
GOLF RULES

AGE GROUPS / EVENTS

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.

Age	Events	Participants Advancing to Provincial Games
55+	Ladies – Calloway	1 per Zone
55+	Men – Calloway	1 per Zone
65+	Ladies – Calloway	1 per Zone
65+	Men – Calloway	1 per Zone
75+	Ladies – Calloway	1 per Zone
75+	Men – Calloway	1 per Zone
80+	Ladies – Calloway	1 per Zone
80+	Men – Calloway	1 per Zone
85+	Ladies – Calloway	1 per Zone
85+	Men – Calloway	1 per Zone
55+	Ladies – Low Gross	1 per Zone
55+	Men – Low Gross	1 per Zone
65+	Ladies – Low Gross	1 per Zone
65+	Men – Low Gross	1 per Zone
75+	Ladies – Low Gross	1 per Zone
75+	Men – Low Gross	1 per Zone
80+	Ladies – Low Gross	1 per Zone
80+	Men – Low Gross	1 per Zone
85+	Ladies – Low Gross	1 per Zone
85+	Men – Low Gross	1 per Zone
TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS PER ZONE = 20		

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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General Overview

- a) Each Zone Playoff shall host a **minimum** of one 18-hole competition playoff.
- b) At the Provincial Games, medals will be awarded on the basis of 36

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 scores. In the event that two or more players are tied, the player with the lowest total (two-day combined) will be declared winner.

- a. No coaches or caddies are allowed on course during competition.
- b. 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	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	IN	TOT AL	HA NDI - CA P	N E T
PAR	4	3	5	3	4	4	5	3	4	35	4	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	4	3	70	-	-
PLAY ER	6	5	9	5	4	5	6	4	8	52	4	1	7	1	5	9	4	6	6	6	114	38	7 6

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 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)