



## 2026 GOLF MANITOBA VOLUNTEER INFORMATION PACKAGE

### WELCOME & THANK YOU

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Golf Manitoba. Our championships and programs would not be possible without the dedication, enthusiasm, and professionalism of our volunteers. Whether you're passionate about the rules of golf, enjoy helping events run smoothly, or simply want to give back to the game, there is a role for you on our team.

Volunteering with Golf Manitoba means being part of the provincial championship experience, working alongside fellow golf enthusiasts, supporting athletes, and contributing to the growth of the game across Manitoba.

### WHY VOLUNTEER WITH GOLF MANITOBA?

Golf Manitoba volunteers play a vital role in delivering high-quality championship experiences. Beyond helping events run smoothly, volunteers gain:

- A chance to give back to the game you love
- Access to some of Manitoba's best golf courses
- A behind-the-scenes look at championship golf
- A welcoming and social volunteer community
- Opportunities to learn and grow within the sport
- Recognition for your time, dedication, and service

Whether you volunteer once a year or multiple times per season, your contribution truly matters.

## **VOLUNTEER BENEFITS & PERKS**

Golf Manitoba is proud to recognize and support our volunteers. As a Golf Manitoba volunteer, you receive:

- **APPAREL & DISCOUNTS**
  - A complimentary Golf Manitoba volunteer shirt and hat
  - Discounted pricing on Golf Manitoba x Puma apparel
- **TRAVEL & EXPENSES**
  - Mileage reimbursement of \$0.45/km for travel to and from events
  - All accommodations fully booked and paid for by Golf Manitoba
    - For out-of-Winnipeg events
    - For out-of-Winnipeg residents coming to Winnipeg for events
  - All volunteer meals covered during event days
  - Snacks, drinks, and coffee provided throughout the day
- **RECOGNITION & APPRECIATION**
  - Invitation to the annual Volunteer Golf Day
    - Free round of golf
    - Dinner
    - Prizes
    - Hosted at some of Winnipeg's most prestigious clubs
  - Recognition at Golf Manitoba's Awards Night
  - Milestone acknowledgements
  - Eligibility for the Distinguished Service Award
- **ADDITIONAL BENEFITS**
  - Build friendships and community
  - Gain leadership and event experience
  - Learn the Rules of Golf
  - Networking with the golf community
  - A front-row seat to provincial championship golf

## **VOLUNTEER ROLES OVERVIEW**

We offer a variety of roles to suit different interests, experience levels, and time commitments. The core Golf Manitoba volunteer roles are ones that people will be signing up for well in advance. These individuals receive all the volunteer benefits & perks. The event support roles are filled up closer to the event. These individuals receive Golf Manitoba hats, and meals, snacks, drinks, and coffee at the events.

## **CORE GOLF MANITOBA VOLUNTEER ROLES (CHAMPIONSHIPS)**

### **1. RULES OFFICIAL**

Rules officials ensure that competitions are conducted fairly and in accordance with the Rules of Golf. Rules officials must have attended the Level 2 Rules Seminar and achieved a passing grade on the Provincial Rules Exam.

#### **What it looks like:**

- In a golf cart, covering a certain section of the golf course, available to answer player questions about the rules
- Make rulings on the course
- Assist with course setup and marking
- Help resolve disputes or unclear situations

### **2. STARTER/SCORER**

Starters and scorers help ensure that rounds begin on time and that scores are properly recorded. Once starters are finished with their role, they are to grab lunch, then assist with scoring in the scoring tent.

#### **What it looks like (Starters):**

- Provide players with Scorecards
- Provide specific instructions to the players
- Confirm tee times
- Announce players using a strong voice

#### **What it looks like (Scorers):**

- Collect and verify scorecards
- Input scores into tablet/computer
- Collect and fold caddy bibs

### **3. PACE-OF-PLAY OFFICIAL**

Pace-of-Play Officials help maintain fair and consistent timing throughout the round. Pace-of-Play Officials must be a certified Rules Official.

#### **What it looks like:**

- In a golf cart, roam around, and monitor group positions on the course
- Track pace and checkpoints\*
- Communicate with groups when needed
- Support the overall flow of play

### **4. COURSE MARKING**

Assists with marking the host course in accordance with the rules of golf.

#### **What it looks like:**

- Surveying the host golf course in a given day leading up to an event
- Marking penalty areas with red paint
- Marking abnormal ground conditions with white paint
- Assisting in the development of the Notice to Players

## **OTHER CORE GOLF MANITOBA VOLUNTEER ROLES**

### **5. BOARD MEMBER**

Board Members help guide the strategic direction and governance of Golf Manitoba. The Board of Directors represents the membership and is responsible for developing policies and overseeing the organization to ensure it operates in the best interests of the game and its stakeholders.

#### **What it looks like:**

- Attend and actively participate in Board meetings throughout the year
- Review and approve policies, budgets, and strategic initiatives
- Provide oversight of Golf Manitoba's programs, championships, and operations
- Represent the interests of member clubs and the golf community in Manitoba
- Support the long-term growth and sustainability of amateur golf in the province

## **6. COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Committee Members serve on permanent committees that support specific functional areas of Golf Manitoba. Committees provide recommendations, guidance, and expertise to help the organization achieve its goals and fulfill its responsibilities to the membership.

### **What it looks like:**

- Attend and contribute to committee meetings throughout the year
- Provide expertise and input on specific areas such as competitions, rules, course rating, or governance
- Assist in reviewing policies, procedures, and initiatives related to the committee's mandate
- Work collaboratively with other committee members and staff
- Make recommendations to the Board of Directors for consideration or approval

## **7. COURSE RATER**

Course Raters are volunteers who evaluate golf courses as part of the Golf Canada Course Rating System. This system ensures that courses are rated consistently so that handicaps remain accurate and equitable for all golfers.

### **What it looks like:**

- Participate as part of a trained course rating team
- Roam the golf course and measure various course features and obstacles
- Evaluate factors such as length, penalty areas, green target areas, and difficulty
- Record data that contributes to the official course and slope rating
- Support the integrity of the Golf Canada Handicap System and the National Score Centre

## **CHAMPIONSHIP SUPPORT ROLES**

### **1. SPOTTERS**

- Help locate golf balls
- Indicate to competitors whether they must hit a provisional
- Improve pace-of-play
- Reduce lost-ball situations

### **2. WALKING SCORERS**

- On the final day of competition, walking scorers will be alongside the three final groups. One person holds up a physical sign showing the competitors' names and scores. One person uses a cell phone to input the scores into Golf Genius for live updates.

### **3. PACE-OF-PLAY - CHECKPOINT**

- Volunteers are responsible for recording group times, performing simple time calculations, and providing standardized notifications to players. This is a confrontational, administrative role. Volunteers are not making rulings. scripts will be provided on the day of the event.

### **4. REGISTRATION**

- This is done on each day of the event
- Greet and check-in players and caddies
- Distribute materials & information
- Distribute caddy bibs
- Answer basic questions

## WHAT A VOLUNTEER DAY LOOKS LIKE AT A CHAMPIONSHIP

While every event is slightly different, and some events require more roles and more volunteers than others, a typical volunteer day includes:

- Arrival at the course (time provided in advance)
- Check-in and volunteer briefing
- Course setup
- On-course or event support duties
- Breaks
- Complimentary meals
- Snacks, drinks, and coffee available throughout the day
- End-of-day wrap-up

You will always know your schedule, responsibilities, and expectations ahead of time.

Volunteer shifts typically range from 7 – 10 hours.

## TRAINING & SUPPORT

You are never expected to show up knowing everything. There are many individuals and resources available before, during and after events to help you.

Golf Manitoba provides:

- Role-specific training
- Clear instructions
- On-site support
- Mentorship from experienced volunteers
- Ongoing learning opportunities

We want to ensure that every volunteer feels confident, supported, and valued.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

**Email:** [sam@golfmb.ca](mailto:sam@golfmb.ca)

**Website:**

- Rules of Golf Education Pathway: <https://www.golfmb.ca/rules/>
- Volunteer Opportunities: <https://www.golfmb.ca/volunteering/>

## SIGN-UP NOW!

Sign-up copying the link below to volunteer with Golf Manitoba for the 2026 season and to be added to the mailing list for opportunities regarding Rules or anything Golf Manitoba.

[Golf Manitoba - Volunteer Information](#)

## PHOTOS

### RULES OFFICIAL



### STARTING



### SCORING



### WALKING SCORING

