

# 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
<b>DAY 1 OF COMPETITION</b> Women's Modified Callaway Men's Modified Callaway	55+ and 70+	One (1) per age category for men and women
<b>DAY 2 OF COMPETITION</b> Women's Low Gross Men's Low Gross	55+ 60+ 65+ 70+ 75+ 80+	Participants from the Modified Callaway Event will be grouped in 5-year increments and compete in Low Gross for Day 2 of the competition.

Any person not present at the scheduled commencement of play and throughout the competition is in default and is 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
<p><b>NOTE:</b> 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, but must qualify at the District level before going to the Summer Provincial Games.</p>	

**C) TOURNAMENT SET-UP**

1. An 18-hole competition will be held the first and second day (weather permitting).
2. The first day of competition will be played as **Modified Callaway** with 2 age divisions 55+ and 70+ for both men and women, and the second day of competition will be played as **Low Gross** with 6 age divisions 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+ and 80+.

**D) DETERMINING THE WINNERS**

1. Upon completion of Day 1, the Modified Callaway winners will be determined.
2. Upon completion of Day 2, the Low Gross winners will be determined.
3. If for some reason, either day is cancelled e.g., weather or as deemed necessary by the event convenor, then winners will be determined based on the results of the one day (18 hole).
4. In both the Modified Callaway event and Low Gross, ties for medals will be decided by retrogression.

**E) AWARDS – DAY ONE – MODIFIED CALLAWAY**

<b>GOLD (4)</b>	Women 55+	Men 55+
	Women 70+	Men 70+
<b>SILVER (4)</b>	Women 55+	Men 70+
	Women 70+	Men 70+
<b>BRONZE (4)</b>	Women 55+	Men 55+
	Women 70+	Men 70+

**F) AWARDS – DAY TWO - LOW GROSS**

<b>GOLD (12)</b>	Women	55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+
	Men	55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+
<b>SILVER (12)</b>	Women	55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+
	Men	55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+
<b>BRONZE (12)</b>	Women	55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+
	Men	55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+

**G) 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](http://www.gao.ca)

**H) 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.

**I) 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 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. **Modified Callaway** will allow no more than double par on any hole. Once scorecards are handed in, the scorekeepers will subtract one (1) hidden, predetermined, secret hole from each scorecard. The winners (gold, silver, and bronze) will be the ones with the lowest score once the hidden hole is subtracted. Results are determined after Day 1 of the competition.
3. **Low Gross** event will be played on the second day of the competition. The participants from Day 1 will be regrouped in the following age divisions – 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+. A participant may play down an age division should they choose to but must let the Golf Convener know of this change prior to the start of the second day's competition.
4. If there is 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.
5. No hole may be scored at more than twice its par in the Modified Callaway event. 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. Men 70+ may tee off from the forward tees if they choose.