



Montreal Regional Association

INTERCLUB RULES, MEN SECTION

Interclub A: 2nd Sunday of July / Interclub B : 3rd Sunday of August /
Interclub Senior: 1st Tuesday of August

The game is governed by 2019 Golf Rules and the Local Rules.

Penalty for any breach of the rules of competition:

1st offence: Loss of the hole, 2nd offence: Disqualification of the player, or the team.

- 1- **Eligibility:** To play in regular Interclub class matches, a player must have his amateur status and must be a member in good standing at his club and a member of Golf Canada associated with his club. **(No public golfer)** The team captain must provide his players registration form by the stated deadline. Once submitted, this players list becomes official and any modification or substitution shall only be made at the captains meeting prior to the competition. **The Golf Canada Gold Membership Card Numbers for each player must be listed on the registration form for each category A, B and Senior, failing which: Disqualification of the player or the team.** A player may represent only one club per class in the Association Régionale de Montréal. He may, however, represent one club in class A or B and another club in the Seniors class. Moreover, a player cannot participate in both interclub A and B; **Penalty:** If a player plays in both interclub A and B matches, the club will be disqualified from the interclub "A" and "B" matches for the current year and will also be relegated to the last group of each class the following year. (If a spot is available) **Exception:** An interclub substitute player "A" who did not compete in the interclub class "A" matches and who had a handicap factor of 10.5 or more on the verification date (**3rd Sunday of July**), may play in the interclub "B" match.

Junior and **Senior** players may participate in their respective interclub matches as well as either one of the other two, class "A" or class "B", if eligible.

Interclub B Special Eligibility: The interclub B competition is reserved for players who, **on the 3rd Sunday of July of the current year, have a handicap factor of 10.5** and above. Also, a roster of the handicap factor of the players (demonstrating this obligation) will be mandatory and must be sent with the registration form of the Interclub B in the delay for the Interclub B Also, a **summary report of the participating players' handicap factor (demonstrating this obligation) will hereinafter be mandatory which must be sent with the registration form for the Interclub B as well as be sent within the proper delay.**

Interclub Senior Special Eligibility: A Senior interclub team is made up of a minimum of 2 players who are 65 years old or older, plus a maximum of 8 players who are 55 old or older on the date of the competition.

Rules of the competition: Each section is comprised of four clubs. The competition consists of ten single matches between members of the same section. Should a club, not field 10 participants, the slots in the highest handicap factor group shall be left vacant. (i.e.# 10 slot left vacant, counting backward...)

Special Rule:

(Practice): The day of the interclub competition, **a player must not practice on the course.** This applies to the entire course except practice areas and training greens.

Penalty: Disqualification of the player at fault.

(Lost ball, Out of bounds Modified): The new Local rule for lost ball or out of bounds and stroke and distance option will not be allowed during an Interclub competition

Substitutions: substitutions will be permitted (but only with the two names of substitute players on the official list) and the original list will only be changed to include substitutes according to the following method: The person in charge has the choice of the substitute. If for example, the substitute has a handicap factor of 8.3, he becomes the best player of factor 8.3 for his club.

Special Rule for Senior: In the case of two players are 65 years and older required, A player substituted for one of the 2 senior players on the team who is 65 or older *must* also be 65 or older. If a team cannot meet this requirement, the 65 or older position *must* remain vacant and becomes the highest spot

Special rule for class B: Since there is no handicap on the form, the captain is not obliged to position the alternates directly in the slot of the player to be replaced, he can position him where desired.

Competition Schedule: The last group must start before 1:00 pm. Players shall start in order of their club handicap factor, with the highest handicap factor teeing off first. The order shall be binding. (position #10 and down for B interclub) When a player's matches are terminated, win, lose or draw, the player must stop play immediately. **The team of the player involved will be penalized: 1 point for breach of this local rule.**

Motorized or electric carts are permitted, (if available). However, the player must not move the cart past his ball. **1st offence, warning; 2nd offence, loss of hole.**

The use of any electronic devices: such as cell phones and radio equipment (e.g. Walkie-talkie) are forbidden. **Penalty for breach of this local rule: loss of hole.**

Pre-match captain meeting: This meeting explains the local rules and the playing conditions. It is at these stages that any substitutions are made (if necessary) and that all questions are answered. During the competition, only the captain or his representative during the team meeting may give advice.

No agreement to waive any rule of golf (rule 1-3) can be made at this meeting

- 2- **Scoring:** The method of scoring shall be as follows: each player is playing a match against the remaining three, scoring two (2) points for each match won, one (1) point for each match halved and no (0) points for a loss. The total points of the 10 players of each team determines the final positions of the teams.

Tie situation: the team with the highest aggregate score of individual matches between members of tied teams shall be the winner. In the event of a tie between 2 or more teams, the tie will be broken by retrogression starting with the players with the lowest handicap factor (position 1) thru the next lowest player, (position 2), and so on, until the tie is broken.

Discontinuance of play: In the event of a suspension due to bad weather, or for any other reason that result in the competition being incomplete, the method of scoring shall be as follows. **The final foursome has completed 9 holes:** Points are calculated as of the state of the matches on the last hole completed by each foursome. **The final foursome has not completed 9 holes:** Team rankings remain the same as at the start of the competition and this ranking acts as the result of the competition.

- 3- **Classification:** The winning club of a section (1st place) moves up 1 division and becomes the #4 team in the following year. The 2nd place finisher moves up to rank 1st in the division and becomes the host club for next years' competition. The 3rd place finisher moves up to rank second. The club that finishes 4th will descend to the 3rd spot in one division below. The club that receives can only be awarded for a maximum of two consecutive years. This rule does not apply in the event of a club withdrawal or for Group 1. In such a case, the Association Regionale de Montréal Golf Québec reserves the right to determine which club will become the host club.

For group 1: After hosting for 2 consecutive years, the 2nd place team becomes the host club and in the event that the 2nd team is unable to host, for any reason, the 3rd place team will host the next competition.

Disqualification / withdrawal of a team: If a team withdraws from the competition, it will be relegated to the last group of its class for the following year (if a spot becomes available). **It must inform the association before the 1st of June of the current year, failing which, a one-year suspension is added to the demotion.**

The Association Regionale de Montréal reserves the right of exemption not to demote a team which must abstain from playing a year due to major force events (e.g. fire, move, sale, bankruptcy, etc.)

- 4- **Obligation of the Host Club: (New)** The obligation of the Host Club is, to allow the players on each team, to play for free during the day of the competition, as well as to allow the players on each team a complimentary practice round, before the competition. (without any obligations or conditions)

The Host Club is responsible for all decisions concerning its infrastructure, its internal policies and regulations.

e.g. **Dress Code:** Bermuda's are allowed subject to dress codes of the host club.

- 5- **Responsibilities of the Host Club:** the host club is responsible for enforcing the rules of competition and shall have also the responsibility for the course set-up, but the official in charge has the final say. If summer rules are not possible, the one club length preferred lie rule should be used. **Local rule, E-3 Penalty: loss of hole**

Slow play: It is the responsibility of the Host Club and the referee (if present) to ensure the good pace of play during the competition. When a group is out of position, warning is given, and the players will be timed. The normal pace of play is 40 seconds from when it is your turn to play your ball. We strongly encourage the player to be cognizant and aware of this condition regarding pace of play, in order to avoid being penalized. **The penalty under 5.6a for "undue delay" is "loss of hole" in match play.** Players should do their utmost to assist the committee in ensuring that the tournament runs smoothly and in a timely fashion. (e.g. concede short putts)"

We suggest in the **Senior** division, a course set-up of 6100 yards for a good pace of play.

Caddies: At the Montreal Association, interclub, use of caddies is permitted and will be subject to the rules of golf. The Host Club will be responsible for administering the rule of prohibiting the wearing of golf shoes for caddies and thereby the obligation to wear running shoes. Players are responsible to ensure that caddies are wearing flat soled shoes such as runners. Caddies are not allowed to wear golf shoes. **First, warning and leave the course, 2nd offense: disqualification.**

Host Club may refuse the presence of cadets for the competition. The host captain must notify the other three members of his group of their refusal of the cadets.

Results: The host club representative, must immediately after the competition, send the Excel results sheet without forgetting to include also the times of play of the first group and the last group to interclubsmontreal@gmail.com on the Excel sheet forwarded

