



Tournament Standards for National Order of Merit Counting Events

Recommendations for Provincial Championships and National Junior Tours (NJT):

After careful review by the National Order of Merit Review Committee during the 2016 golf season, Golf Canada proposes the following procedures and policies for Provincial Golf Championships and National Junior Tours to abide by in order to receive consideration for exemptions into Golf Canada events and consideration to receive Golf Canada National Order of Merit ranking points.

Definitions

JCP = Junior Competitive Pathway

PA = Provincial Golf Association(s)

NJT = National Junior Tour

GC = Golf Canada

MJT = Maple Leaf Junior Tour

CJGA = Canadian Junior Golf Association

Below is the list of recommendations that must be implemented in order for events to be eligible for Golf Canada National Order of Merit ranking points and exemptions in to Golf Canada amateur and junior championships. Golf Canada's Amateur Competitions Committee reviews all championship exemptions on an annual basis and will determine exemptions based on event strength.

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1. As part of the agreement and for clarity of the competitive pathway, amateur and junior golfers must meet the following prerequisites to be eligible to earn Golf Canada National Order of Merit ranking points.
 - a. Must be a member in good standing with your respective provincial golf association and Golf Canada.
 - b. Must be a Canadian citizen (possessing a Canadian Passport) or a permanent resident living in Canada.

2. All Provincial Championships and National Junior Tours (NJT) must adhere to the Golf Canada '**Age Eligibility**' and '**Age Division**' standards.

Age Categories

Amateur – 19+

Junior - 18 years and under (U19)

Juvenile - 16 years and under (U17)

Age Eligibility

N/A

Age as of August 1st of calendar year

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3. Course Setup

All Provincial Championships and NJT must subscribe to the following 'LTPD recommended yardages' for each age category **as closely as possible** given tournament course (18 holes):

Amateur (Train to Compete)	Mens – 6700-7200 yards	Womens – 5900-6400 yards
Junior (Learn to Compete)	Boys - 6500-7000 yards	Girls - 5600-6000 yards
Juvenile (Intro to Comp.)	Boys – 5600-6600 yards	Girls – 5200-6000 yards

*Official yardage played with course rating and slope must be visible on tournament page and on results webpage or results submission form.

4. Recommended Conditions of Play

Pace of Play Policy implemented at ALL tournament rounds for ALL Provincial Championships and NJT events. A copy of pace of play policy to be submitted with Golf Canada / Provincial Golf Association / NJT M.O.U. Amateur and Junior events must be a minimum of 36-holes to be considered for National Order of Merit points.

Stipulated rounds of less than 36- holes would not be eligible for consideration of National Order of Merit points in the Junior category

*Events shortened (eg. 36 holes down to 18 holes) due to inclement weather will still count for National Order of Merit points.

5. Recognized events on the Golf Canada National Order of Merit (Amateur & Junior)

ALL Provincial Championships and NJT events recognized on the Golf Canada National Order of Merit must be individual stroke or match play events and be identified as such during the application process.

No team event with "team play" formats (i.e. best ball, alternate shot, etc.) will be recognized as a 'point-earning' event.

6. Rules Officials

ALL Provincial Championships and NJT events must have (at least) 1 on-site Rules Official that is certified at Level 2 or above. Rules Official requirements will increase based on ranking point value categories as follows:

- Events with a starting point value of 2000 or more points must have a Rules Official with rules certification of Level 3 or higher.
- Events with a starting point value of 1000 or less points must have a Rules Official with rules certification of Level 2.5 or higher. *Note: Level 2 will suffice until Level 2.5 is available*

7. Spectator & Parent Policy

ALL Provincial and NJT events will implement the Golf Canada Spectator / Parent Policy (or similar policies) to spectators and family members at a tournament (must include 20-yard rule). Provincial Golf Associations and NJTs will agree to disseminate all information



to spectators and parents of players prior to the start of the competitive golf season and/or events. This includes providing clarity on ball search parameters.

8. Scoring Policies

ALL Provincial Championship and NJT events must provide and administer “Individual Official Scorecards” for each event to each participant to be used to score for playing partners. It is the responsibility of the Provincial Golf Association or NJT to provide administrative support on supplying scorecards to the tournament participants.

9. Support

Golf Canada, Provincial Golf Associations and NJTs agree to support each other in an effort to create a clear junior competitive pathway. Golf Canada agrees to provide administrative support to the provincial golf associations and NJTs where needed, as well as assist in the promotion of provincial and NJT player development initiatives. The Provincial Golf Associations and NJTs agree to support the promotion of Golf Canada programming where applicable (such as Golf in Schools, Future Links, Learn to Compete and other player development initiatives).