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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

The RBC PGA Scramble presented by The Lincoln Motor Company is designed to be an enjoyable experience by all participants. In an effort to ensure a fun and equitable experience for all, the RBC PGA Scramble presented by The Lincoln Motor Company will be conducted as strictly as possible under the Golf Canada Rules of Golf and any Local Rules put in place by the PGA of Canada.

### **1.1 SUMMARY**

The PGA will determine all rules and policies associated with the RBC PGA Scramble and will administer these in conjunction with the Golf Canada Rules of Golf, PGA of Canada Code of Conduct, specific RBC PGA Scramble presented by The Lincoln Motor Company rules and any Local Rules applicable on the day of the event. All participants of the RBC PGA Scramble presented by The Lincoln Motor Company by entering the event agree to abide by the rules and policies established and accept the PGA's jurisdiction over the championship. A list of the rules and regulations of play in the RBC PGA Scramble presented by The Lincoln Motor Company are posted on the official RBC PGA Scramble presented by The Lincoln Motor Company website at [www.rbcpgascramble.com](http://www.rbcpgascramble.com) and may be updated from time to time.

1. The Head PGA Professional at the Local Qualifier site must certify each entrant's current Golf Canada Handicap Index and ensure that team handicaps are within the parameters of the policies outlined within.
2. An amateur player may attempt to advance to the Regional Final by playing at various Local Qualifiers in their area. Once an amateur has qualified for a Regional Final he/she is no longer eligible to compete at another Local Qualifier. Competing in another Local Qualifier for prizes or Regional Final qualification will result in automatic disqualification for that team, with the original qualifying team also subject to disqualification (at the discretion of the PGA of Canada).
3. Only PGA of Canada Professionals who are in good standing may take a team to the Regional and National Final. The Professional who qualifies at the Regional Final must accompany that team at the National Final. See Section 5.1 for further details.
4. The PGA reserves the right to adjust any team's or individual's handicap at Local Qualifiers, Regional Finals and the RBC PGA Scramble National Final based on



their past performance or past scores, or on evidence forthcoming from an examination of handicap records.

5. All teams that qualify at a club, whether from one event or multiple events, must play in the same Regional Final.  
Any variation to this rule will be at the discretion of the PGA of Canada. For example, an exception to this may be when a club hosts a large number of Local Qualifiers.
6. A handicap verification process takes place at all Regional Final & National Final events. Photo ID may be required to be provided by each team member to verify their Golf Canada Handicap Index. Failure to provide this will result in a team being disqualified.
7. The PGA of Canada reserves the sole and exclusive right to alter dates, venues and rules regarding the management and conduct of the event.
8. Event results are finalized and the competition will be considered closed as of the entry closing date of the following stage of the event. Until this point, the PGA of Canada reserves the right to alter results of an event should it see fit. At the National Final, the competition will be considered closed when the awards are presented.
9. If during the current or previous RBC PGA Scramble season an amateur player plays in another RBC PGA Scramble event, and in order to play, accepts a handicap adjustment which is lower than his/her established handicap, he/she will be subject to the same handicap adjustment for events in the current year. It is the players' responsibility to inform the coordinator of their RBC PGA Scramble event of this adjustment.
10. If an amateur player's tournament playing privileges are suspended by a facility, he/she shall be considered ineligible until the suspension has been lifted, or until he/she has ceased to play at the facility for a period of one year, or whichever comes first. In either case, a new handicap must be established through an approved Golf Canada method.
11. An amateur who is found to misrepresent his/her Golf Canada Handicap Index or who violates an RBC PGA Scramble tournament rule may be disqualified from further play.
12. The RBC PGA Scramble rules committee reserves the right to suspend handicap or rules violators from current or future tournament participation. Blatant ama-



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teur infractions shall be reported to Golf Canada and the applicable provincial golf association.

## **2 ELIGIBILITY**

### **2.1 PGA PROFESSIONAL ELIGIBILITY**

The RBC PGA Scramble Regional and National Finals are eligible to all of PGA of Canada members who are in good standing.

To join a team at the Regional Final or RBC PGA Scramble National Final level the Club Professional must meet one of the PGA Eligibility requirements above along with one of the following:

- Must be an employee (or contractor) of the Local Qualifier site on the date of the Local Qualifier and Regional Final
- Must be an invited guest of the PGA of Canada.

The PGA of Canada will govern the eligibility of its PGA members.

PGA members are only permitted to play one Regional Final. This means, a host venue that wishes to conduct multiple Local Qualifiers must have enough eligible PGA of Canada members to accompany each winning team to the Regional Finals.

PGA Members are reminded that whilst playing in any RBC PGA Scramble event, they are, as in other tournaments, participating under the PGA of Canada Code of Professional Practice. Professionals play off a scratch handicap.

PGA Members accompanying a team to the Regional Final and to the RBC PGA Scramble National Final are the Team Captain. It is their responsibility to adhere to all competition rules and to mark and sign the team's scorecard in accordance with the RBC PGA Scramble rules and the Rules of Golf.

At the RBC PGA Scramble Regional and National Finals, each PGA Professional will be required to attend the PGA Professional Meeting prior to the competition.

### **2.2 LOCAL QUALIFIER ELIGIBILITY**

The RBC PGA Scramble presented by The Lincoln Motor Company is open to all amateur golfers with an active Golf Canada Membership, a valid Golf Canada Handicap Index and are in good standing with Golf Canada, their provincial golf association and home club.



A team's aggregate Golf Canada Handicap Index (sum of the four players Handicap Indexes) must fall between 32.0 and 112.0 and only two players may have Golf Canada Handicap Indexes of 9.9 or less as of the closing date of the registered Local Qualifier. Each team will be required to identify a Team Captain during the registration process. All National Final champion teams will be required to replace a minimum of two competitors (50% of the team) for five subsequent years after winning the championship.

### 2.3 REGIONAL FINAL ELIGIBILITY

The number of qualifying teams from each Local Qualifier depends on the number of registered teams. Any qualifier with 15 or more teams may qualify two (2) teams. See Section 5.4 for additional spots based on ties. A club may send one qualifying team for each individual Local Qualifier it hosts. A club may not host more local qualifiers than the number of eligible PGA of Canada Professionals employed at the facility. However, if a club hosts more than one Local Qualifier, each team that qualifies from that location will be designated to the same Regional Final, unless the PGA of Canada directs a team(s) to another Regional Final due to space constraints.

Important Note: no club will qualify a team for a Regional Final unless the RBC PGA Scramble Local Qualifier it is hosting has at least the minimum number of 40 officially entered players (10 teams) who have paid the Local Qualifier Entry Fee (Social Guest Teams not paying an entry fee cannot be counted), unless authorized by the PGA of Canada.

RBC PGA Scramble Regional Final host clubs will receive one (1) host club exemption for a team of their choice. That team must satisfy the handicap requirements of a Local Qualifier.

Each Regional Final will consist of a minimum of 18 teams. In regions where less than 18 teams qualify through Local Qualifiers, an alternate list will be utilized. The alternate list will be in order of score differentials (rounded to the nearest thousandth) from each Local Qualifier in the region. Score differentials will be calculated as:

$$\text{Score Differential} = (113 / \text{Slope Rating}) \times (\text{net score} - \text{Course Rating})$$

#### EXAMPLE

$$\text{Course Rating} = 70.4 \quad \text{Slope Rating} = 122 \quad \text{Net Score} = 61.3$$

$$\text{Score Differential} = (113/122) \times (61.3-70.4) = -8.429$$

Therefore, a team with a score differential of -8.429 will have higher priority on the al-



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ternate list than a team with a score differential of -7.425. This will add another opportunity for a team to qualify after narrowly missing getting a spot in their Local Qualifier. The PGA of Canada reserves the right to alter the number of teams participating in each Regional Final and may direct teams to the next closest Regional Final based on space restrictions.

Each Regional Final qualifying team must identify and bring a volunteer scorer to the Regional Final. Full details of the volunteer scorer policy can be found in Section 5.7.

## **2.4 NATIONAL FINAL ELIGIBILITY**

The number of qualifying teams from each Regional Final to the National Final is determined through a quota system. The quota system takes into consideration past and current number of Local Qualifiers per region and past and current number of participants within each region. Most Regional Finals will qualify two (2) teams, however, only 20 teams can qualify through the quota system to the National Final, so the PGA of Canada will determine which Regional Finals will only qualify one (1) team and may in extenuating circumstances, qualify three (3) teams.

The PGA of Canada reserves the right to alter the number of teams participating in National Final.

## **2.5 GOLF COURSE ELIGIBILITY**

A regulation eighteen-hole or nine-hole golf facility with an official Golf Canada Course and Slope Rating that is serviced by an active PGA of Canada member who meets the eligibility requirements is eligible to host a Local Qualifier.

# **3 HANDICAP REQUIREMENTS**

## **3.1 LOCAL QUALIFIERS**

An amateur player's approved Golf Canada Handicap Index must reflect his/her potential playing ability. Any amateur golfer who carries a current Golf Canada Handicap Index is eligible to participate.

Handicap Indexes as of the entry closing date will be used for the day of the competition.

The maximum Golf Canada Handicap Index is 54.0 for both males and females.





The four team members' aggregate Golf Canada Handicap Indexes must total at least 32.0. The maximum aggregate Golf Canada Handicap Indexes is 112.0.

For Local Qualifying, a team may have a maximum of two competitors with single-digit Golf Canada Handicap Indexes (9.9 or less).

Eg.

$8.7 + 11.1 + 1.4 + 10.2$	$= 31.4$	(ineligible, aggregate team handicap is too low)
$13.5 + 12.7 + 8.3 + 2.4$	$= 36.9$	(eligible)
$2.3 + 11.7 + 25.3 + 27.2$	$= 66.5$	(eligible)
$1.3 + 5.7 + 9.9 + 28.7$	$= 45.6$	(ineligible, team consisting of more than two single-digit handicaps)
$9.8 + 20.3 + 33.7 + 53.4$ female	$= 117.2$	(ineligible, aggregate team handicap must not exceed 112.0)

To determine the net score on the day of the Local Qualifier, team members' Golf Canada Handicap Indexes are converted to Playing Handicaps. As of 2020, the Playing Handicaps are derived by converting individual Handicap Indexes to a Course Handicap (using par, Course and Slope Ratings) and then applying the applicable handicap allowance. The aggregate team Playing Handicap is then subtracted from the team's score for the final net score. For example:

Team Handicap Indexes = Player 1 - 1.3, Player 2 - 7.8, Player 3 - 12.5, Player 4 - 20.9  
Course Rating = 71.2  
Slope Rating = 123  
Par = 72

Player 1 Course Handicap =  $1.3 \times (123/113) + (71.2-72) = 0.615...$

Player 2 Course Handicap =  $7.8 \times (123/113) + (71.2-72) = 7.690...$

Player 3 Course Handicap =  $12.5 \times (123/113) + (71.2-72) = 12.806...$

Player 4 Course Handicap =  $20.9 \times (123/113) + (71.2-72) = 21.949...$

Under the World Handicap System, the recommended allowance for four-person scrambles is 25% of the lowest Course Handicap, 20% of the next lowest Course Handicap, 15% of the next lowest and 10% of the highest Course Handicap. Therefore, the team Playing Handicap for this example would be:

Team Playing Handicap = 25% of 0.615... + 20% of 7.690... + 15% of 12.806... + 10% of



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$21.949... = 5.8$

Therefore, the team's net score will be the gross score minus 5.8.

Note: It is the Committee's responsibility to do the conversions based on the tees that each individual is competing from. The competitor is responsible for ensuring the accuracy of their Golf Canada Handicap Index on the day of the competition.

NOTE: Females are to use the Course and Slope Rating and par from their respective tees to determine their Course Handicap. The PGA of Canada reserves the right to adjust the par of any tee for the competition.

The team's aggregate handicap (sum of all four Indexes) established at the Local Qualifier is the base aggregate handicap for the Championship.

Amateur players will not be eligible for a Local Qualifier until their FULL team has submitted the online entry form and their payment has been successfully processed.

Every amateur must submit their 10-digit Golf Canada ID number at the time of entry.

Each team's scorecard must show each team member's Golf Canada Handicap Index and the team's aggregate Playing Handicap. The scorecard is to be signed by at least two members of each team at each Local Qualifier. Signing for an incorrect scorecard or handicap will lead to automatic disqualification from the event.

Handicap examinations are a matter of standard procedure for the RBC PGA Scramble rules committee at all stages of the tournament. At its discretion, the rules committee reserves the right to make handicap adjustments and player and team disqualifications based upon evidence derived through handicap examinations or evidence of past performance.

The RBC PGA Scramble rules committee reserves the right to suspend handicap or rules violators from future tournament participation. Blatant amateur infringements shall be reported to Golf Canada and the applicable provincial golf association.

The RBC PGA Scramble reserves the right to investigate handicaps of all amateur participants. The disqualification of either a PGA of Canada Professional or an amateur team member under the provisions of this section shall result in the disqualification of their affiliated team.

### **3.2 REGIONAL AND NATIONAL FINALS**

Handicap checks will be carried out at all levels of the event.

Current Golf Canada Handicap Indexes as of the entry closing date of each competi-



tion are to be used to determine the team member's Playing Handicap, based on the Course Handicap and applicable allowance.

Should a team have fewer than four amateur players available to play, they may still compete. Only the handicaps of those players participating will count towards the team's handicap. The aggregate team handicap is still divided by the applicable allowance.

Just like in the Local Qualifiers, to determine the net score on the day of the Regional Final and the National Final, the aggregate team Golf Canada Handicap Indexes are adjusted as per the Course and Slope Rating and par of the tees being played to determine their Course Handicaps. The individual Course Handicaps are then adjusted by the applicable allowance to determine the player's Playing Handicap. Those Playing Handicaps are then added together for the team's Playing Handicap. The resulting figure is then subtracted from the team's score for the Ambrose 18-hole event. The calculation of the Team Playing Handicap is the same as the Local Qualifier (see example in Section 3.1).

NOTE: Females are to use the Course and Slope Rating and par from their respective tees to determine their Course Handicap. The PGA of Canada reserves the right to adjust the par of any tee for the competition.

NOTE: If the teams' aggregate handicap drops below the minimum of 32.0 the reduced handicap will apply at the Regional or National Final to determine the team's Playing Handicap. Should three (3) team members' Golf Canada Handicap Indexes drop to better than 9.9 after qualifying at the Local Qualifier and progress to the Regional or National Final, they will play with the lower handicaps. Any team that satisfied the handicap requirements for a Local Qualifier will remain eligible throughout the competition within the same year.

Regional Final winners will not be eligible to play in the RBC PGA Scramble National Final until they have been duly certified by the PGA of Canada. To become duly certified, the Golf Canada Handicap Index of each amateur team member must pass an examination.

The disqualification of either a PGA of Canada Professional or an amateur team member under the provisions of this section shall result in the disqualification of their affiliated team.



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## 4.0 WILDCARD OPPORTUNITIES

### 4.1 REGIONAL FINAL SPOTS

In addition to the teams that qualify for a Regional Final through Local Qualifiers, there will be one (1) opportunity for an all-female team that participated in a Local Qualifier, but did not qualify to earn a wildcard spot in the Regional Final within their region. This provision only applies if an all-female has not already qualified for a specific Regional Final. To be eligible, the all-female team must have competed in a Local Qualifier. These teams will be selected based on the lowest differential amongst all non-qualifying all-female teams within each region.

Score differentials will be calculated as:

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#### EXAMPLE

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Therefore, a team with a score differential of -8.429 will have higher priority on the alternate list than a team with a score differential of -7.425. This will add another opportunity for a team to qualify after narrowly missing getting a spot in their Local Qualifier. If this team becomes the 18<sup>th</sup> team in the Regional Final, no additional spots will be added through the quota system mentioned in Section 2.3.

Any Regional Wild Card team will be responsible for any fees associated with their participation in the Regional Final.

## 5 RULES OF PLAY

The Golf Canada Rules of Golf will govern all competition, except for those specialized Ambrose Scramble Rules in place for the RBC PGA Scramble. All Local Rules must be approved in writing by the PGA of Canada prior to the competition and may not supersede an RBC PGA Scramble Rule. See RBC PGA Scramble Local Qualifier Rules Sheet at the end of this manual.



## 5.1 SUBSTITUTIONS

A team member may be substituted if he/she is unable to play in the next level of competition. Prior to the next stage of competition, the team must submit, in writing, their request for the substitution to the PGA of Canada. The letter must reference whether the substitute will accompany the team to the following stage of the RBC PGA Scramble should they be successful, or whether the original member at the Local Qualifier level will return to the team for the final level of competition. If written notification is not submitted prior to the next stage it will be the right of the substitute player to proceed to the next stage of competition.

The current Golf Canada Handicap Index of a substituting amateur must be equal to or up to a maximum of five (5.0) strokes higher than the approved Golf Canada Handicap Index (the handicap that was in effect when the team played at the Local Qualifier) of the original team member. Substituting a player with a lower Golf Canada Handicap Index is not permitted.

Only two (2) substitutions will be allowed for the duration of the competition (NOTE: these two substitutions cannot occur at the same stage of the competition). For example, the substitution of a Local Qualifier player for a Regional Final and a further substitution following a Regional Final for the team's qualification for the RBC PGA Scramble National Final is acceptable - the substitution of two Local Qualifier players for a Regional Final is not permitted. More than two substitutions over the duration of the tournament will not be allowed, as the team will no longer have the identity of the team that played at the Local Qualifier. If a team is unable to participate within this rule the next placed team from the previous level will advance in their place.

Females can be substituted by a male (and vice versa) providing that all Golf Canada Handicap Index requirements are met.

At its discretion, the PGA of Canada reserves the right to disallow a substitution of a team member when it is apparent that the substitution is being made to improve the team's chances of winning and/or not to replace a team member who is unable to play in the next level of competition.

If under extreme circumstances, a PGA Professional is unable to participate at the Regional Final, he/she may be replaced by a PGA Professional from the same facility, or if that is not possible, by any PGA Professional in good standing within that Zone with the permission of the PGA of Canada. The PGA Professional from the Local Qualifier host venue, must state their intentions for the National Final, should the team with the



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substitute PGA Professional qualify.

## 5.2 FEMALE YARDAGES

Female amateurs and female PGA of Canada Professionals are to play from a shorter set of tees, approximately 86-88% of the yardage selected for the male competitors. Host committees should make all reasonable attempts to set up the golf course under these provisions, understanding that some holes will be shorter or longer than the 86-88%.

## 5.3 SCORING

Each Local Qualifier and Regional Final will consist of two (2) 9-hole stipulated rounds. A team's score is calculated after eighteen (18) holes has been completed. In the case of inclement weather, if all competitors complete the same nine (9) holes, and further play is no longer possible, the competition will be shortened to nine (9) holes.

## 5.4 SETTLING TIES

### (a) LOCAL

In the case where two or more teams are tied for the final qualifying spot in a Local Qualifier, all tied teams will qualify for the Regional Final.

### (b) REGIONAL

In the case where two or more teams are tied following a Regional Final, the final spot will be determined by matching scorecards. The team with the lowest score on holes 10-18 will be the winner. If that does not produce a winner, holes 13-18, 16-18 and then the 18th hole will be used. If that still does not produce a winner, a closest to the hole competition with all team members from 150 yards on any hole or practice area close to the clubhouse will determine the winning team. The Playing Handicap applies and net scores are used when matching scorecards.

### (c) NATIONAL FINAL

In the case of a tie at the RBC PGA Scramble National Final a (net) hole-by-hole playoff would be used to determine the winner. The sequence of holes to be played will be identified on the Notice to Competitors prior to the start of the competition.



If no result has been achieved and play must be suspended due to darkness, the winning team will be decided by using the matching scorecard system applicable to Regional Final events (prescribed above) and applied to the final round of the RBC PGA Scramble National Final. If a tie still exists the count back will be applied to the first round to determine the winner. If a winner is still not determined, those teams still tied will be considered co-champions.

### **5.5 DISQUALIFICATION**

If a team is disqualified for a rules violation, no entry fees will be refunded.

If a team cannot participate in the next level of play, their entry fee will be refunded provided the PGA of Canada is given 7 days' notice prior to the event.

A team is not eligible to compete for prizes or Regional Final qualification at a Local Qualifier with only 3 players as the team has not met the requirements to enter the RBC PGA Scramble.

A team may play with one team member missing at the Regional Final and/or the RBC PGA Scramble National Final. The three tee shot rule will be limited to the remaining team members and the individual Playing Handicaps will be adjusted by the applicable allowance. If a team member should join during play, the three tee shot rule would apply to the holes remaining. An absent partner may join the team between holes, but not during play of the hole. Should a team play the entire round with less than four amateur team members, normal handicapping rules will apply in regards to the Regional and/or National Final. No allowance or concession is provided in this regard.

The PGA of Canada reserves the right to suspend from current or future participation, any PGA of Canada Professional who misrepresents the handicap of any of his/her club's members or who knowingly violates any tournament rule.

A PGA of Canada Professional who misrepresents a handicap or who knowingly violates a tournament rule may be reported to his/her respective PGA Zone Office and to the PGA of Canada National Office where he/she may be held in violation of the PGA of Canada Code of Professional Conduct.

### **5.6 WITHDRAWAL**

If a team cannot participate in the next level of play, their entry fee for that next level will be refunded providing the PGA of Canada is given 7 days' notice prior to the event.



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## 5.7 VOLUNTEER SCORER

The PGA of Canada takes the integrity of scoring very seriously and the implementation of volunteer scorers with each group has helped to ensure that. Each team will be responsible for supplying a volunteer scorer for the Regional Final that they have qualified for. That volunteer will be assigned to ride along with the PGA of Canada professional from another team (usually in the group in front or behind the team that they came with) and keep track of the strokes taken for 18 holes.

The following conditions must be met:

- The volunteer must be identified on the official entry form at the time of entry into the Regional Final
- Must be a minimum of 15 years of age
- It is the team's responsibility to notify the PGA of Canada in writing should the name of the volunteer scorer change at any time leading up to the start of the Regional Final. Changes made within 24-hours of the event are subject to a 2-stroke penalty.
- Volunteer identification will be required at the on-site registration
- The volunteer will submit their scorecard and sign off on the official scorecard of the team they witnessed immediately following the round
- Any team that does not bring a volunteer scorer will receive a 2-stroke penalty.

Any team that does not bring a volunteer scorer will receive a 2-stroke penalty under the following provisions:

- The registered volunteer is not present during the on-site registration period on the day of the competition
- The team obtains a volunteer from the host club within 24-hours of the competition

Any penalties will be assessed immediately upon discovery of the breach and the penalty will be applied to the 1st hole.

All volunteer scorers must adhere to the host club's dress attire policy.







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## **5.7 LOCAL RULES - printable versions available at [www.rbcpgascramble.com/host-venue-resource-centre](http://www.rbcpgascramble.com/host-venue-resource-centre)**

Golf Canada Rules of Golf - The Golf Canada Rules of Golf will govern all competition, except for those specialized Ambrose Scramble Rules in place for the RBC PGA Scramble. All Local Rules must be approved in writing by the PGA of Canada prior to the competition and may not supersede a RBC PGA Scramble Rule.

RBC PGA Scramble Format – Local Qualifiers will operate under standard Scramble rules. All team members may play from the teeing ground of each hole. The team then chooses the ball that gives them the best chance for the next shot and all team members play from that spot. This process continues until the ball is holed.

Regional and National Finals will be operated under the Ambrose Scramble Format. All team members may play from the teeing ground of each hole. The team then chooses the shot that gives them the best chance for the next shot. The golfer whose shot is selected is then eliminated from participating in the next shot. A player is only eliminated for the one shot following his/her selected shot.

This process continues with one person being eliminated for each shot up until the ball is on the putting green, where all players will have an opportunity to make a putt from each location until the ball is holed (i.e. only four players play each shot except for the tee shot & putts).

All five players then play from the next teeing ground and the elimination process begins again. The eliminated player cannot take a practice stroke or practice putt during the time they are eliminated. Should a player make a stroke during the time they are eliminated a two (2) stroke penalty will apply.

Three Tee Shots – A minimum of three (3) tee shots per team member must be used per eighteen (18) hole stipulated round. A marker must record whose tee shot was used on each hole. If this is not clearly marked on the scorecard, the team shall be disqualified.

Selected Shot - The position of the selected ball is marked. The team members may then place their ball within one club length of the marker, no nearer the hole, and play from this position. If the selected shot is in the general area (anywhere on the course, except any penalty area, bunker, the teeing area or putting green of the hole being played) the ball must be placed within one (1) club length of the selected shot, no nearer the hole, and must remain in the general area. If the selected ball is in a penalty



area or bunker, the next shot must be played from the penalty area or bunker, or from outside the penalty area in accordance with the applicable Rule under penalty of one-stroke (unless additional penalties apply). A ball that is not on the putting green of the hole being played, may not be placed on the putting green, even if it is within one club length of the marked ball.

In a bunker, the sand may be raked prior to any ball being placed.

Advice - In accordance with Rule 10.2a, players are not permitted to seek advice from anyone who is not part of their team, and must prevent anyone else from providing advice to any team member.

Indicating Line of Play – Except on a putting green, a player may not intentionally indicate the line of play to a teammate while a stroke is being played. Penalty for a breach of this Rule is two (2) strokes.

On the Putting Green - Once the selected shot is on the putting green all players may putt. The position of the selected putt is marked. Team members may then place their ball within one putter head length of the marked position, no nearer the hole, and putt from this position.

NOTE: At the Local Qualifier level only, if the first putt is missed by each player on the team, the next putt is conceded, for a maximum of two-putts per hole.

Standing on an extension of line of play - Team members may stand behind one another while making any stroke.

Scorecard - The scorecard must show each team member's Golf Canada Handicap Index and Course Handicap (provided by the host club). The scorecard is to be signed by at least two members of the group. It is the team's responsibility to ensure the accuracy of each individual hole score and handicaps on the scorecard. Signing for an incorrect score or handicap will lead to automatic disqualification from the event under Rule 3.3b.

Handicap - It is a requirement of the RBC PGA Scramble that all participants must use their current Golf Canada Handicap Index to determine their Course Handicap based on the Course and Slope Rating and par of the tees being played at the Local Qualifier. The aggregate team Playing Handicap is derived by multiplying the low unrounded Course Handicap by 25%, the next by 20%, the next lowest by 15% and the highest by 10% and then adding them together.



# SCRAMBLE

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## 5.8 AMBROSE SCRAMBLE FORMAT INSTRUCTION SHEET - REGIONAL AND NATIONAL FINALS ONLY - printable versions available at [www.rbcpgascramble.com/host-venue-resource-centre](http://www.rbcpgascramble.com/host-venue-resource-centre)

The event will be played as a five (5) person teams under the RBC PGA Scramble Ambrose (elimination) scramble format.

- All team members may play from the teeing ground of each hole
- Team chooses the shot they are going to use
- The golfer whose shot is taken is eliminated from participating in the next shot
- A player is only eliminated for the one shot following his/her selected shot
- This process continues until the ball is on the putting green with one person being eliminated for each shot (i.e. only four players play each shot except for tee shots and putts from the on the green)
- Once the ball is on the green, all five players attempt to hole the first putt. This process continues until the ball is holed.
- All five players tee off the next hole and the elimination process begins again
- The eliminated player cannot take a practice shot or putt during the time they are eliminated - penalty two (2) strokes.
- Each team member's tee shot must be used at least three (3) times per eighteen (18) holes
- A putt is any stroke made from the putting green. All five players can putt only if the ball is on the green. If the team chooses to putt from off the green only four players can play that shot.

For Example

- John, Phil, Natalie & Katherine tee off the first hole, John's drive is selected as the best shot
- John is eliminated for the next shot and only Phil, Natalie & Katherine take the second shot
- Phil's second shot is selected as the best shot out of Phil's, Natalie's & Katherine's second shot
- Phil is eliminated for the next shot and only John, Natalie & Katherine take the third shot
- Natalie's third shot is selected as the best shot out of John, Natalie's & Katherine's and it lands on the green
- John, Phil, Natalie & Katherine can then all attempt the first putt
- John, Phil, Natalie & Katherine all tee off the second hole & the elimination process starts again

