

## Golf

1. **Age Categories:** Men and Women: 55 – 59, 60 – 64, 65 – 69, 70 – 74,  
75 – 79, 80 – 84, 85 – 89, 90+
2. **Divisions**
  - (a) Division 'A' for golfers with an index of 0 – 24.3.
  - (b) Division 'B' for golfers with an index of 24.4 – 40.
  - (c) The tournament is a 36 hole stroke play event, comprised of two rounds to be played at one or more 18-hole BCGA rated courses as determined by the committee.
3. **Participation:**
  - (a) Two men and two women in each age category in each division.
  - (b) Where a men's or women's age category is under filled (has less than two (2) golfers), one additional golfer may be added to an age category provided that no age category has more than three (3) golfers. No golfer in any age category should be discouraged from playing in each division. The total number of golfers must not exceed 16 men and 16 women in each division. Each golfer must play in his or her own category.
  - (c) Golfers must provide a certified BCGA or RCGA Handicap Factor Card as of the date of the Zone Playoff.
  - (d) To ensure fairness of competition, golfers must produce updated Handicap Factor Cards, updated not more than two weeks prior to the games, for verification at the Games accreditation desk. If a participant does not produce a signed HDCP card they will only be able to compete in the Gross Division.
4. **Competition:**
  - (a) R.C.G.A. Rules will apply with Local Rules also applying.
  - (b) Where possible each round shall be played on a different course, as determined by the committee.
  - (c) Foursomes will be drawn according to handicap groups. Foursomes may be re-drawn for second day's play.
  - (d) To determine "net score", golfer's handicap will be subtracted from his/her score to arrive at a net score. This will be done for each 18 holes played and the two net scores added to arrive at a total net score.
  - (e) In the event of a tie for any medal, the ties will be resolved by matching cards, as stipulated in the RCGA recommended method for tie breaking. (Ref. RCGA Rules of Golf Appendix 1, Section 11, Stroke Play – para (c)) Matching cards is a method that uses the competitor's scores on the last 9 holes of the course used in round two (the last round). Since the event is a shotgun, holes 10 through 18 are the last 9 holes of the course, not the last nine holes as played by the player. The process uses, first – the score over the last 9 holes; then,

if necessary, the last 6, then, if necessary, the last 3, then, if necessary, the last hole. If the ties still persist, then finally by lot.

- (f) Golfers will be responsible for paying one half (1/2) of the Golf Green Fees. The Host Society Sports Chair will inform the BC Seniors Games Society (BCSGS) of the percentage of Green Fees to be paid, as well as other information relative to the Golf Event, by December 31. The value of one half (1/2) of the Green Fees will be added to the Registration fee.
- (g) Golfers are responsible for payment of any golf cart rental fees. The carts are allocated on a shared basis with participants only.
- (h) Both tournaments will have 8 am shotgun starts at both golf courses each day of competition.

## **5. Medals – Low Gross and Low Net:**

- (a) Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to the golfers with lowest gross scores and lowest net scores in each age category. If a Golfer is in position to win a medal in Low Gross and Low Net, that person will receive the Low Gross medal only.

## **6. Zone Playoffs**

- (a) 18-hole stroke play on a rated course selected by Zone Committee for both divisions.
- (b) Men and Women with Lowest Gross score and Lowest Net score in each age category in both Events will advance to the Games.
- (c) All competitors must show their current BCGA or RCGA Handicap Factor Card before entering the qualifying playoff game.
- (d) Regardless of how a golfer's Handicap Factor may change between the playoffs and the Games, he/she will remain in the Division for which they qualified.