specifications as implemented on the Local Rules and Conditions of Competition (Hard Card) for each respective tour. This condition shall **NOT** apply to Pre-Qualifying on the PGA TOUR and Champions Tour. The complete specifications for grooves in elite competitions along with a public database listing conformity of many clubs can be found at USGA.org or by contacting the USGA Equipment Standards Department at (908) 234-2300. Players should confirm that their equipment conforms to the new specifications well in advance of the competition and should be aware that conforming equipment must be used in Open Qualifying, even if a player is successful in pre-qualifying with non-2010 conforming grooves.

If, before or during the competition, a player has doubt as to the conformity of a club, PGA Section officials will attempt to determine the status of the club(s), but play will not be delayed in doing so. There will be no on-site field testing for groove conformity at Open Qualifying. In the event conformity is still in question and this affects which players advance through the qualifying, the club(s) will be taken to the tournament site for testing. Should the player be disqualified as a result of the test, the Open Qualifying spot(s) will be replaced by the next player(s) on the PGA TOUR alternate list.