



Policies and Procedures

Divisions:

- Filcansa Golf Club's format of weekly tournament competition will be classified into **two (2) handicap divisions – A and B**, based on member's current **Personal Handicap Indicator (PHI)**.

- **Weekly tournament competitions** start from the 1st week (opening game) up to the last week of tournament scheduled, including the weeks of the **Masters Championship** and the **Filcansa Cup** tournaments.

Division A: PHI of 18.9 and lower

Division B: PHI of 19.0 and higher

Tournament Awards, Points and Prizes:

- Prior to every tournament, paid members that have an **established handicap with Filcansa** are the only members eligible to win the **Championship tournament (lowest net) points and prizes**.

- **Weekly tournament winners** will be awarded to the **lowest net score** on each division as the **tournament champion and runner ups**.

- **Weekly tournament points, trophies and cash prizes** will be awarded to eligible participating members.

Division A and B:

Champion - lowest net score – 4 points, Individual trophy and cash

Second lowest net score – 3 points and cash

Third lowest net score – 2 points and cash

- In the event of a **tie for any position**, comparison of **gross scores from the 18th, 17th, 16th holes backwards** between competitors will be used until **ties** are broken.

- **Consolation tournament points and cash prizes** will be awarded to paid members as follows:

With or without an established handicap to the **lowest gross score** in **Division A**.

With an established handicap to the **lowest gross score** in **Division B**.

Division A and B:

Lowest gross – 2 points and cash

- In the event of a **tie for any position**, comparison of **gross scores from the 18th hole backwards** between competitors will be used until **ties** are broken.
- Members without an established handicap are **only eligible** for **Division A gross score** competition.
- All participating paid members will be awarded a consolation **one (1) point for attendance** for each of his/her **1st** to the **10th** tournament that he/she has participated. However, on his/her **11th** tournament onwards, each will be upgraded to **two (2)** points.
- To summarize, a member can potentially gain a maximum **7** or **8** points per tournament week.
- All trophies and cash prizes will be awarded at our dinner/awards night.

Handicapping:

- **Personal Handicap Indicator (PHI):** As agreed upon at the officers meeting on February 5, 2023, the maximum allowable Filcansa PHI for Men will be 32, and for Women 36.
- **Course Handicaps:** Course Handicap maximums are also 32 for Men, and 36 for Women.
- **New members without a handicap** will establish his/her **PHI** after his/her **5th** tournament game has been played. Their **PHI** is applied starting on his/her **6th** tournament game.
- **New members with an established handicap** from **Golf Canada** or other organized golf clubs similar to **Filcansa Golf Club**, must secure a hard copy (or electronic copy) of his/her **last 20 games played** from his/her golf club's handicapping program and submit them to our **Handicap Chairperson** to integrate into our system.

Membership and Tournament Fees:

- **Filcansa Golf Club** will be limiting the number of members to a **maximum 70 to 75**. Last season's members will have priority of rejoining this season.
- **Filcansa membership fee** entitles a member for 1 dinner at the awards night, cash and raffle prizes, Filcansa golf shirt and more....
- Members and guests, upon arrival at the golf course, must immediately check in to our registration table and pay the necessary **tournament fees**.
- Only members may also choose to also enter the \$5.00 entry fee (50/50 draw) for the Lowest Net and runner ups, a Filcansa fund raising.
- Players with appointments will be given priority consideration on tee times.

Tee Times and Groups:

- Tee times after 2:00 PM will be considered during the peak golf season to get a better rate on some prime golf courses.
- Each member has the option to form his own **group** (flight), submit the list of players **three (3) days** prior to the tournament date.
- A **group** should have a minimum of **two (2) members** all the time with no exception. **Members playing alone with guests will not be eligible for tournament competition.**

It is the responsibility of the member to address the issue with the **tournament committee** prior to his/her scheduled tee time.

- **Groups with all members** shall have priority on tee times over **groups with guests**. Discretion from the **Tournament Director** may apply.

- **Tee times for groups will be pre-drawn** and the order will be announced **15 minutes** before the 1st scheduled tee time. A **group** that was formed after the announcement will have the last tee time available.

- Each **group** must submit **two (2) signed and attested official score cards** to the tournament committee after every game played. It is the **responsibility of the member to check** his/her total and every hole score marked on the **official score card** prior to submission.

Putting - No hole out required (On regular tournaments only)

For 2025 a new provision is in place to speed up the games. All players are no longer required to hole out on any green as follows: A ball located within **one-grip** length from the hole will not need to putt out into the hole. Each group will decide on a specific club among themselves, to measure the distance from the hole as needed.

Winter Rules - If announced by officer(s) before the first group tees off

Winter rules (also known as Preferred Lies) are defined as "lift, clean, and place". The ball should be placed within one club length of the original spot, without penalty. If this new location still results in a poor lie due to muddy or very soggy ground, the ball may be moved to the closest point with a reasonable lie. In all cases the ball must never be placed closer to the hole than the original spot.

This rule can be used without penalty anywhere on the fairway or the rough. But not in a penalty area or out of bounds area. Balls coming to rest in the rough may be relocated but must still stay in the rough, unless playing partners agree that a reasonable lie cannot be found in the rough area due to winter ground conditions.

The Winter rules provision cannot be used to get relief from a natural obstruction (a bush, rock, log, tree etc.) or to escape from a bunker. However, a ball may always be moved from any spot that has *standing water* if that spot would normally be dry in good weather conditions.

Major Tournament Competitions and Awards:

Season Tournament Championship

- The Season Tournament Championship will be awarded to the member with the highest tournament points accumulated the entire season.

Champion – Highest total points - Perpetual trophy, Individual trophy and Season Championship jacket

2nd Place – 2nd highest total points - Individual trophy

3rd Place – 3rd highest total points - Individual trophy

Major Tournaments - Tiebreakers

Tie breakers in major tournaments will be done on the second game of the major tournament. Meaning the net score of the second game will be added to the net score of the first game starting from 18, 17, 16 etc. hole to break the tie.

Independence Cup

- **The Independence Cup tournament format** will be classified as a **two (2) divisions**, A and B handicap tournament competition.
- A **member** must have played a minimum **5 games prior to the Independence Cup tournament** competition.
- **Independence Cup tournament** winners will be awarded to the member with the **lowest net total score over any two (2) weeks played in the scheduled tournament weeks.**

Masters Championship

- **The Masters Championship tournament format** will be classified as a **two (2) divisions**, A and B handicap tournament competition.
- A member must have played a minimum **8 games prior to** the first Masters tournament game to qualify for the **Masters Championship** tournament competition.
- The participating member's **Personal Handicap Indicator (PHI) prior to** the first Masters tournament game will be the entering **PHI** to be used for calculating the **course handicaps** for all **three (3) golf courses** scheduled.
- **The Masters Championship** will be awarded to the member with the **lowest net total score over any two (2) weeks played in the scheduled tournament weeks.**

Champion – Lowest net total – Perpetual trophy, Individual trophy and Masters Championship jacket

2nd Place – 2nd lowest net total – Individual trophy

3rd Place – 3rd lowest net total – Individual trophy

Filcansa Cup

- **The Filcansa Cup tournament format** will be classified as a **two (2) divisions**, A and B handicap tournament competition.
- A member must have played a minimum **6 games prior to** the first Filcansa Cup tournament game to qualify for **Filcansa Cup** tournament competition.
- The participating member's **Personal Handicap Indicator (PHI) prior to** the first Filcansa Cup tournament game will be the entering **PHI** to be used for calculating the **course handicaps** for all **three (3) golf courses** scheduled.
- **Filcansa Cup** tournament winners will be awarded to the member with the **lowest net total score over any two (2) weeks played in the scheduled tournament weeks.**

Champion – Lowest net total – Perpetual trophy and Individual trophy

2nd Place – 2nd lowest net total – Individual trophy

3rd Place – 3rd lowest net total – Individual trophy

Most Improved Golfer

- An Individual trophy will be awarded to the member with the **most improved Personal Handicap Indicator (PHI)** the entire season.
- A minimum of **three (3) PHI** improvement must be achieved to win this award.

Ryder's Cup

- Tournament format will be announced shortly.