

Application for Reinstatement to Amateur Status

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√ Checklist

To reduce any delays in processing your application, please ensure you have done the following:			
	□ Attached fee of \$100 ⁰⁰ made payable to "Golf Canada"		
	□ Completed application form accurately and completely.		
	□ Checked either the "Yes" or "No" for ALL rules indicated on Pages 5 and 6.		
	□ Signed your application.		
	Your application will be delayed if any of the above information is missing.		
	□ Submit the completed application to your provincial golf association for their statement on page 9. The provincial golf association will then submit the form to the PGA of Canada for their statement. Finally, the PGA of Canada will send the application to Golf Canada to be processed.		

GOLF CANADA

APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT TO AMATEUR STATUS

(Attach fee of \$100.00 made payable to Golf Canada)

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1	Date of Application								
	Is this application the result of a hole-in-one?			□Yes	□No				
2	APPLICANT INFORMATION								
	Full Name of Applicant								
i	Street Address								
	City, Province								
	Postal Code								
	Phone Numbers		HOME			WORK			
	Email								
	Present Occupation								
Ì	Member of a Golf Club?			□Yes	□No				
	Club Name								
	Club Address								
	Club Phone Number								
	Credit Card						Expiry:	/ Visa 🗆 A	ımEx 🗆
3	PRIOR VIOLATION DETAILS	S							
	Have you ever applied for reinstatement before?		□Yes	□No If Yes	s, state the	DATE			
4	CURRENT VIOLATION DET	AILS	1						
	List full particulars and exact d and the Rules of Amateur Statu		your first a	nd last viola	ition of the	definition	of an an	nateur gol	fer
	First Violation		Date			Rule(s) \	/iolated		
	Last Violation		Date			Rule(s) \	/iolated		
	Golf activities since date of last violation and date of making this application.								

VIOLATION DETAILS - CONT

Have you ever been a member of or applied for membership (including apprentice status) in the The PGA of Canada or any other professional golf organization? ■Yes

If "Yes, please provide the following information:

Name of Organization

Date of Application for Membership

Date of Acceptance

Date of Resignation

Check Yes or No to indicate whether you have or have not violated the applicable rule.

YOU MUST CHECK"YES" OR "NO" FOR EVERY INDICATED RULE

RULES OF AMATEUR STATUS

As Approved by GOLF CANADA Effective January 1, 2012

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT ANY ACTION THEY ARE PROPOSING TO TAKE MIGHT ENDANGER THEIR AMATEUR STATUS SHOULD SUBMIT PARTICULARS TO GOLF CANADA FOR AN ADVISORY OPINION (SEE RULE 8-1).

PREAMBLE

GOLF CANADA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE RULES OF AMATEUR STATUS AND TO MAKE AND CHANGE THE INTERPRETATIONS OF THE RULES OF AMATEUR STATUS AT ANY TIME. IN THE RULES OF AMATEUR STATUS, THE GENDER USED IN RELATION TO ANY PERSON IS UNDERSTOOD TO INCLUDE BOTH GENDERS. THE GOLF CANADA RULES OF AMATEUR STATUS APPLIES TO ALL GOLFERS IN CANADA

DEFINITIONS

The Definitions are listed alphabetically and, in the Rules themselves, defined terms are in italics.

Amateur Golfer

An "amateur golfer" is one who plays the game as a non-remunerative and non-profit-making sport and who does not receive remuneration for teaching golf or for other activities because of golf skill or reputation, except as provided in the Rules.

Committee

The "Committee" is the Amateur Status Committee of Golf Canada.

Golf Skill or Reputation

Generally, an amateur golfer is only considered to have golf skill or reputation if he has had competitive success at the local level or competes at the national level. Golf reputation can only be gained through golf skill and does not include prominence for service to the game of golf as an administrator. It is a matter for Golf Canada to decide whether a $\bar{\text{particular amateur golfer has}} \ golf skill \ or \ reputation.$

Instruction

"Instruction" covers teaching the physical aspects of playing golf, i.e., the actual mechanics of swinging a golf club and hitting a golf ball. Note: Instruction does not cover teaching the psychological aspects of the game or the Etiquette or Rules of Golf.

Junior Golfer

A "junior golfer" is an amateur golfer who has not reached their 19th birthday prior to the last day of an event.

Prize Voucher

A "prize voucher" is a voucher or gift certificate issued by the Committee in charge of a competition for the purchase of goods from a professional's shop or other retail

Retail Value

The "retail value" of a prize is the price at which the prize is generally available from a retail source at the time of the award.

Rule or Rules

The term "Rule" or "Rules" refers to the Rules of Amateur Status as determined by Golf Canada.

Symbolic Prize

A "symbolic prize" is an item such as a bowl, plate, pitcher, watch, ring or similar trophy provided that the symbolic nature is evidenced by distinctive permanent marking.

Testimonial Award

A "testimonial award" is an award for notable performances or contributions to golf as distinguished from competition prizes. A testimonial award may not be a monetary

Rule 1 - Amateurism

General

An amateur golfer must play the game and conduct himself in accordance with the Rules.

Amateur Status

Amateur Status is a universal condition of eligibility for playing in golf competitions as an amateur golfer. A person who acts contrary to the Rules may forfeit his status as an amateur golfer and as a result will be ineligible to play in amateur competitions.

Any organizer or sponsor of an amateur competition or a golf competition involving amateur golfers who permits, encourages, or condones actions contrary to Rules bears the responsibility for which an amateur golfer may be penalized.

Purpose and Spirit of the Rules

The purpose and spirit of the $\it Rules$ is to maintain the distinction between amateur golf and professional golf and keep the amateur game as free as possible from the abuses that may follow from uncontrolled sponsorship and financial incentive. It is considered necessary to safeguard amateur golf, which is largely self-regulating with regard to the Rules of play and handicapping, so that it may be fully enjoyed by all amateur golfers.

Doubt as to Rules

A person who wishes to be an amateur golfer and who is in doubt as to whether taking a proposed course of action is permitted under the Rules, should consult Golf Canada.

An organizer or sponsor of an amateur golf competition or a competition involving amateur golfers who is in doubt as to whether a proposal is in accordance with the Rules should consult Golf Canada.

Rule 2 - Professionalism

Except as provided in the *Rules*, an *amateur golfer* must not take any action for the purpose of becoming a professional golfer and must not identify himself as



Note 1: Actions by an amateur golfer for the purpose of becoming a professional golfer include, but are not limited to, (a) accepting the position of a professional golfer; (b) directly or indirectly receiving services or

payment from a professional agent or sponsor; (c) directly or indirectly entering into a written or oral agreement with a professional agent or sponsor; and (d) agreeing to accept payment or compensation for allowing one's name or likeness as a player of golf skill or reputation to be used for any commercial purpose.

Note 2: A amateur golfer may inquire as to likely prospects as a professional golfer, including applying unsuccessfully for the position of professional golfer, and he may work in a professional's shop and receive payment or compensation, provided he does not infringe the Rules in any other way.

2-2 MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS' ORGANIZATIONS

□Yes	 (a) Professional Golfers' Association - An amateur golfer must not hold
□No	or retain membership in any Professional Golfers' Association.
□Yes □No	 (b) Professional Tours - An amateur golfer must not hold or retain mem- bership in a Professional Tour limited exclusively to professional golfers.

Note: If an amateur golfer must compete in one or more qualifying competitions in order to be eligible for membership in a Professional Tour, he may enter and play in such qualifying competitions without forfeiting his Amateur Status, provided that, in advance of play and in writing, he waives his right to any prize money in the competition.

Rule 3 - Prizes

Playing for Prize Money

An amateur golfer must not play golf for prize money or its equivalent in a □Yes □No match, competition or exhibition.

> Note: An amateur golfer may participate in an event where prize money or its equivalent is offered, provided that prior to participation he irrevocably waives his right to accept prize money in that event. (See Golf Canada Policy on Gambling for explanation of playing for prize money.)

Prize Limits

	(a) General - An amateur golfer must not accept a prize (other than a
□Yes	symbolic prize) or prize voucher of a retail value in excess of \$1,000.
□No	This limit applies to the total prizes or prize vouchers received by an
	amateur golfer in any one competition or series of competitions.
□Yes	(b) Hole-in-One Prizes - The limit prescribed in Rule 3-2a applies to a prize
□No	for a hole-in-one. However, such a prize may be accepted in addition
	to any other prize won in the same competition.
□Yes	(c) Exchanging Prizes - An amateur golfer must not exchange a prize or
□No	prize voucher for cash.

Exception: An amateur golfer may submit a prize voucher to Golf Canada, a provincial or regional golf association and thereafter be reimbursed from the value of that voucher for expenses incurred in participating in a golf competition, provided the reimbursement of such expenses is permitted under Rule 4-2.

Note: The responsibility to prove the retail value of a particular prize rests with the Committee in charge of the competition.

3-3 Testimonial Awards

☐ Yes ☐ No

(a) General - An amateur golfer must not accept a testimonial award of a retail value greater than \$1,000.

Multiple Awards - An amateur golfer may accept more than one testimonial award from different donors, even though their total retail value exceeds the prescribed limit, provided they are not presented so as to evade the limit for a single award.

Rule 4 - Expenses

General

☐ Yes☐ No

Except as provided in the Rules, an amateur golfer must not accept expenses, in money or otherwise, from any source to play in a golf com petition or exhibition.

4-2 Receipt of Expenses

An amateur golfer may receive reasonable expenses, not exceeding the actual expenses incurred, to play in a golf competition or exhibition as

- (a) Family Support An amateur golfer may receive expenses from a member of his family or a legal guardian.
- Iunior Golfers A junior golfer may receive expenses to play in an
- amateur competition or to improve golf skill.

 (c) Individual Events An *amateur golfer* may receive expenses when competing in individual events, provided he complies with the following
 - Where the competition is to take place in Canada, the expenses must be approved by and paid by Golf Canada, provincial or regional golf association.
 - Where the competition is to take place in another country, the expenses must be approved by both Golf Canada and the national union or association in the country in which the competition is to be staged. The expenses must be paid through Golf Canada,

provincial or regional golf association or similar body, or, subject to the approval of Golf Canada, by the body controlling golf in the territory he is visiting.

Golf Canada may limit the receipt of expenses to a specific number of days in any one calendar year. The expenses are deemed to include reasonable travel time and practice days in connection with the competition.

Exception: An amateur golfer must not receive expenses, directly or indirectly, from a professional agent (see Rule 2-1) or any other similar source as may be determined by Golf Canada.

Note: An amateur golfer of golf skill or reputation must not promote or advertise the source of any expenses received

- (d) Team Events An amateur golfer, may receive expenses when he is representing:
 - · his country,
 - his provincial or regional golf association, •

his golf club,

- his business or industry, or
- a similar body

in a team competition, practice session or training camp. Unless otherwise stated, the expenses must be paid by Golf Canada, the body that the amateur golfer is representing or the body controlling golf in the country he is visiting.

- (e) Invitation Unrelated to Golf Skill An amateur golfer who is invited to take part in a competition for reasons unrelated to golf skill or reputation (e.g., a celebrity, a business associate or customer) may receive
- Exhibitions An $\mbox{\it amateur golfer}$ who is participating in an exhibition in aid of a recognized charity may receive expenses, provided that the exhibition is not run in connection with another golfing event in which the player is competing. Sponsored Handicap Competitions - An *amateur golfer* may receive
- expenses when competing in a sponsored handicap competition, provided the competition has been approved as follows:
 - Where the competition is to take place in Canada, the annual approval of Golf Canada must first obtained in advance by the sponsor; and
 - Where the competition is to take place in more than one country or involves golfers from another country, the approval of Golf Canada and the national union of the other country must first be obtained in advance by the sponsor.

Rule 5 - Instruction

Except as provided in the Rules, an amateur golfer must not receive payment or compensation, directly or indirectly, for giving instruction in playing golf.

Where Payment Permitted

- (a) Schools, Colleges, etc. An amateur golfer, who is (i) an employee of an educational institution or system or (ii) a counsellor at a camp or other similar organized program may receive expenses, payment or compensation for golf instruction to students in the institution, system or camp, provided that the total time devoted to golf instruction comprises less than 50 percent of the time spent in the performance of all duties as such an employee or counsellor.
- Approved Programs An amateur golfer may receive expenses, payment or compensation for giving golf instruction as part of a program that has been approved in advance by Golf Canada.

Instruction in Writing

An amateur golfer may receive payment or compensation for golf instruction in writing, provided his ability or reputation as a golfer was not a major factor in his employment or in the commission or sale of his work.

Rule 6 - Use of Golf Skill or Golf Reputation

General 6-1

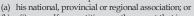
Except as provided in the *Rules*, an *amateur golfer* of *golf skill* or *reputation* must not use that skill or reputation to promote, advertise or sell anything **DNo** or for any financial gain.



Lending Name or Likeness

An amateur golfer of golf skill or reputation must not use that skill or reputation to obtain payment, compensation, personal benefit or any financial gain, directly or indirectly, for allowing his name or likeness to be used for the advertisement or sale of anything.

Exception: An amateur golfer of golf skill or reputation may allow his name or likeness to be used to promote:



(i) any golf competition or other event that is considered to be in the best interests of, or would contribute to the development of, the game or (ii) a recognized charity (or similar good cause)

The amateur golfer must not obtain any payment, compensation or financial



gain, directly or indirectly, for doing so.

Note: An amateur golfer may accept golf equipment in accordance with Golf Canada Equipment Guidelines from anyone dealing in such equipment, provided no advertising is involved.

6-3 Personal Appearance

An amateur golfer of golf skill or reputation must not use that skill or reputation to obtain payment, compensation, personal benefit or any financial Yes gain, directly or indirectly, for a personal appearance. ☐ No Exception: An amateur golfer may receive actual expenses in connection with a personal appearance, provided no golf competition or exhibition is

6-4 Broadcasting and Writing

An amateur golfer of golf skill or reputation may receive payment, compensation, personal benefit or any financial gain from broadcasting or writing, provided:

- (a) the broadcasting or writing is part of his primary occupation or career and golf instruction is not included (Rule 5); or
- (b) the broadcasting or writing is on a part-time basis, the player is actually the author of the commentary, articles or books and instruction in playing golf is not included.

Note: An amateur golfer of golf skill or reputation must not promote or advertise anything within the commentary, articles or books and must not lend his name or likeness to the promotion or sale of the commentary, article or books (see Rule 6-2).

Grants, Scholarships and Bursaries

An amateur golfer of golf skill or reputation must not accept the benefits of a grant or scholarship, except one whose terms and conditions have been approved by Golf Canada. ☐ Yes

6-6 Membership

An amateur golfer of golf skill or reputation must not accept an offer of ☐ Yes membership in a golf club or privileges at a course, without full payment □ No for the class of membership or privilege, if such an offer is made as an inducement to play for that club or course.

Rule 7 - Other Conduct Incompatible with Amateurism

Conduct Detrimental to Amateurism

□Yes □No

☐ Yes☐ No

An amateur golfer must not act in a manner that is detrimental to the best interests of the amateur game.

Conduct Contrary to the Purpose and Spirit of the

□Yes □No

An amateur golfer, organizer or sponsor must not take any action, including actions relating to golf gambling, that is contrary to the purpose and

Rule 8 - Procedure for Enforcement of the Rules

8-1 Advisory Opinions

Any amateur golfer, organizer, or sponsor who considers that any action they are proposing to take might endanger their amateur status may, in writing, submit particulars to the Director of Amateur Status of Golf Canada for advice. If dissatisfied with that advice, the amateur golfer, organizer, or sponsor may request that the matter be referred to the Committee for decision. The decision of the Committee is final, subject to an appeal as provided in these Rules.

8-2 DECISION ON A BREACH

If the Committee receives information of a possible act contrary to the Rules of Amateur Status by a player claiming to be an amateur golfer, it is a matter for the Committee to decide whether a breach has occured. Each case will be investigated to the extent deemed appropriate by the Committee and considered on its merits. The decision of the Committee is final, subject to an appeal as provided in these Rules.

Note: The Committee may delegate responsibility for investigation of a possible breach and decision to an appropriate sub-Committee, whose decision is final, subject to the following: a decision by the sub-Committee may be appealed to the Amateur Status Committee whose decision is final, subject to an appeal as provided in the Rules.

8-3 ENFORCEMENT

Upon a decision that a person has breached the Rules, the Committee may declare the Amateur Status of the person forfeited or require the person to refrain or desist from specified actions as a condition of retaining his

The Committee should notify the person and may notify any interested golf association or club of any action taken under Rule 8-2.

8-4 Appeals procedure

An individual who wishes to appeal a decision of the Committee will have

15 days from the date the decision was made to submit a Notice of Appeal addressed to Golf Canada Executive Director at the offices of Golf Canada. The appeal will be handled in accordance with Golf Canada Dispute Resolution and Appeal Policy, a copy of which may be obtained from Golf Canada.

Rule 9 - Reinstatement of Amateur Status

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The Committee has the sole authority to reinstate a person to Amateur Status, prescribe a waiting period necessary for reinstatement or to deny reinstatement, subject to an appeal as provided in the Rules.

Applications for Reinstatement

Each application for reinstatement will be considered on its merits, with consideration normally being given to the following principles:

- (a) Awaiting Reinstatement The professional golfer is considered to hold an advantage over the *amateur golfer* by reason of having devoted himself to the game as his profession; other persons infringing the Rules also obtain advantages not available to the amateur golfer. They do not necessarily lose such advantages merely by deciding to cease infringing the Rules. Therefore, an applicant for reinstatement to Amateur Status must undergo a period awaiting reinstatement as prescribed by the Committee.
- Period Awaiting Reinstatement The period awaiting reinstatement generally starts from the date of the person's last breach of the Rules unless the Committee decides that it starts either from the date when the person's last breach became known to the Committee or such other date determined by the Committee.

Generally, the period awaiting reinstatement is related to the period the applicant was in breach of the Rules. However, no applicant is normally eligible for reinstatement until he has conducted himself in accordance with the Rules for a period of at least one year.

However, the Committee reserves the right to extend or to shorten such a period. Longer periods will normally be required of applicants who have been in breach of the Rules more than five years. Players of national golf skill or reputation who have been in breach of the Rules more than five years will not normally be eligible for reinstatement.

- Number of Reinstatements A person is not normally eligible to be reinstated more than twice.
- Status While Awaiting Reinstatement During the period awaiting

reinstatement an applicant for reinstatement must comply with these Rules as they apply to an amateur golfer.

An applicant for reinstatement is not eligible to enter competitions as an amateur golfer, except that he may enter competitions and win a prize solely among members of a club where he is a member, subject to the approval of the club. He must not represent such club against other clubs, except with approval of the clubs in the competition and/or the organizing Committee.

He may also, without prejudicing his application, enter competitions that are not limited to *amateur golfers*, subject to the Conditions of the Competition, provided he does so as an applicant for reinstatement. He must waive in writing his right to any prize money offered in the competition and must not accept any prize reserved for an amateur golfer.

Procedure for Applicants

Each application for reinstatement must be submitted to the Committee, in accordance with such procedures as may be laid down and including such information as the Committee may require.

Appeals Procedure 9-4 See Rule 8-4.

Rule 10 - Committee Decision

10-1 Committee's Decision

The Committee's decision is final, subject to an Appeal as provided in

GOLF CANADA POLICY ON GAMBLING

General

An "amateur golfer" is one who plays the game as a non-remunerative and non-profit-making sport. Financial incentive in amateur golf, which can be the result of some forms of gambling or wagering, could give rise to abuse of the *Rules* both in play and in manipulation of handicaps that would be detrimental to the integrity of the game.

There is a distinction between playing for prize money (Rule 3-1), gambling or wagering that is contrary to the purpose and spirit of the *Rules* (Rule 7-2), and forms of gambling or wagering that do not, of themselves, breach the *Rules*. An *amateur golfer* or a Committee in charge of a competition where *amateur golfers* are competing should consult with Golf Canada if in any doubt as to the application of the *Rules*. In the absence of such guidance, it is recommended that no cash prizes be awarded so as to ensure that the *Rules* are upheld.

Acceptable Forms of Gambling

There is no objection to informal gambling or wagering among individual golfers or teams of golfers when it is incidental to the game. It is not practicable to define informal gambling or wagering precisely, but features that would be consistent with such gambling or wagering include:

- · the players in general know each other;
- participation in the gambling or wagering is optional and is limited to the players;
- the sole source of all money won by the players is advanced by the players; and the amount of money involved is not generally considered to be excessive.

Therefore, informal gambling or wagering is acceptable provided the primary purpose is the playing of the game for enjoyment, not for financial gain.

Unacceptable Forms of Gambling

Other forms of gambling or wagering where there is a requirement for players to participate (e.g. compulsory sweepstakes) or that have the potential to involve considerable sums of money (e.g. calcuttas and auction sweepstakes - where players or teams are sold by auction) are not approved.

Otherwise, it is difficult to define unacceptable forms of gambling or wagering precisely, but features that would be consistent with such gambling or wagering include:

- participation in the gambling or wagering is open to non-players; and
- the amount of money involved is generally considered to be excessive.

An *amateur golfer's* participation in gambling or wagering that is not approved may be considered contrary to the purpose and spirit of the *Rules* (Rule 7-2) and may endanger his Amateur Status.

Furthermore, organized events designed or promoted to create cash prizes are not permitted. Golfers participating in such events without first irrevocably waiving their right to prize money are deemed to be playing for prize money, in breach of Rule 3-1.

Note: The Rules of Amateur Status do not apply to betting or gambling by *amateur golfers* on the results of a competition limited to or specifically organized for professional golfers.

5 VIOLATION DETAILS

VIOLATION

State complete details of all violations, including exact dates (day, month, year) description of competitions, prizes won, etc. Under Rules reference, give the number of all Rules to which you answered Yes on Pages 4, 5 and 6 such as Rule 2, 3-2(a) or Rule 4-1 etc. State violations in chronological order in which they occurred.

1	Rules Reference		
	Exact Dates	Started	Ended
	Description of Violation		
	Employer's Name & Address		
VIOLATION	1		
2	Rules Reference		
	Exact Dates	Started	Ended
	Description of Violation		
	Employer's Name & Address		
VIOLATION	ı		
3	Rules Reference		
	Exact Dates	Started	Ended
	Description of Violation		
	Employer's Name & Address		

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6 CERTIFICATION

Description of Violation

Employer's Name & Address

A non-refundable fee of \$100.00, made payable to Golf Canada, must accompany this application.

I certify that all statements made in this application are complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that I have not, in any way whatsoever, infringed the Rules of Amateur Status and have conformed with the definition of an amateur golfer as set out in such rules from the date of my last violation to the present time.

Signature

Having completed this application in full, you must submit it to the appropriate provincial golf association who will then forward it to The PGA of Canada. The PGA of Canada will then submit it to Golf Canada to be processed.

STATEMENT OF PROVINCIAL GOLF ASSOCIATION

The provincial golf association to which this application is submitted is requested to investigate the application, complete the form below, and forward the completed application to Golf Canada. Please make any comments or recommendations your association feels are necessary.

Name of association:
Signature and title of officer
Date:
When completed, please mail to: The PGA of Canada, 13450 Dublin Line, RR1, Acton, ON L7J 2W7
STATEMENT BY PROFESSIONAL GOLF ASSOCIATION
I have checked the statements made by in this application for reinstatement and would like to comment as follows:
Was applicant's membership in good standing at the time of resignation? □Yes □No
EXACT date of membership in Professional Golf Association FROM: TO:
Name of association: Signature and title of officer. Date:
When completed, please mail to: Amateur Status Committee, Golf Canada, Suite 1, 1333 Dorval Drive, Oakville, ON L6M 4X7
GOLF CANADA OFFICE RECORD
Date of Review by Amateur Status Committee
If appealed to Golf Canada Appeal Committee, shortened Probation Period Approved Denied Denied
Date of Meeting Actual Date of Reinstatement