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The Alberta 55 plus Games and all sanctioned ALBERTA 55 PLUS events will follow the rules as outlined by the **Royal Canadian Golf Association**. These rules are available from any affiliated golf course or by searching www.rcga.org or by contacting:

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Age Categories/Events

Age groups, events and competition procedures for an Alberta 55 plus Games are specified in the current Activity Information Book. To allow for more equal competition, any participant 5+ years older than the current eldest age category may be given the option of using the forward tees.

General Overview

- a) Each Zone Playoff shall host a **minimum** of one 18 hole competition to go on to the Zone playoff.
- b) At the Provincial Games, medals will be awarded on the basis of 36 holes, singles competition; (18 holes on each of 2 days).

At the Provincial Games, winners of the Low Gross competitions will be declared according to combined two-day low gross scores. In the event that two or more players are tied, extra holes will be played until tie is broken (sudden death).

Winners of the Callaway competitions will be declared according to combined two-day Callaway based handicap scores. In the event that two or more players are tied, the player with the lowest total handicap (two-day combined) will be declared winner.

- c) No coaches or caddies are allowed on course during competition.
- d) Slow play rules will apply; course marshals will monitor slow play. At the Provincial Games, participants will be required to use power carts.

OFFICIAL CALLAWAY HANDICAP SYSTEM

Under the Callaway system a player's handicap is determined after each round by deducting from his gross score for eighteen holes, *some of* the worst individual score(s) he makes during sixteen holes (*in accordance with the chart below*). Note: In determining his total (**gross**) score, the golfer will use the actual total score that he received on the hole (even if it is more than double the par value of the hole).

NOTE: When calculating the Callaway handicap: no “worst” hole to be deducted more than twice its par (ie. maximum deduction on a par 3 = 6; maximum deduction on a par 4 = 8; maximum deduction on a par 5 = 10). The table below shows the number of “worst holes” he may deduct and the adjustment to be made, based on his total (gross) score. Refer also to Sample, below.

		70	71	72	Scratch No Adjustment
73	74	75			1/2 worst hole & Adjustment
76	77	78	79	80	1 worst hole & Adjustment
81	82	83	84	85	1 1/2 worst holes & Adjustment
86	87	88	89	90	2 worst holes & Adjustment
91	92	93	94	95	2 1/2 worst holes & Adjustment
96	97	98	99	100	3 worst holes & Adjustment
101	102	103	104	105	3 1/2 worst holes & Adjustment
106	107	108	109	110	4 worst holes & Adjustment
111	112	113	114	115	4 1/2 worst holes & Adjustment
116	117	118	119	120	5 worst holes & Adjustment
121	122	123	124	125	5 1/2 worst holes & Adjustment
126	127	128	129	130	6 worst holes & Adjustment (this is the limit)
					Maximum Handicap = 50

Adjustment Chart (add to or deduct from Handicap)

-2	-1	0	+1	+2
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Notes

1. When calculating handicap, no “worst” hole to be deducted more than twice its par.
2. Half strokes count as a whole (half of 7 is 3 1/2, count 4).
3. Two random (hidden) holes will be selected as those not to be included in deductions for worst holes (instead of 17 and 18) - 2003 revision.
4. In case of ties for net, lowest **final handicap** takes preference. When both Net and Handicap are tied, apply Handicap to 17 hole total, or the 16 or 15 hole total until tie is broken.

SAMPLE: (Note hidden holes are #4 and #11, i.e. these holes cannot be deducted as worst holes)

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOTAL	HANDICAP	NET
PAR	4	3	5	3	4	4	5	3	4	35	4	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	4	35	70	-	-
PLAYER	6	5	9	5	4	5	6	4	8	52	4	10	7	11	5	9	4	6	6	62	114	38	76

With 114 Gross Score: from Table use 4 1/2 Worst +1 (Adjustment)

First Worst Hole	11	Hole 13	Par 4	Use 2 x 4	=	8
Second Worst Hole	9	Hole 3	Par 5	Use	=	9
Third Worst Hole	9	Hole 15	Par 5	Use	=	9
Fourth Worst Hole	8	Hole 9	Par 4	Use	=	8
Fifth Worst Hole (1/2)	7	Hole 12	Par 3	Use 2 x 3	= 6 x 1/2 =	3
						TOTAL 37 + 1 = 38 HANDICAP

Note: Although Hole 11 was actually the second worst hole with a score of 10, it is a hidden hole in this case and cannot be used. (The other hidden hole in this example is Hole 4, which was not required for a deduction)

Alberta 55 Plus Summer Provincials Callaway Golf Handicapping System

1. Download the Callaway scoring system off of the internet.
Go to the following website: www.golfclub.com.au/callaway.html
2. Click on:
[Click here to Download a free copy of Callaway Handicapping - .EXE executable file](#)
3. A pop up comes on your screen:
“Do you want to run or save this file?”
Click on the “Save” button.
It should take about 1 minute depending on the speed of your computer.
4. A pop up window comes up saying “Download is complete”.
Click “Close”.
5. Once you have downloaded the program, you have to register it so that you will be able to use the program multiple times. They do give you one free use of 18 holes for 8 players which will probably not be enough for a zone playoff. Alberta 55 plus has paid to register this program for all Alberta 55 plus Summer Provincials and associated playoffs.
 - Click on the “Callaway Handicapping System” icon.
 - Click on the “Options” button on the bottom icon row.
 - Click on the middle tab “Registration”
Type in the following in the “Registration Name” space: **Dave Turnbull**
Type in the following in the “Activation Code” space: **3709939638** The
“Valid Code” should switch to a green “YES”
 - The program is now ready to enter course, competition and player information for the tournament you wish to run.
6. Enter course information:
 - Click on the “Courses” tab at the top of the screen.
 - Enter name of course; i.e. “Olds Central Highlands”
 - Enter the par for each hole off of a scorecard for that course.
You may enter the yardage by clicking “Meters” but is not necessary.
 - Leave the 6 “Handicap Options” windows at their defaults since we play as the program has been set-up. Two hidden holes come up automatically (hole 17 and 18) and are in blue. According to Alberta 55 plus rules these can be changed to any holes but should not be a par 3.
 - To change the hidden holes from hole 17 and 18, right click on the par of the holes you wish to be the hidden holes. Also right click on 17 and 18 to take them off as the hidden holes. **IMPORTANT:** The hidden holes will be indicated by the par value of that hole showing in blue as opposed to white.
 - Click the “Save” button on the bottom toolbar.

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- 7. Enter competition information:
 - Click on the “Competitions” tab at the top of the screen.
You will need to set up 6 separate competitions individually in the “Setup Competition Name” window:
 - 55 + Ladies
 - 55 + Men’s
 - 65 + Ladies
 - 65+ Men’s
 - 75 + Ladies
 - 75 + Men’s
 - Set the date of each of the competitions and if you have more than 1 course entered, you will have to click on the appropriate course for each competition.
 - Click the “Save” button on the bottom toolbar after each competition.
- 8. Enter player information:
 - Click on the “Players” tab at the top of the screen.
 - Click the down arrow on the competition window to select the proper competition.
 - In the “Player Details” section, click in the “Last Name” box and type player’s last name. Press the “Tab” key to shift to the “First Name” window and type the player’s first name.
 - The “Group” window is optional as are the gender icons. The gender and ‘Group’ do show up as columns on the reports but are not relevant information for this competition.
 - Click the “Save” button on the bottom toolbar after each name has been entered.
- 9. Upon the completion of the competition, individual hole scores can be entered and a final handicap, and net score will be determined.
 - Click on the “Players” tab at the top of the screen.
 - Click the down arrow on the competition window to select the proper competition.
 - Click on the players name in which you would like to enter the hole scores.
 - Click under hole # 1 in the “Strokes” column. Enter the actual number of strokes taken. There is no need to press the “Tab” key after each score is entered. The program makes any adjustments to the score that is needed [i.e. shooting a 9 on a par 4...adjusted score shows an 8 (max. is double par) but a 9 stays in the stroke column to determine gross score.] Once the 18th hole score is entered, the Gross, Adj. Gross, Handicap and Net score are all tabulated.
 - Click the “Save” button to save and move on to the next player.

10. Once all scores are entered, you may view or print reports that show standings.
- Click on the “Players” tab at the top of the screen.
 - Click the down arrow on the competition window to select the proper competition.

11. Click the “Reports” button on the bottom toolbar.
You then have some options to sort by to show your report.
I recommend sort by “Net Score” and then by “Handicap”.
This will give you the standings in order you need for the 55 Plus Games.

When setting up this program, keep in mind you will need to set it up on a computer that is portable so that you can enter scores at the course.

If you want to print the reports at the course, you will need to take a printer with you or be able to hook up to a printer at the course.

Another option to toting a printer around is to handwrite the results from the report on to a big score sheet at the course.