



WEST POINT GOLF CLUB

Active Waitlisters Guide 2025

Playing at McCleery, Langara and Fraserview
Established in 1932 www.westpointgolf.org

1. West Point Golf Club

- West Point Golf Club (WPGC) consists of up to 120 Full Playing Members plus Associate, Lifetime and Honorary Members. There is an Active Waitlist of about 15 golfers, who can participate in club events and will move into membership when space is available. A further “Pending Waitlist” will become Active WLCers as space becomes available.
- As a “senior men’s” club, all members and waitlisters must be 55 or older. Members range from 55 to the 90s in age, with widely varying handicaps.
- The West Point GC main playing season is 32 weeks of golf events every Thursday from April to October, played on City of Vancouver municipal courses at Langara (April – May), McCleery (June – August) and Fraserview (September – October). The club has secondary play at Riverway most Tuesdays and “away games” at other local courses on six Mondays. There is winter golf most Thursdays in the rest of the year at Langara and some weeks at Riverway.
- Each week, members pay their green fee and \$5 booking fee to the city at the course Pro Shop. The annual club membership fee (currently \$150) covers prize money for tournaments and administration. The club is managed by about 30 members who volunteer their time, including 13 directors and advisers, the Captain’s Table and many golf/event coordinators.
- West Point members are very involved with the club. We typically fill 80 tee times each week among the 120 members. The average member plays 20 of the 32 weeks in the season. Full members must play at least ten Thursday main season club games to maintain membership.
- We treat golf as a sport, in that we play according to the rules, record scores and there are small prizes for those who play well enough to finish high in their flight or score a deuce. But more important than winning, we just enjoy playing golf.
- Camaraderie and friendship are a priority. As well as enjoying other members’ company in the round, we expect members to meet others in the clubhouse afterwards. Not everyone can socialize every week, but the club should not be seen as just a tee-time booking service.
- Our membership is known for its politeness and courtesy to each other and to city staff. We are dependent on the city course Pro Shops for our tee-times and maintaining good relationships is critical. Given demand for city tee-times, the Pro Shops and the Club strongly dislike cancellations and no-shows. There are “no-show” penalties as deterrents. Members are obliged to pay any fine levied on the club by the City for their late cancellation/no-show.
- All players will receive a copy of the **West Point Golf Club Players Handbook**, also available on the WPGC web portal, providing information on club procedures and tournaments. Players must become familiar with the Handbook, contact a Board member if questions.

2. Membership and the Waitlists

- To be eligible for membership, prospective new members must:
 1. Be aged over 55
 2. Have or become able to hold a Handicap Index of 30 or less. If a prospective member does not have a Golf Canada Handicap Index, they submit at least three recent scores. *(As a rough guide, a golfer scoring 100 or less at Vancouver city courses (middle tees) at least half the time will have a handicap index of about 30 or less).*
 3. Undertake, when accepted into Full Membership, to play a minimum of ten Thursday games each year and participate regularly in Club Social and Special Events
- New applicants for membership are placed on a Waitlist, moving to full membership when qualification requirements have been met and space becomes available.
- Due to high interest in joining the club, and to keep the waitlist manageable, West Point usually only accepts new applications in one opening each year. If the waitlist is over-subscribed during the opening, a draw will be held to select new waitlisters.
- In recent years applications to join the waitlist have been very over-subscribed. As a result, there are now two divisions of the waitlist. The “Active Waitlist” is made up of about 15 golfers who can take part in club events while on the Waitlist.
- There is also a supplementary “Pending Waitlist” of golfers with priority for joining the Waitlist in the future. Golfers on this “Pending Waitlist” do not participate in club events and do not pay any fees, but have priority to join the “Active WL” when space become available. The Terms “Waitlist” and “WLER” below refer only to the “Active Waitlist” golfers.
- An annual Waitlist fee, currently \$50, is payable on admission to the Active Waitlist and at the beginning of each year thereafter until becoming a Full Member.

3. Promotion to Full Membership

- Active Waitlisters will be promoted to Full Membership when qualification requirements have been met and space is available.
- Because the club wants members to play regularly with the club, promotion to full membership from the Active Waitlist will be based on:
 - a. Have played a round with a West Point director to review acceptance for membership.
 - b. Have a handicap on the WP Point handicap system (See below for details).
 - c. Priority will then be given to those who have played the most main West Point season rounds to date. Qualifying rounds will be: those in the March 20th WLER Welcome; Thursday games from March 27th to October 30th; and Club away games. (Riverway games and winter golf do not qualify). Waitlisters in their second year on the Active WL will be credited with their prior year WP rounds plus this year’s qualifying participation.
 - d. If participation is equal, seniority (date of application) will be considered.
- Upon promotion to Full Membership, the year’s \$50 Waitlist Fee will be credited to cover the one-time Membership Initiation Fee of \$50.
- A waitlist promoted to full membership before the season or by July will pay the \$150 Full Member annual fee for that year. For later promotion, the membership fee is pro-rated to \$100 for entry in August, \$80 in September and \$60 in October. Late season new members’ fees include attendance at the AGM.
- Waitlisters not yet promoted to membership do not attend the AGM.

4. Participation in Club Events

- As an “Opening Social” and introduction to the club, West Point is arranging a “Waitlisters Welcome Tournament” on Thursday March 20th at Langara. **All Active Waitlisters are encouraged to play and attend.** Each foursome will include a director to explain how the club and events work. After the round, there will be a welcome drink in the clubhouse and a short information meeting.
- Rather than having those on the Active Waitlist just wait for a vacancy to occur, West Point encourages its waitlisters to become active in the club. Waitlisters may participate in weekly club games and at Riverway as long as space is available once members are accommodated.
- Full members have priority access to play in weekly club events, able to sign-up three weeks ahead. Waitlisters may only sign up for Thursday games starting on the Friday prior at noon. They may only sign up for Riverway games starting on the Wednesday prior at noon. They can sign up for any spots open at that time, and will not be “bumped” later.
- Waitlisters may sign up for Away Games as soon as they are announced. They participate fully in these events on an equal basis with Members, including winning prizes.
- We strongly encourage waitlisters to sign up for weekly tournaments. Do not be discouraged if there is no space a few weeks - in prior years waitlisters have been able to play numerous weeks. Participation is a major factor in being promoted to full membership.
- Waitlisters are eligible for the \$5 “deuce” award in regular Thursday games but may not win competition prizes or trophies.

5. Draw

- These procedures apply to the Active Waitlist. Separate sign-up procedures apply for Members. See the “Members Guide”.
- Registration for all games is done via eSignup, reached at <https://wp.golfclub.net> or through the golfsoftware.com app. A comprehensive “Sign-Up Manual” is available on the eSignup web page. If you have difficulties, please contact Brian Montpellier, bmontpellier@shaw.ca.
- Most events open for bookings for full members three weeks in advance at 7.00 pm and close four days ahead at 12.00 noon. Waitlisters may sign up for any open slots for Thursday games starting on the Friday prior at 12 noon. Wlers signing up for an open slot after this deadline will not be “bumped” by any late member requests. Note any Wler who signs up before Friday at noon risks their sign-up rights being suspended.
- If you sign up for an event, you are expected to play. Only sign up for events you plan to play in, and if you do change your mind, it is important you withdraw before the draw is set. Also, we are not just “fair-weather golfers” - only an absolute downpour is considered a good weather reason not to play. See below for cancellations procedures.
- Tee-off times are typically between 8:00 and 11:00 am. Some weeks, players sign up to a specific tee-time. In other weeks, players register for the tournament, with the Vice-Captain Draw assigning tee times. VC Draw is Alex Andrews, at drawmaster.wpgc@gmail.com.
- The Drawmaster prepares the draw for the next Thursday game after the Sunday 12.00 noon closing. You must check the draw for the next week on Wednesday, as times may be changed from when you signed up.

- While cancellations after the draw is published are strongly discouraged, we know unforeseen appointments or injury will cause an occasional unavailability. Please cancel as soon as you can. For example, for a Thursday booking:
 - Prior to the Sunday prior 12.00 noon deadline, use eSignup on-line to withdraw.
 - Between Sunday noon and Tuesday at 4.00 pm, contact the Drawmaster ASAP.
 - After that, you must cancel with the City at least four hours ahead of your tee time using the Vancouver City golf web-site/app. If that is not available, contact the course Pro Shop. You must also advise Captain Brian Montpelier bmontpellier@shaw.ca.
Note you risk fines and penalties if you do not cancel with the City/Pro Shop.

6. Game Day

- Play is according to the Golf Canada Rules of Golf, plus some West Point local rules, including playing “lift, clean, place, 6 inches” all year. Each Thursday event has a specific format, details online and in the Players Handbook.
- Pace of Play is extremely important. WPGC has committed to the Park Board that we will ensure members complete their rounds within recommended time. Keep up to the foursome in front of you (not ahead of the foursome behind). Play ready golf, be ready to play. If your group falls behind, the first two players to putt out must go straight to the next tee to tee off.
- Be sure to confirm your final score with the designated Captain for your foursome who will turn in the final scorecard to the Captain’s Table.

7. Handicaps

- WPGC uses an online e-Handicap system. You are provided with an ID and password for access. If you need assistance, contact Brian Montpellier at bmontpellier@shaw.ca. If you are a member of another club which records scores with Golf Canada, the WPGC system is very similar but is completely separate and you must enter scores individually in each system.
- For new Waitlisters with a Golf Canada handicap, add your last 20 scores on your GC handicap record. New WLCers without a GC handicap must initially enter the three scores you submitted to qualify for admission to the Club. A minimum of five scores entered into the WP system is required to establish a handicap.
- All scores for Thursday main season games and Away Games will be entered by the Captain’s Table and automatically added to the WP e-Handicap system. You must manually enter all other scoring rounds you play at other West Point events, with other clubs or independently.
- For all scoring rounds, count all your strokes and enter them according to the Golf Canada “Adjusted Gross Score” maximum net double bogey procedure. See the Players Handbook.
- The only exceptions to entering scores are where play or course conditions are declared as not suitable for posting, for example:
 - Where the tournament does not give a score suitable for handicap purposes, e.g., scrambles, Three Clubs and a Putter, or mixed tee boxes.
 - Winter play – Canadian courses between November 16th and February 29th.
 - The Captain determines it is a “No Posting” day because of course conditions.