

Districts are encouraged to follow the technical information and guidelines found within this manual at all times. When changes are necessary at the District level, participants who qualify for Ontario 55+ Summer Games must be made aware that the following rules will be in use at Ontario 55+ Summer Games.

A) FORMAT OF PLAY

Division	Age Category	Division	Number of Participants
Women	55+ 65+ 75+	Callaway	Three (3) (One per division)
Men	55+ 65+ 75+	Callaway	Three (3) (One per division)

Any persons not present at the scheduled commencement of play and throughout the competition are in default and are automatically disqualified from the competition. Competitors are obligated to complete the competition regardless of their record in the competition. If a competitor defaults part way through the competition, the results of that competitor will be removed from the standings.

If there are any questions about rulings, the OSGA Summer Games Technical Manual will be considered correct.

B) ELIGIBILITY

Event	Requirements
District Games	Any person 55+ living in Ontario
Ontario 55+ Summer Games (Provincial Championships)	Gold Medal Winners – District competition
NOTE: Previous Ontario 55+ Summer and Winter Games and Canada Games winners are still eligible to compete at the District and Ontario 55+ Summer Games level.	
Eligibility Restrictions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	

C) TOURNAMENT SET-UP

1. An 18 hole competition will be held the first and second day (weather permitting)

Determining the Winners

1. An aggregate score of the two (2) days will determine the winner only if all players complete the 36 holes. If for some reason all golfers do not finish the second 18 holes, medals will be awarded based on the first 18 holes of competition.
2. In Callaway ties will be decided by lowest handicap.

D) AWARDS

Gold (6)	Ladies 55+ : Callaway Ladies 65+ : Callaway Ladies 75+ : Callaway	Men 55+ : Callaway Men 65+ : Callaway Men 75+ : Callaway
Silver (6)	Ladies 55+ : Callaway Ladies 65+ : Callaway Ladies 75+ : Callaway	Men 55+ : Callaway Men 65+ : Callaway Men 75+ : Callaway
Bronze (6)	Ladies 55+ : Callaway Ladies 65+ : Callaway Ladies 75+ : Callaway	Men 55+ : Callaway Men 65+ : Callaway Men 75+ : Callaway

E) RULE SOURCE

Rules of golf according to the Royal Canadian Golf Association are in effect, with the exceptions listed under "Tournament Set-Up" and "Golf Rules Summary."

Websites

www.gao.ca

F) EVENT REQUIREMENTS

Equipment

1. Equipment is anything used, worn or carried by or for the player, except any ball he/she has played and any small object such as a coin or tee when used to mark the position of a ball or the extent of an area in which a ball is to be dropped.
2. Equipment includes a motorized golf cart.
3. If more than one (1) player shares a cart, its status under the rules is the same as that of a caddie employed by more than one (1) player.
4. Electronic devices may be used for determining distance to the pin provided all players in the cart are allowed to use the device.

G) OFFICIALS

The OSGA requires at minimum the following officials for Ontario 55+ Summer Games.

For District Games, the following are **only a suggestion**. Participation numbers and availability of volunteers may result in fewer officials being required. Districts are encouraged to try to have the necessary officials to run the event successfully.

- One (1) Activity Convenor
- Two (2) Scorekeepers
- One (1) Floater out on course

The host committee will ensure that all major officials have the required qualifications as specified by the OSGA at least one (1) year prior to Ontario 55+ Summer Games. The host committee is also responsible for any other officials needed to host this event.

Golf Rules Summary

1. Adherence to all club rules.
2. See appendix A – Callaway system.
3. **If a tie occurs the lowest calculated handicap by the Callaway system shall determine the winner.**

If there is still a tie, then retrogression shall be used. Retrogression will start at the 18th hole backward. The person that has the first score that is higher than the others is determined the winner.

