



## OTTAWA VALLEY GOLF ASSOCIATION

### Policies for Adult Intersectionals (revised May 5, 2023)

The OVGA Intersectionals is the largest golf event held in Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec each summer. Teams of men, senior men, women, senior women, and junior golfers from OVGA member clubs play simultaneous matches against three other clubs in their respective divisions.

1. **Green Fees:** Host clubs welcome visiting clubs on the day of the event at no charge for green fees.
2. **Meals:** Offering meals to visiting clubs and your home team are at the discretion of the host club. The host club will communicate with the visiting clubs on what will be offered and at what cost.
3. **Practice Rounds:** To make this a fair competition, all participating host clubs should offer practice rounds to the visiting clubs. It is the host club's discretion to specify dates, times, and rates. Rates will be determined by the host club and visiting clubs should expect to pay the applicable guest fee.
4. **Power Carts:** The OVGA policy is a maximum of two carts per 4-some charged to players at standard club rates. If a club has sufficient carts available for singles, the club, at its discretion, can offer them to players at its standard single rider rate. Players should expect to share carts. The host club is expected to provide each visiting club with one cart for their captain at no charge. OVGA policy is no carts on the course for spectators.
5. **Start Times:** The policy has always been between 11 am and 1 pm. This is at the discretion of the host club, but almost all have been going with an 11 am start for many years. To allow for additional prime-time green fee revenues and member play for host clubs, a move to a 12-noon start could be beneficial. Later than noon makes for a late finish, and for some visiting club players, driving home in the dark, especially in the Senior Intersectionals. This is at the discretion of the host club.
6. **Host Club Rotation:** Except for the "A" Division, the team that finishes second in points will host the Division the following season. In the "A" Division, the winner hosts the subsequent year. A Club can only host two years in a row. Should they finish in second place a third year, the third-place team will take on host duties for the following season.

If a Club finds that it will be hosting more than two adult Intersectional events the following year, the OVGA would ask the Club to host only two of the events (one men's, one women's, and one regular, one senior). However, the Host Club may opt to host all the events for which they have qualified.

7. **Opt-Out Year:** Entering a team into the Intersectionals is completely voluntary. However, if a Club chooses not to enter a team into an Intersectional competition in any year, the Club's team will drop to the bottom of all the divisions the next time it chooses to participate (providing there is room). The OVGA reserves the right to waive this policy in unusual circumstances, such as occurred during the pandemic.
8. **Participation Deadline:** For clubs wishing to join for the first time, or re-enter after an absence, the deadline to declare your intent to participate and be put into a division is May 15<sup>th</sup>. After this date, there is no guarantee that a club will be accommodated. Please note, this is not for the registration/payment process.
9. **Eligibility Criteria:**
  - Participants must be a member with full playing privileges of their club.
  - The Club must be a Golf Canada member in good standing, via membership with either Golf Ontario or Golf Quebec.
  - Weekday, senior, junior, and intermediate memberships qualify.

If there is a dispute regarding Eligibility Criteria, the fellow competitor may submit a request for review via email to the Director of Intersectionals ([intersectionals@ovga.org](mailto:intersectionals@ovga.org)). Requests for review must identify the player(s) in question and should be received within seven (7) days of the completion of the competition.

**10. Age Requirement for Senior Intersectionals Team Composition:**

- Participants in the Senior Men's event must have reached the age of 55 with at least three players aged 65 and up. As alternates must be able to substitute for any player, it is recommended that alternates should be 65 or older.
- Senior Women players must be at least 50 years of age with 1 player aged 65 or over. It is recommended that the alternate should be 65 or older.