

Terms of Competition

Max Score - Rule 21.2

The **maximum score on a hole is quadruple bogey (4-over par)** to keep play moving and ensure an enjoyable experience for all junior golfers.

- If you reach quadruple bogey, pick up your ball and move to the next hole with your group.
- If you don't finish a hole, your score will be recorded as quadruple bogey.
- If you pick up, record your score, and let your group know you took a quadruple bogey.

Playing Tips:

- Track your score and be aware if you're nearing the max.
- Play smart, simple shots to avoid big numbers.
- Stay positive! Picking up and moving on keeps the round fun.

Suspension of Play

Stopping & Resuming Play – Model Local Rule J-1:

- **One Prolonged Blow:** Immediate suspension (imminent dangers such as lighting)
- **Three Consecutive Blows:** Normal suspension of play (darkness, unplayable course)
- **Two Consecutive Blows:** Signals resumption of play

Deciding When to Suspend Play:

Event staff will monitor weather conditions throughout each event by referencing **Environment Canada's weather updates** and using appropriate detection systems or visual observations. Adjustments to scheduling, play, or event format will be made as necessary to ensure the safety of all participants, staff, and spectators.

Lightning:

Play will be immediately suspended:

- If lightning is visible or detected within **10km of the host club**.
- If the time between a lightning flash and the sound of thunder is 30 seconds or less.

Player Safety and Precautions:

- Seek shelter in a designated safe area when lightning is in the area.
- Avoid open areas, elevated locations, and contact with metal objects, including golf clubs and carts, during a lightning delay.
- Play will not resume until event staff determine it is safe, following a minimum of 30 minutes without lightning activity in the area.

Rain:

Suspension will occur:

- If the area around a hole is covered in temporary water and it cannot be removed.
- If players must move their ball an unreasonable distance to find a dry area.
- If the host club raises concerns about the overall health of the course should play continue.

Player Safety and Recommendations:

- Ensure appropriate rain gear, such as waterproof clothing and umbrellas, is accessible during rainy conditions.
- Players should exercise caution when walking on wet surfaces to prevent slips or falls.
- Play will resume only after event staff determine conditions are safe and suitable for both participants and the course.

Heat and Humidity:

Suspension will occur:

- If the humidex reaches 40 at any McLennan Ross Alberta Junior Tour event.
- If the temperature reaches 38°C at any point during a McLennan Ross Alberta Junior Tour event.

Player Safety and Precautions:

- Players, staff, and spectators are encouraged to stay hydrated, seek shade, and use sunscreen to mitigate the effects of heat.
- Players are encouraged to wear light, breathable clothing and use hats or visors for sun protection.
- Players showing symptoms of heat-related illness, such as dizziness, nausea, or fatigue, will be removed from play and provided medical attention.

Visibility:

Suspension will occur:

- If players cannot see the landing area.
- If players are unable to read the line of play on a putting green due to lack of visibility.

Player Safety and Precautions:

- Play will resume only when event staff determine conditions are safe and visibility is sufficient to ensure fair and safe competition.

Wind

Suspension will occur:

- If several balls, whether from different players or due to a previous shot, are still moving on the course after they've initially come to rest.
- If players cannot replace their ball to its original location without it moving due to wind.

Player Safety and Precautions:

- Players, staff, and spectators are encouraged to use caution during high winds, avoiding open or exposed areas where possible.
- Loose objects, such as umbrellas or bags, should be secured to prevent accidents caused by gusts.
- Play will resume only after event staff determine that wind conditions have stabilized and no longer impact the fairness or safety of the competition.

Air Quality

Play will be immediately suspended:

- if the Air Quality Index (AQI) is 8 or above.
- If the AQI is below 7 but visibility is compromised (e.g., smoke or haze reducing clarity), play may be suspended based on event staff discretion.

Player Safety and Precautions:

- Players, staff, and spectators are encouraged to exercise caution during poor air quality conditions. Individuals with respiratory conditions should take extra precautions.
- It is recommended to wear masks or protective gear if the air quality is particularly hazardous.
- Play will resume only after event staff confirm that the AQI is below 7 and visibility meets acceptable standards, ensuring no risk to the health or safety of participants and spectators.

Deciding When to Resume and Cancel Play

- Play must be suspended if one of the above guidelines is met.
- If the decision is made to resume play, players will be given 30 minutes to return to their respective holes.
- Rounds can be cancelled only if less than half of the competing field has not completed their rounds.
- If more than half of the competing field has finished their round, then play must resume at the earliest possible moment.

Decisions to suspend, delay, or cancel play will be communicated through:

- Announcements at the event venue.
- Emails or text messages to participants and parents/guardians.
- Updates on the McLennan Ross Alberta Junior Tour website and social media platforms.

Transportation Policy (Cart Policy) – Players & Spectators

Players & Spectators are not permitted to ride on any form of transportation during a round unless authorized or later approved by the event staff.

Electric Push Carts

Any electric / motorized push carts are prohibited from McLennan Ross Alberta Junior Tour play.

A player in breach of this condition is subject to the general penalty.

Exceptions:

- A competitor or spectator with a serious, physical disability (permanent or temporary) may request the use of motorized transportation (golf cart) for themselves at any event by providing a medical/doctor or a permanent handicap placard to event staff present or prior to event.
- If it can save time and ensure prompt pace of play, a Referee can, and should, transport a player.

Withdrawal Policy

Players who withdraw from any event 1 week prior to event, will be refunded in full less a \$5 administration fee.

Players who withdraw 24 hours prior to event will not receive the refund, unless:

- Their spot in the field is replaced by another player.
- Player provides a medical note stating withdrawal is due to injury.
- An unavoidable emergency

Did Not Show – Prior To The Event

If a player doesn't show up to the event, has not communicated with the Alberta Golf or event staff and withdrawn from the event, no refund will be provided, and a DNS will be given to the player.

Did Not Finish (DNF) – During the Event

A DNF or Did Not Finish is given to a player who must withdraw themselves from competition during the round.

- A justified Did Not Finish (DNF) from McLennan Ross Alberta Junior Tour Stops may include.
 - Injury sustained during play.
 - Unavoidable emergency

Unjustified DNF's will be addressed by the event staff and the Director of Competitions at Alberta Golf & Manager of Junior Tour.

Scorecard Responsibilities

Scorecard Returned:

A player's scorecard has been returned when the player has signed their scorecard and exited the scoring area unless the player verbally informs staff of their intention to leave the scoring area and receives permission to do so before leaving.

Missing Player or Marker Certification - Model Local Rule L-1:

If a player returns a scorecard without the hole scores being certified either by the player, the marker or both, the player gets the **General Penalty**. The penalty applies to the last hole of the player's round.

After the Competition - Tie Breaking Procedures

Playoffs

- A playoff will be held to determine a low gross winner in any division whenever possible.
- Event staff will coordinate with the host club in advance to select playoff hole(s) and communicate that to the field as needed.

Alternative Procedures

If a playoff cannot be held due to weather, darkness, or other factors, a countback of scorecards will be used to determine the winner.

Scorecard Countback Procedure:

The **player with the lowest score** will be determined through the following countback procedure:

1. Compare the scores for the back 9 holes.
2. If still tied, compare the front 9 holes.
3. If still tied, start from Hole 18, then Hole 17, Hole 16, and continue counting downward until a winner is determined.

Age Division & Yardage

The McLennan Ross Alberta Junior Tour is designated as a U19 tour, requiring all players to be 18 or younger as of August 1, 2026. There is no minimum age; however, it is expected that younger participants possess the appropriate skills and experience to compete safely and successfully. Yardage ranges provided are recommended guidelines to promote fair play. Alberta Golf reserves the right to modify yardages based on course conditions or other relevant factors.

	Division	Age Range	Yardage Range
	U11 Boys & Girls	Under 11	2500yds (9-Holes)
Boys	U13 Boys	Under 13	5300 - 5600yds
	U15 Boys	Under 15	5700 - 6000yds
	U17 Boys	Under 17	6000 - 6300 yds
	U19 Boys	Under 19	6200 - 6500yds
Girls	U13 Girls	Under 13	4500 - 5000yds
	U15 Girls	Under 15	5000 - 5300yds
	U17 Girls	Under 17	5400 - 5700yds
	U19 Girls	Under 19	5400 - 5700yds

U11 Division Changes & Information

- The U11 division is a **9-hole division**.
- Players are permitted caddies.
- Players still receive the **player meal** and are included in **prizing**.

Players in the U11 division who feel comfortable playing **18 holes** are welcome to **register in the U13 division**. This option is available for more experienced players who are ready for the additional holes.