

Golf

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	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
Women's Modified Callaway	55+	Three (3) total One (1) per age category
	65+	
	75+	
Men's Modified Callaway	55+	Three (3) total One (1) per age category
	65+	
	75+	

Any persons not present at the scheduled commencement of play and throughout the competition are in default and are automatically disqualified from the competition. If there are extenuating circumstances, exceptions to this may be granted by the Event Convenor.

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 Games and Canada 55+ Games winners are still eligible to compete at the District and Ontario 55+ Summer Games level qualifying tournaments.

C) TOURNAMENT SET-UP

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

D) DETERMINING THE WINNERS

1. An aggregate score of the two (2) days will determine the winner.
2. If for some reason, either day is cancelled e.g., weather or as deemed necessary by the event convener, then winners will be determined based on the results of the one day (18 holes).
3. If a participant is unable to complete both days of competition, a DNF (did not finish) will be assigned and the participant will not be eligible for medals.
4. In Callaway ties for medals will be decided by lowest handicap. If a tie still exists, retrogression will be used.

E) AWARDS

Gold (6)	Ladies 55+	Men's 55+
	Ladies 65+	Men's 65+
	Ladies 75+	Men's 75+
Silver (6)	Ladies 55+	Men's 55+
	Ladies 65+	Men's 65+
	Ladies 75+	Men's 75+
Bronze (6)	Ladies 55+	Men's 55+
	Ladies 65+	Men's 65+
	Ladies 75+	Men's 75+

F) 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

G) EVENT REQUIREMENTS

- Equipment**
1. Equipment is anything used, worn, or carried by or for the player, including a motorized golf cart.
 2. Electronic devices may be used, but use is restricted to determining distance to the pin only.

H) 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.

I) GOLF RULES SUMMARY

1. Adherence to all club rules.
2. See appendix A – Modified Callaway system and sample scorecard.
3. If a tie occurs the lowest calculated handicap by the Modified Callaway system over the two (2) days will determine the winner.

If there is still a tie, then retrogression will be used. Retrogression will start at the 18th hole backward. The person who has the first score that is lower than the others is determined the winner. This will apply to potential medalists only.

4. For Modified Callaway, depending on the golfer's score, a certain number of holes will be deducted from his/her gross score to determine an index. The holes used for this deduction will be predetermined prior to the commencement of play, but golfers will not be informed of which holes they are until after the competition is complete. Please see sample scorecard at the end as an example of Modified Callaway calculation. The purpose of having "hidden holes" is to ensure that golfers play the game, not the system. A maximum of four different predetermined holes will be selected each day of the competition.
5. No hole may be scored at more than twice its par. For example, if the 5th hole is a par 4 and the player takes 9 shots/strokes, the maximum allowed for the 5th hole is twice its par or 8.
6. Half strokes count as a whole. For example, if a player has a deduction of $\frac{1}{2}$ a hole and their hole is a 7, then the player shall receive a deduction of 4 ($3\frac{1}{2}$ rounded up).
7. Men 70+ may tee off from the forward tees if they choose.

SAMPLE SCORECARD:

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOTAL
PAR	4	5	4	3	4	5	3	4	3	35	4	5	3	5	4	3	4	5	4	37	72
SCORE	8	7	6	4	5	7	6	5	9	57	7	6	5	7	8	7	8	6	5	59	116

STEP ONE:

Check total to be correct (116). Look for holes with more than double the par. e.g., holes 9 and 15. Reduce the total (116) by the extra strokes over double par for holes 9 and 15.

Now, the new score is $116 - 4 = 112$.

STEP TWO:

Use the Callaway table to determine how many holes are to be subtracted. 112 lies in a row showing that the participant gets to subtract $4 \frac{1}{2}$ holes, but the maximum allowable deducted holes for OSGA Modified Callaway shall be set at 4 holes maximum.

Modified Callaway uses the predetermined holes to complete the calculation.

Let's say the 4 predetermined holes are 13,5,15, and 2. These will be subtracted from the 112 score.

REMEMBER: not more than double par can be subtracted.

Hole 13 = 7

Hole 5 = 5

Hole 15 = 6
*Because only double
par can be
subtracted*

Hole 2 = 7

For the 4 holes subtract: $7 + 5 + 6 + 7 = 25$. 25 is the total to be subtracted from the score of 112.

Therefore, the score, under the Modified Callaway scoring system is $112 - 25 = 87$.

STEP THREE:

Look at the bottom of the Callaway Chart to find the adjustment. 112 is in a column where the adjustment is - 1 so now the $87 - 1$ (adjustment) gives a **final score of 86** for that round.

GENERAL SUMMARY:

Once any holes greater than twice the par of that hole are adjusted (above example – holes 9 and 15), the total is calculated. Then, the Callaway chart is used to determine the number of holes to be deducted to calculate the final score. The + or – adjustment listed below the Callaway chart is employed to determine the final score for that round.