



WEST POINT GOLF CLUB

Members 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.
- Full membership includes the right to attend two important events, the Opening Social and the AGM. The Pre-Season Opening Social Dinner/Meeting will be held at Fraserview GC on Tuesday March 25th. Meet up and hear of plans for the 2025 season. In November, the Annual General Meeting and lunch wraps up the year, with awards for tournament winners.

- 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. Draw

- These procedures apply to Members. Separate sign-up procedures apply for Waitlisters. See the “Waitlister 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 Montpelier, bmontpellier@shaw.ca.
- Most events open for bookings three weeks in advance at 7.00pm and close four days ahead at 12.00 noon. If you forget to sign up in time, email the Drawmaster to see if spots are open.
- 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 cancellation procedures.
- Tee-off times are typically between 8:00 am 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. On occasion only, you may ask for a specific tee-time request.
- 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 cancelations 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.

3. 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.

4. 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 RCGA, the WPGC system (although similar) is completely separate and you must enter scores individually in each system.
- 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, 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.

5. Other Member Classes

- In addition to regular "Full Members", the club also has four other membership classes: Honorary, Life and Associate Members and members on Medical Leave.
- The club has up to five active **Lifetime Members**, with the same privileges and responsibilities as full members, except they do not pay annual fees. **Honorary Members** are often lifetime members who are no longer active and attend all social events compliments of the club.
- **Associate Members** are previous full members who cannot play regularly, but have the right to play up to five games a year. They compete for all prizes and can attend all social events without extra cost. An Associate able to restart playing regularly is entitled to be reinstated as a Full Member.
- Members may apply for **Medical Leave** if a prolonged illness/injury prevents them playing golf. Leave can be up to one year, and the member returns to their prior membership status when ready to restart playing. Depending on the length of leave, fees might be waived/returned. Any member on ML whose fees have been waived/returned would need to pay meal costs for any social event they wish to attend, or become an associate member.

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